



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

CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Regular Meeting – Monday, March 17, 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 March on the 17th 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 Ferrell. 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**

**MOORE
PHARR
SALANGO
STEELHAMMER**

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

**BURTON
FAEGRE
GIANOLA
JENKINS
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. Debbie Kinder – Spoke about her non-profit Kinder's Closet Ostomy Pantry.
2. Tara Raymo – Read a passage from the Bible.

CLAIMS

None

PROCLAMATIONS

1.



2.

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHARLESTON
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: Problem Gambling Awareness Month is a grassroots effort to bring attention to problem gambling and the availability of prevention, treatment, and recovery services; and

WHEREAS: Problem gambling is defined as all gambling behavior patterns that compromise, disrupt or damage personal, family, or vocational pursuits; and

WHEREAS: Problem gambling is a public health issue affecting 1 in 50 West Virginians; and

WHEREAS: Problem gambling is treatable, and treatment is effective in minimizing harm to individuals, their families, and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS: Numerous individuals, professionals, and organizations – including National Council on Problem Gambling and the Problem Gambling Help Network of West Virginia – educate the public and healthcare professionals about problem gambling and the availability and effectiveness of treatment, and advocate for people and families affected by problem gambling; and

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

PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH

In Charleston, West Virginia, and encourage all citizens learn about the warning signs of problem gambling and the availability of prevention, treatment, and recovery services.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 17th day of March 2025.




Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHARLESTON
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: Village Chapel Presbyterian Church was formally organized by the Presbytery of Kanawha on March 26th of 1950; and

WHEREAS: Village Chapel Presbyterian Church has been serving the Kanawha City community as a place of gathering, support and assistance for seventy-five years; and

WHEREAS: The Church has demonstrated its unwavering commitment to the principles of faith, charity, education and community service through all through outreaches such as a weekday kindergarten, participation in Common Grounds food pantry, and school supply donations; and

WHEREAS: Its congregants and staff consistently complete acts of service through volunteer work with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity and Hospice and hosting Narcotics Anonymous and Red Cross blood drives, showing a deep concern for the most vulnerable among us; and

WHEREAS: The 75th anniversary of Village Chapel Presbyterian Church and the celebration among the congregants and citizens of Kanawha City is a testament to the lasting bonds and deep sense of belonging and community fostered by the Church over the past seventy-five years.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of the City of Charleston, do hereby recognize March 26, 2025, as the

**75th Anniversary of Village Chapel Presbyterian
Church**

In Charleston, West Virginia, and join our community in honoring Village Chapel Presbyterian Church – reflecting on its contributions to our city, and celebrating the compassion, faith, and dedication of the congregation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 23rd day of March



A blue ink signature of Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of Charleston, West Virginia. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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. 25-025 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-025 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase cardio equipment from SportsArt for Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$48,758.000 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 cardio equipment from SportsArt for Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$48,758.000 pursuant to a competitively sourced contract.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution will purchase exercise equipment for the community centers.

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. 25-025.

2. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 25-026 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-026 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into an Agreement with WesBanco, Inc. for a Standby Letter of Credit in the amount of \$705,000 in favor of Enova for a term starting March 31, 2025 to provide collateral for liability of potential workers' compensation claims under the City's large deductible policy. The letter of credit is subject to review and final approval by legal counsel for the City. Cost of the letter is 0.5% of the amount issued plus \$400 documentation fee (\$3,925).

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with WesBanco, Inc. for a Standby Letter of Credit in the amount of \$705,000 in favor of Enova for a term starting March 31, 2025 to provide collateral for liability of potential workers' compensation claims under the City's large deductible policy. The letter of credit is subject to review and final approval by legal counsel for the City. Cost of the letter is 0.5% of the amount issued plus \$400 documentation fee (\$3,925).

Councilmember Jenkins added that the City is required by State law to have a letter of credit for the workers' compensation insurance.

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. 25-026.

3. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 25-027 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-027 - Approving the Official Municipal Budget Document for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026, as proposed and included as Exhibit A hereto, inclusive of the Municipal Levy Rates Estimate for Current Expenses and Excess Levy purposes.

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

That the Official Municipal Budget Document for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026, as proposed and included as Exhibit A hereto, inclusive of the Municipal Levy Rates Estimate for Current Expenses and Excess Levy purposes is approved.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the approximately \$113 million budget is a small increase over last year. It continues to fund PEIA, minimum \$15/hours for City employees, no increase in taxes. It continues to fund street paving and abandoned home demolition.

A roll call was taken:

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Burka, Jones

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Resolution No. 25-027 as adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. Municipal Court Report to City Council Month Ending February 2025.
2. City Treasurer's Report to City Council Month Ending February 2025.

NEW BILLS

None

MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REMARKS BY MEMBERS

1. Mayor Goodwin stated that Team Up To Clean Up and Here to Serve will be continuing. Mayor Goodwin added that today is Councilmember Jones's 70th birthday.
2. Councilmember Kerns stated that the water company was not engaging in proper or safe practices as she witnessed them recently working on a fire hydrant on Pacific Street without notifying the Fire Chief or Metro 911.
3. Councilmember Cook thanked public speaker Debbie Kinder.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Burka, Jones

At 7:36 p.m., by a motion from Councilmember Ceperley, Council adjourned until Monday, April 7, 2025, 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Honorable Mayor

Miles C. Cary II, City Clerk