



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

CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Statutory Meeting – Tuesday, April 15, 2025

at 5:30 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 5:30 P.M., for the first Statutory meeting in the month of April on the 15th 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 Solomon. The Honorable 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**

**BURKA
COOK
GARDNER
HOOVER
KERNS
OVERSTREET
ROBINSON

TAYLOR**

**BURTON
FAEGRE
GIANOLA
JENKINS

PEPPER
RUBIO
SOLOMON
MAYOR GOODWIN**

With twenty-five members being present, the Mayor declared a quorum present.

Snodgrass's absence was excused by the City Clerk per Resolution No. 582-21.

STATUTORY MEETING

Mayor Goodwin stated the following:

“Pursuant to Section 22 of the Charter of the City of Charleston, and after duly being advertised as required on April 1st and April 8th, 2025, I now declare this statutory meeting of Council reconvened as required by the West Virginia Code, §11-8-14.”

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

1. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration Bill No. 8052 and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that the bill do pass.

Bill No. 8052 - A Bill and Order relating to the laying of levies on real, personal and public utility property within the City of Charleston, West Virginia, including excess levies previously provided for in the Official Municipal Budget Document for the fiscal year beginning the first day of July, two thousand twenty-five.

WHEREAS, each Municipality is required to hold a Statutory meeting of the Council on the third Tuesday in April each year to make and enter a levy order and rate sheet; and

WHEREAS, written approval of the West Virginia State Tax Commissioner has been received and notice of the Levy Estimate has been duly published as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the levy rate attached hereto is included in the City of Charleston Municipal Budget for July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, before City Council for approval at a special meeting of Council held on April 15, 2025, now, therefore

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

That the City of Charleston, West Virginia does hereby make and enter the levy order and rate sheet attached hereto, incorporated herein, and made a part hereof.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the levy and excess levy rates were previously approved by voters.

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

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: King, Snodgrass

With a majority of members elected recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, the Mayor declared Bill No. 8052 passed.

MUNICIPALITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA
LEVY ORDER AND RATE SHEET
2025 - 2026

The following is a true copy from the record of orders entered by this entity
on the 15 day of April, 2025.

SIGNATURE: _____

Municipal Clerk or Recorder

Current Year	Column E Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Class I			
Personal Property	\$ 0	12.430	\$ 0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	\$ 0		\$ 0
Class II			
Real Estate	\$ 1,508,516,700	24.860	\$ 3,750,173
Personal Property	196,044		487
Total Class II	\$ 1,508,712,744		\$ 3,750,660
Class IV			
Real Estate	\$ 1,105,185,710	49.720	\$ 5,494,983
Personal Property	542,716,114		2,698,385
Public Utility	325,808,881		1,619,922
Total Class IV	\$ 1,973,710,705		\$ 9,813,290
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 3,482,423,449		\$ 13,563,950
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		6.00%	813,837
Less Tax Discounts		1.50%	191,252
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing - see worksheet (Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			0
Total Projected Property Tax Collection			12,558,861
Less Assessor Valuation Fund (Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)		2.00%	251,177
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes For Budget Purposes			\$ 12,307,684

MUNICIPALITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA LEVY ORDER AND RATE SHEET SUPPLEMENT

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2025 - 2026

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		Column E	
		Certificate of Valuation	Levy
		<u>Assessed Value for Tax Purposes</u>	<u>Rate/\$100</u>
			<u>Taxes Levied</u>
Current Year			
Class I			
Personal Property	\$	0	5.030
Public Utility		0	
Total Class I	\$	0	0
Class II			
Real Estate	\$	1,508,516,700	10.060
Personal Property		196,044	
Total Class II	\$	1,508,712,744	1,517,765
Class IV			
Real Estate	\$	1,105,185,710	20.120
Personal Property		542,716,114	
Public Utility		325,808,881	
Total Class IV	\$	1,973,710,705	3,971,106
Total Value & Projected Rev.	\$	3,482,423,449	5,488,871
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		6.00% . . .	329,332
Less Tax Discounts		1.50% . . .	77,393
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy For Budget Purposes:			\$ 5,082,146

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: King, Snodgrass

At 5:36 p.m., by a motion from Councilmember Ceperley, Council adjourned until Monday, April 21, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.



Amy Shuler Goodwin, Honorable Mayor



Miles C. Cary II, City Clerk