



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

CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Regular Meeting – Monday, August 18, 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 August 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 Kerns, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Burton. 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

GARDNER

HOOVER

KERNS

OVERSTREET

ROBINSON

TAYLOR

BURTON

JENKINS

KING

PEPPER

RUBIO

SOLOMON

MAYOR GOODWIN

With twenty-two 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 Zachary Thomas AbuRahma, Charleston, WV; alleges damage to vehicle.
2. A claim of Elena Compton, Charleston, WV; alleges damage to vehicle.
3. A claim of Anthony Scott Jones, Dunbar, WV; alleges damage to vehicle.

PROCLAMATIONS

1.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT CITY OF CHARLESTON PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** CeCe and Bobby Brown, founders of Ryan's Hope—a substance use disorder and overdose awareness organization—successfully lobbied the West Virginia Legislature to establish the Ryan Brown Addiction Prevention and Recovery Fund in honor of their son, Ryan, who lost his life to a heroin overdose in April 2014; and
- WHEREAS:** The Ryan Brown Addiction Prevention and Recovery Fund has expanded access to treatment for substance use disorder in West Virginia by creating additional treatment beds and resources—providing life-saving opportunities for individuals seeking recovery, with efforts that continue more than a decade after Ryan's passing; and
- WHEREAS:** CeCe and Bobby Brown continue to champion the needs of individuals and families affected by substance use disorder—advocating for prevention, recovery, and healing while supporting initiatives that expand awareness and community resources across West Virginia; and
- WHEREAS:** International Overdose Awareness Day, observed globally on August 31, brings attention to the risks of overdose, honors the individuals whose lives have been lost, and acknowledges the grief carried by families, friends, and communities; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2025, West Virginia's Overdose Awareness Day will coincide with Mobilize Recovery's Campus Surge Kick-Off at the University of Charleston on Sunday, August 31, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., an event uniting students, families, and community partners through education, resources, live music, a butterfly release, and a celebration of recovery; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Charleston reaffirms its commitment to work alongside families like the Browns, as well as with community partners and advocates, to pursue solutions that address substance use disorder, strengthen recovery, and support healing throughout the community; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of the City of Charleston, do hereby proclaim
August 31, 2025, as:

INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

In Charleston, West Virginia and urge all citizens to stand beside those who have lost loved ones to an overdose and those who have substance use disorder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 18th day of August 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy Shuler Goodwin".

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor

COMMUNICATIONS

1.

Amy Shuler Goodwin
Office of the Mayor
City of Charleston



P.O. Box 2749
Charleston, WV 25330
(304) 348-8174 Office

TO: Miles Cary
City Clerk

FROM: Amy Shuler Goodwin
Mayor

RE: Trick or Treat 2025

DATE: August 18, 2025

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "ASG", is written over the name "Amy Shuler Goodwin" in the "FROM:" field.

I recommend Thursday, October 30, 2025, from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. be designated as Trick-or-Treat in the City of Charleston, which coincides with the date and time Kanawha County has set for Trick-or-Treat.

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

ASG/tls

Councilmember Ceperley motined to approve the reccomendation. Councilmember Hoover seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, the Mayor declared the recommendation 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 Committee has had under consideration the following bill, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Bill No. 8059 do pass.

Bill No. 8059 - A Bill amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston, West Virginia, enacted the 21st day of November, 2005, as amended, and the map made a part thereof, by rezoning from a R-0 district to a C-10 district, that certain lot or parcel of land located directly across from CAMC General, between Morris and Lewis Streets and O'Conner Avenue in the East End of Charleston in the City of Charleston, Kanawha County, State of West Virginia, owned by Charleston Area Medical Center, Inc., a West Virginia nonprofit, nonstock corporation.

BE. IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA THAT:

1. The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston, West Virginia, enacted the 21st day of November, 2005, as amended, is hereby amended by rezoning from a R-O district to a C-10 district the whole of the following described lot or parcel of land:

All that certain lot or parcel of land situate on Morris and Lewis Streets, in the City of Charleston, Charleston East District, Kanawha County, West Virginia, and being more particularly bounded and described as follow:

Beginning at an iron pin at the southwesterly corner of Morris and Lewis Streets; thence with the right of way line of Lewis Street, S.41° 00' 31" E. 143.29 feet, more or less, to the intersection of said line with O'Connor's Alley; thence towards Washington Street and binding on the northwesterly line of said alley, S.49° 12' W. 494.40 feet, more or less, to an iron pin; thence N. 40° 52' 40" W. 143.29 feet, more or less, to the southeasterly line of Morris Street; thence with said line of Morris Street, N. 49° 13' 30" E. 494.03 feet, more or less, to the iron pin at the place of beginning, and as shown and set forth on that certain map entitled, "Property and Topographic Map Showing Parcel of Land Located in the City of Charleston, W. Va. Owned by Charleston Area Medical Center Scale 1"=20', " dated June 14, 1978, prepared by Field Engineering Co., Charleston, W. Va., a copy of which map is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of

Kanawha County, West Virginia in Deed Book 1888, at page 686.

Being Tax Parcel 119 as shown on Charleston East Tax Map No. 18. Said tax map is of record in, and used as zoning map sectionals by, the City Planning Office.

2. The Zoning Map, attached to and made a part of said Zoning Ordinance, is hereby amended in accordance with Section 1 of this Ordinance.

3. All prior ordinances, or parts of ordinances, inconsistent with this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of said inconsistency.

Councilmember Hoover added that the rezoning of the parcel that is currently a parking lot with the hope of development.

Councilmember Annie stated that he would abstain from voting as he is employed by the organization involved.

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

A roll call was taken:

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

ABSTAIN: Annie

NAYS:

ABSENT: Burka, Cook, Faegre, Gianola, Snodgrass

With members present recorded thereon as voting in the majority as affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Bill No. 8059 as passed.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Councilmember Jenkins, Chair of the Council Committee on Finance, submitted the following reports:

2. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 25-077 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-077 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) equipment and cylinders for the Charleston Fire Department from Atlantic Emergency Solutions in the amount of \$55,110.00 pursuant to a competitively sourced HGAC contract.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to purchase self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) equipment and cylinders for the Charleston Fire Department from Atlantic Emergency Solutions in the amount of \$55,110.00 pursuant to a competitively sourced HGAC contract.

Councilmember Jenkins added that funding for the Fire Department's replacement equipment has already been included in the budget.

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. 25-077.

2. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 25-078 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-078 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into an agreement with Concourse Tech, Inc. in the amount of \$59,909.88 for the purchase and installation of upgraded network equipment for use at the City Service Center 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 Concourse Tech, Inc. in the amount of \$59,909.88 for the purchase and installation of upgraded network equipment for use at the City Service Center pursuant to a competitive bid process.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution is for a needed network upgrade at the City Service Center similar to the recent City Hall upgrades.

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. 25-078.

3. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 25-079 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-079 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into an agreement with Almost Heaven Roofing in the amount of \$157,200.00 for removal and replacement of the Sojourner's Shelter roof, located at 1418 Washington Street East, pursuant to a competitively 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 Almost Heaven Roofing in the amount of \$157,200.00 for removal and replacement of the Sojourner's Shelter roof, located at 1418 Washington Street East, pursuant to a competitively bid process.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution is for needed repairs on the Sojourner's Shelter roof. It does include asbestos abatement.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously* in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Resolution No. 25-079 as adopted.

*Councilmember Robinson was out of the room and was not voting.

4. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 25-080 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-080 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a Billing and Accounts Receivable Management Services Agreement with Quick Med Claims, LLC, to provide billing and other services on behalf of the Charleston Fire Department, and further to enter into a Billing Addendum with the Kanawha County Emergency Ambulance Authority whereby both parties agree to cease the City's billing service by KCEAA.

WHEREAS, the Kanawha County Emergency Ambulance Authority ("KCEAA") has provided ambulance billing services for the City of Charleston ("City") and the Charleston Fire Department by contract since approximately 1991, with the most recent addendum to that contract being entered in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the KCEAA recently opted to seek by a request for proposals ("RFP") a third-party vendor to take over billing services for KCEAA; and

WHEREAS, as a result of that RFP process, KCEAA recently entered into an agreement with Quick Med Claims, LLC ("QMC") to handle billing services for KCEAA; and

WHEREAS, throughout the process, the City and KCEAA have been in regular communication about the transition of billing services, and both parties acknowledge it is in each's best interest for the City to enter into an independent contract with a third-party billing service rather than for KCEAA to continue serving as the City's billing agent; and

WHEREAS, the City and KCEAA have mutually agreed, pending approval of Charleston City Council and the KCEAA Board of Directors, to end the agreement for KCEAA to provide these billing services to the City, pursuant to the terms and dates outlined in the attached Billing Addendum; and

WHEREAS, the City has reached a separate agreement with QMC to provide billing services to the City under the same financial terms reached by KCEAA pursuant to its competitive RFP procurement process, as set forth in the attached Billing and Accounts Receivable Management Services Agreement;

Now therefore, 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 Billing and Accounts Receivable Management Services Agreement with Quick Med Claims, LLC, to provide billing and other services on behalf of the Charleston Fire Department, and further to enter into a Billing Addendum with the Kanawha County Emergency Ambulance Authority whereby both parties agree to cease the City's billing service by KCEAA, each in a form substantially similar to the documents attached hereto.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the Kanawha County Emergency Ambulance Authority has been the billing agent for the CFD for ambulance costs, transport, etc. KCEAA is switching to a

third-party contract, which means the City will need to also move to Quick Med Claims.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Resolution No. 25-080 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. 8062 do pass.

Bill No. 8062 – A BILL to amend and reenact Section 54-105 of the Municipal Code of the City of Charleston, as amended, to amend and reenact Section 66-64 of said Code, and to amend and reenact Section 86-106 of said Code, all 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.

Now, therefore, be it ordained by the Council of the City of Charleston:

That Section 54-105 of the Municipal Code of the City of Charleston, as amended, be amended and reenacted; the Section 66-64 of said Code be amended and reenacted; and that Section 86-106 of said Code be amended and reenacted, all to read as follows:

CHAPTER 54 – FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION.

ARTICLE II. – FIRE DEPARTMENT.

DIVISION 3. – VACATION, OTHER LEAVE, DUTY HOURS, AND CALCULATION OF OVERTIME PAY.

Sec. 54-105. – Legal holidays.

(a) ~~The following days~~ holidays set forth in subsection (a) of Section 86-106 of this Code shall be regarded, treated and observed as legal holidays for fire department employees.

~~(1) January 1, New Year's Day;~~

~~(2) The third Monday of January, Martin Luther King's Birthday;~~

~~(3) The third Monday of February, Presidents' Day;~~

~~(4) The last Monday in May, Memorial Day;~~

~~(5) June 20, West Virginia Day;~~

~~(6) July 4, Independence Day;~~

~~(7) The first Monday of September, Labor Day;~~

~~(8) The second Monday of October, Columbus Day;~~

~~(9) November 11, Veterans Day;~~

~~(10) The fourth Thursday and Friday of November, Thanksgiving Day Holidays;~~

~~(11) December 25, Christmas Day;~~

~~(12) Any national, state or other election day throughout the district or municipality wherein the election is held, provided, that if a special or other election of a political subdivision other than the City of Charleston falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the City of Charleston may choose not to recognize the day of the election as a holiday if a majority of the City of Charleston City Council votes not to recognize the day of the election as a holiday; and~~

~~(13) All days which may be appointed or recommended by the mayor, the governor or the President of the United States as days of thanksgiving or for the general cessation of business.~~

~~When any of such days or dates falls on Saturday or Sunday, either the preceding Friday or the succeeding Monday shall be regarded, treated and observed as such legal holiday.~~

(b) Uniformed members on 24-hour shift duty who are required to receive additional compensation for legal holidays pursuant to W. Va. Code § 8-15-10a shall, upon the occurrence of a legal holiday, regardless of whether the member is required to work on the legal holiday or the legal holiday occurs on the member's regularly scheduled day off, shall either be:

- (1) Paid at a rate of one and one-half times the member's regular rate of pay for 24 hours; or
- (2) Allowed equal time off at such time as may be approved by the fire chief or his or her designee.

(c) Uniformed members on a 40-hour week who are required to work on a legal holiday, or if the legal holiday occurs on their regularly scheduled day off shall be allowed up to one working day (eight consecutive hours) of time off, at such time as approved by the fire chief or his or her designee.

CHAPTER 66 – LAW ENFORCEMENT.

ARTICLE II. – POLICE DEPARTMENT.

DIVISION 2. – DUTY HOURS, HOLIDAYS AND OTHER LEAVE.

Sec. 66-64. – Legal holidays.

(a) ~~The following days~~ holidays set forth in subsection (a) of Section 86-106 of this Code shall be regarded, treated and observed as legal holidays for police department employees.

- ~~(1) January 1, New Year's Day;~~
- ~~(2) The third Monday of January, Martin Luther King's Birthday;~~
- ~~(3) The third Monday of February, Presidents' Day;~~
- ~~(4) The last Monday in May, Memorial Day;~~
- ~~(5) June 20, West Virginia Day;~~
- ~~(6) July 4, Independence Day;~~
- ~~(7) The first Monday of September, Labor Day;~~
- ~~(8) The second Monday of October, Columbus Day;~~
- ~~(9) November 11, Veterans Day;~~
- ~~(10) The fourth Thursday and Friday of November, Thanksgiving Day Holidays;~~
- ~~(11) December 25, Christmas Day;~~
- ~~(12) Any national, state or other election day throughout the district or municipality wherein the election is held, provided, that if a special or other election of a political subdivision other than the City of Charleston falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the City of Charleston may choose not to recognize the day of the election as a holiday if a majority of the City of Charleston City Council votes not to recognize the day of the election as a holiday; and~~
- ~~(13) All days which may be appointed or recommended by the mayor, the governor or the President of the United States as days of thanksgiving or for the general cessation of business.~~

~~When any of such days or dates falls on Saturday or Sunday, either the preceding Friday of the succeeding Monday shall be regarded, treated and observed as such legal holiday.~~

(b) A sworn member of the police department who is assigned to an eight-hour shift schedule and is required to work on a legal holiday, ~~as set forth in subsection (a) of this section,~~ shall either be paid for those hours worked during the holiday period, not to exceed eight hours, at his the member's regular

hourly rate of pay or be allowed to add up to eight hours of equal time off, which may be taken at such time as approved by the chief of police. If the legal holiday falls on ~~his~~ the member's regularly scheduled day off, ~~he~~ they shall be allowed eight hours of equal time off, which may be taken at such time as approved by the chief of police.

c) A sworn member of the police department who is assigned to a 12-hour shift schedule and is required to work ~~his~~ the entire 12 hours on a legal holiday, ~~as set forth in subsection (a) of this section,~~ shall either be paid for an extra 12 hours at ~~his~~ the member's regular hourly rate or be allowed to add 12 hours of equal time off, which may be taken at such time as approved by the chief of police. If the legal holiday falls on ~~his~~ the member's regularly scheduled day off, and the member is not required to work for an unscheduled reason, ~~he~~ they shall be allowed 12 hours of equal time off, which may be taken at such time as approved by the chief of police.

(d) A sworn member of the police department who is assigned to a 12-hour shift schedule and is required to work a portion of ~~his~~ the member's 12-hour shift on a legal holiday, ~~as set forth in subsection (a) of this section,~~ shall, for those hours actually worked during the holiday period, either be paid an amount equal to ~~his~~ the member's regular hourly rate times the period of time worked on the holiday or be allowed to add an equal amount of time off, which may be taken at such time as approved by the chief of police. For that portion of ~~his~~ the member's 12-hour shift that does not fall within the holiday period, the member shall be allowed an equal amount of time off, which may be taken at such time as approved by the chief of police.

(e) A sworn member of the police department who is assigned to a 12-hour shift schedule where a legal holiday falls on their regularly scheduled day off and who is required to work for an unscheduled reason, shall be paid an amount equal to the member's regular hourly rate times the period of time worked on the legal holiday and, in lieu of the additional hours of equal time off, as set forth in subsections (c) or (d) of this section, may choose to be paid an extra hour for each hour worked at the member's regular hourly rate. Any extra hours paid will be reduced from the hours of equal time off, as set forth in subsections (c) or (d) of this section, as applicable.

CHAPTER 86 – PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT AND PRACTICES.

ARTICLE II. – NON-UNIFORMED PERSONNEL.

DIVISION 1. – PERSONNEL RULES AND ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES ESTABLISHED.

Sec. 86-106. – Holidays.

(a) The City of Charleston observes the following paid holidays:

- (1) January 1 (New Year's Day);
- (2) The third Monday of January (Martin Luther King Day);
- (3) The third Monday of February (Presidents Day);
- (4) The last Monday of May (Memorial Day);
- (5) June 19 (Juneteenth)
- ~~(5)~~ (6) June 20 (West Virginia Day);
- ~~(6)~~ (7) July 4 (Independence Day);
- ~~(7)~~ (8) The first Monday of September (Labor Day);

- ~~(8)~~ (9) The second Monday of October (Columbus Day);
- ~~(9)~~ (10) November 11 (Veterans Day);
- ~~(10)~~ (11) The fourth Thursday and Friday of November (Thanksgiving Day Holidays);
- ~~(11)~~ (12) December 25 (Christmas Day);
- ~~(12)~~ (13) Any day on which a national, state or other governmental election is conducted within the City of Charleston;
- ~~(13)~~ (14) Any day proclaimed or ordered by the mayor, ~~the governor, or the President of the United States~~ as a day of special observance or Thanksgiving, or for the general cessation of business.

(b) When any such days or dates identified in subsection (a) above falls on Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be regarded, treated and observed as such legal holiday. When any of such days or dates identified in ~~Section~~ subsection (a) above falls on Sunday, the succeeding Monday shall be regarded, treated and observed as such legal holiday; provided this ~~Section~~ subsection (b) shall not apply to ~~subsections 12 and 13~~ subdivisions (13) and (14) of Section subsection (a) above. Notwithstanding the foregoing, when the Juneteenth and/or West Virginia Day Holiday fall on a Saturday and/or Sunday, the holidays shall be observed by the City of Charleston on both the Friday preceding the weekend and the Monday following the weekend.

(c) An employee who requests sick leave on the last working day preceding or the first working day following a holiday shall not receive regular compensation for the holiday if it is determined that sick leave was taken in a manner inconsistent with this Code or the Personnel Rules and Administrative Policies.

(d) If a holiday as identified in subsection (a), but excluding ~~subsections (12) and (13)~~ subdivisions (13) and (14) of subsection (a) of this section when occurring on a Saturday or Sunday, is observed on a full-time employee's regularly scheduled day off, the employee shall be compensated by straight time pay or an additional day off in lieu thereof. The determination of whether compensation will consist of pay or an additional day off shall be at the discretion of the City Manager on a case-by-case basis. If compensated by pay, such pay shall be for a normal working day at the straight hourly equivalent rate for ~~his~~ the employee's position classification.

(e) Upon request to ~~his/her~~ an employee's department head, a full-time employee who is required to work on an election day, as identified in ~~subsection (12)~~ subdivision (13) of subsection (a) in this section, shall be provided with reasonable time and opportunity during ~~his/her~~ the employee's work day to vote, without any reduction in pay or leave, if applicable.

(f) Alternate holiday leave procedures may apply, as required by business need, to personnel who are normally scheduled to work holidays as a part of their regular work shift.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the bill makes consistent in the Code the definition of “holidays” in one section instead of three, it clarifies a circumstance where a Police Office is supposed to be off on a holiday but is required to work, it makes Juneteenth a City observed holiday, it clarifies the rules if Juneteenth and West Virginia Day should fall during a weekend, and it removes the requirement that the City has to follow extra holiday by the Governor.

Councilmember Robinson asked how would the City treat holidays declared by the Governor Chief of Staff Matthew Sutton replied that sometimes those proclamations contain language that contradict what is in City Code. Changing the City Code gives more clarity for certain situations.

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

A roll call was taken:

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Burka, Cook, Faegre, Gianola, Snodgrass

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Bill No. 8062 as passed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. City Treasurer’s Report to City Council Month Ending July 2025.
2. Annual Report of Police and Fire Pension and Relief Funds – July 2024 through June 2025.

NEW BILLS

Introduced by Councilmembers Caitlin Cook and Joseph
August 18, 2025:

Bill No. 8061 – A BILL to amend the Municipal Code relating to prohibiting the use of fireworks in any City park or on City-owned property without approval.

Refer to Ordinance and Rules Committee

MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REMARKS BY MEMBERS

1. Mayor Goodwin stated that five new recruits will soon be sworn in.
2. Councilmember Robinson stated that Cece Brown founded Ryan's Hope, and travels the country raising awareness.
3. Councilmember Pharr thanked the owner of Almost Heaven Roofing for being so accommodating.
4. Councilmember Jones thanked the Administration for meeting with some of the West Side Councilmembers.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Burka, Cook, Faegre, Gianola, Snodgrass

At 7:40 p.m., by a motion from Councilmember Ceperley, Council adjourned until Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Honorable Mayor

Miles C. Cary II, City Clerk