



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

CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Regular Meeting – Monday, September 15, 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 September 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 Rubio. 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
KERN
OVERSTREET
ROBINSON
SNODGRASS
TAYLOR**

**BURTON
FAEGRE
GIANOLA
JENKINS

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

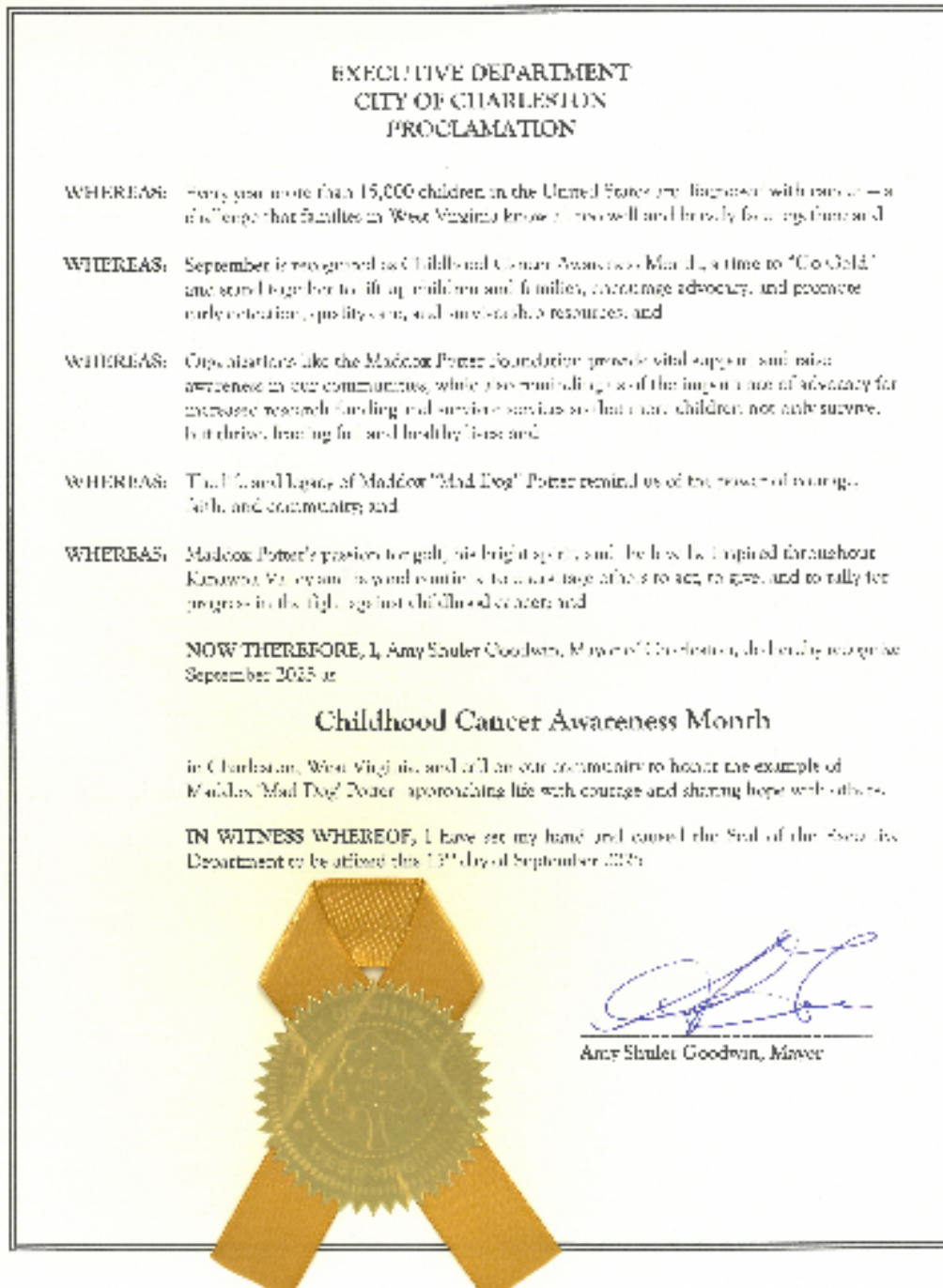
1. Tara Raymo – Read a passage from the Bible.

CLAIMS

1. A claim of American Electric Power, Dunbar, WV;
alleges damage to property.
2. A claim of Antonio Marcus Constantino, South Charleston, WV;
alleges damage to vehicle.
3. A claim of Charles L. Frostick, Charleston, WV;
alleges damage to vehicle.
4. A claim of Jaime Richmond, South Charleston, WV;
alleges damage to vehicle.
5. A claim of Kimerly Russell, Charleston, WV;
alleges damage to vehicle.

PROCLAMATIONS

1.



COMMUNICATIONS

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**TO: MILES CARY
CITY CLERK**

FROM: AMY SHULER GOODWIN 
MAYOR

RE: CITY CENTER BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD

DATE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

I recommend the following individuals be reappointed to the City Center Business Improvement District Board:

Kent George – his term will expire 10-4-30

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

ASG/mls

Councilmember Ceperley motioned to approved the appointment. Councilmember Hoover seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, the Mayor declared the appointment as confirmed.

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**TO: MILES CARY
CITY CLERK**

FROM: AMY SHULER GOODWIN 
MAYOR

RE: MUNICIPAL BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

DATE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

I recommend the following individuals be reappointed to the Municipal Beautification Commission

Lois Crichton, Lisa Dobbins, Barbara Rose and Susan Shumate – their terms will expire 9-19-28

I recommend the following individual be appointed to the Municipal Beautification Commission:

Mimi Dinsmore – her term will expire 9-19-28 Heat Sealing Wax Pack Wrappers

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

ASG/mls

Councilmember Ceperley motioned to approved the appointment. Councilmember Hoover seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, the Mayor declared the appointment as confirmed.

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. 25-085 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-085 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase three new Ford Ranger crew cab pickup trucks from Stephens Auto Center in the total amount of \$104,667.00 pursuant to a competitively sourced statewide contract. Two of these are for Public Grounds and one is for Parking pursuant to FY 2026 budget.

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 Ford Ranger crew cab pickup trucks from Stephens Auto Center in the total amount of \$104,667.00 pursuant to a competitively sourced statewide contract.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the purchases are for replacement that have 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. 25-085.

2. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 25-086 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-086 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a contract with Buckeye Construction and Restoration in the amount of \$2,493,986.00 for various repairs of the six City-owned parking garages, where the total contract price was determined through 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 a contract with Buckeye Construction and Restoration in the amount of \$2,493,986.00 for various repairs of the six City-owned parking garages, where the total contract price was determined through a competitive bid process.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution refers to Year 1 of a 5-Year Phase for the City-owned garages. The major project of Phase one includes the stairwells for the Coliseum and Convention Center. An alternate option for sealant work has also been accepted.

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. 25-086.

3. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 25-087 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-087 - Authorizing settlement of a pending disputed claim against the City, by Steven Lee with associated claim number WV1542025026403, related to an alleged use of excessive force during an arrest by a Charleston Police Department K9 unit, as recommended by the City Solicitor.

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

That the City Council hereby authorizes and approves the settlement of a pending disputed claim against the City, by Steven Lee with associated claim number WV1542025026403, related to an alleged use of excessive force during an arrest by a Charleston Police Department K9 unit in the amount of \$150,000.00, as recommended by the City Solicitor. The City Council authorizes the City Solicitor and City Manager to take all necessary steps to finalize resolution of the claim.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the settlement is the result of a citizen being injured by a police dog. It was determined that proper warning was not issued.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting in the majority in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Resolution No. 25-087 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. 25-088 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-088 - Authorizing approval of Amendment No. 2 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. 2 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 purchases that were approved but not completed during the prior year. It also correctly places funds in the Fire Department account.

Councilmember Jenkins 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, Jenkins, Jones, Kerns, Moore, Overstreet, Pepper, Pharr, Robinson, Rubio, Salango, Solomon, Snodgrass, Steelhammer, Taylor, Mayor Goodwin

NAYS:

ABSENT: Burka, King

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Resolution No. 25-088 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. 25-089 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-089 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a contract with SQP Construction Group, Inc., in the amount of \$399,195.00 for repairs and improvements to various City sidewalks and ADA ramps, where the total contract price was determined through 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 a contract with SQP Construction Group, Inc., in the amount of \$399,195.00 for repairs and improvements to various City sidewalks and ADA ramps, where the total contract price was determined through a competitive bid process.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution continues the project to ADA accessibility to sidewalks.

Councilmember Solomon requested a list of the locations. City Manager Ben Mishoe confirmed that funding comes from CDBG.

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. 25-089 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. 25-090 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-090 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a contract with Persinger & Associates in the amount of \$4,200,000.00 for renovations and additions to various Charleston Fire Department fire stations, where the total contract price was determined through a competitive bid process, followed by negotiation with the low-bidder pursuant to W.Va. Code §5-22-4 to reach the final contract amount.

WHEREAS, the City of Charleston retained Thrasher Engineering to conduct an assessment of Charleston Fire Department's eight fire stations, and subsequently retained them to perform architecture and engineering work to design necessary renovations at five of those stations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charleston published the design specifications to solicit competitive bids for the construction of the designed renovations and additions, with Persinger and Associates submitting the apparent low bid of \$4,387,000.00; and

WHEREAS, West Virginia Code §5-22-4 permits the state and its subdivisions in certain instances to negotiate with the lowest qualified responsible bidder, and sets forth the method in which those negotiations may occur, including the requirement that a negotiated award must be made within 60 days of the bid opening date, the negotiated amount may not exceed 10% of the original low bid amount, and any change to the original project specifications be memorialized in writing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charleston undertook negotiations with Persinger & Associates that resulted in changes to the original project specification as outlined in the attached letter agreement, which reduced the contract price by \$187,000.00 to a final price of \$4,200,000.00, well-within the 10% maximum allowable by State Code.

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 contract with Persinger & Associates in the amount of \$4,200,000.00 for renovations and additions to Charleston Fire Department's various fire stations, where the total contract price was determined through a competitive bid process followed by negotiation with the lowest qualified responsible bidder to reach the final contract amount pursuant to W.Va. Code §5-22-4.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution includes upgrades, repairs and fixes for six of the City's fire stations.

Councilmember Faegre confirmed that of the eight fire stations, the resolution address six of them. Fire stations 6 and 7 are not included in the resolution. Fire station 3 is also not included as the work is minimal.

Councilmember Cook confirmed that Station 6 will be replaced completely.

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. 25-090 as adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. Report of the City of Charleston Payroll Variance Analysis; July and August 2025.

NEW BILLS

None

MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REMARKS BY MEMBERS

1. Mayor Goodwin stated that the Opioid Committee has been meeting regularly.
2. Councilmember Gardner recognized Councilmember Burton for being added to the George Washington High School Hall of Fame.
3. Councilmember Solomon stated that Save a Life Day, which started in West Virginia is now nationwide.
4. Councilmember Pharr added that Be Our Neighbor Day was a great success.
5. Councilmember Cook stated that Covid-19 vaccines do not require a prescription.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Burka, King

At 7:43 p.m., by a motion from Councilmember Ceperley, Council adjourned until Monday, October 6, 2025, 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Honorable Mayor

Miles C. Cary II, City Clerk