



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

CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Regular Meeting – Monday, November 3, 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 November on the 3rd day, in the year 2025, and was called to order by the Honorable Mayor, Amy Shuler Goodwin. The invocation was delivered by Councilmember Burka, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Annie. City Clerk, Miles C. Cary II, called the roll of members and it was found that there were present at the time:

ANNIE	BURKA	BURTON
	COOK	
FERRELL	GARDNER	GIANOLA
HAAS	HOOVER	JENKINS
JONES	KERNS	KING
MOORE	OVERSTREET	
PHARR	ROBINSON	RUBIO
SALANGO	SNODGRASS	SOLOMON
STEELHAMMER	TAYLOR	MAYOR GOODWIN

With twenty-four 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. Mark Tabbert – Spoke about having more town halls.

CLAIMS

1. A claim of Diana Shdeed, Charleston, WV;
alleges damage to vehicle.
2. A claim of Ethel Barker, Charleston, WV;
alleges damage to vehicle and personal injury.
3. A claim of David Wiley, Charleston, WV;
alleges damage to property.

PROCLAMATIONS

1.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT CITY OF CHARLESTON PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Veterans Day, first observed as Armistice Day in 1919 to mark the end of World War I, stands as a solemn reminder of the courage, sacrifice, and steadfast service of the men and women of our Armed Forces—those who have answered the call to serve our nation in times of peace and conflict; and

WHEREAS: Our veterans embody the highest ideals of duty and devotion—protecting the freedoms we cherish, strengthening our communities through continued service, and inspiring future generations to lead with integrity and purpose; and

WHEREAS: For 84 years, the members of John Brawley Post 20 of the American Legion have honored the service and sacrifice of our nation's veterans—organizing and hosting our Capital City's annual Veterans Day Parade, preserving their stories, and keeping their legacy alive for generations to come; and

WHEREAS: We recognize all who have served, and the families who have supported them, with gratitude for their courage, sacrifice, and continued service to our community and our country; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of the City of Charleston, do hereby recognize November 11, 2025 as

VETERANS DAY

In Charleston, West Virginia, and encourage all citizens to honor and reflect on the courage, dedication, and sacrifice of our veterans who have safeguarded our freedoms at home and abroad.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 3rd day of November 2025.



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

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor

COMMUNICATIONS

None

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 has had under consideration the following bill, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Bill No. 8063 do pass.

Bill No. 8063 - A Bill amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston, West Virginia, enacted the 1st day of January 2006, as amended, and the map made a part thereof, by rezoning from an I-2 Light Industrial District to a C-8 Village Commercial District the parcel of land identified as 1319 Bigley Avenue, Charleston North District, Tax Map 29, Parcel 24 in the City of Charleston, Kanawha County, State of West Virginia.

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 1st day of January 2006, as amended, is hereby amended by rezoning from an I-2 Light Industrial District to a C-8 Village Commercial District the parcel of land:

Parcel No. 24 as shown on Charleston North Tax Map 29. Subject parcel commonly known as 1319 Bigley Avenue, Charleston, West Virginia. Said tax map is of record on the 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 no one knows why this area was zoned as an I-2 as there is currently a house on the property. Rezoning to a C-8 will give the property owner more options.

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

A roll call was taken:

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Ceperley, Faegre, Pepper

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Bill No. 8063 as passed.

2. Your committee on Planning, Streets and Traffic has had under consideration the following bill, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Bill No. 8064 do pass.

Bill No. 8064 - A Bill to establish a 20 MPH Speed Limit on Garvin Avenue from Washington Street West to Gilbert Drive and amending the Traffic Control Map and Traffic Control File, established by the code of the City of Charleston, West Virginia, two thousand and three, as amended, Traffic Laws, Section 263, Division 2, Article 4, Chapter 114, to conform therewith.

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

Section 1. A Bill to establish a 20 MPH Speed Limit on Garvin Avenue from Washington Street West to Gilbert Drive

Section 2. The Traffic Control Map and Traffic Control File, established by the code of the City of Charleston, West Virginia, two thousand and three, as amended, Traffic Laws, Section 263, Division 2, Article 4, Chapter 114, shall be and hereby are amended, to conform to this Ordinance.

Section 3. All prior Ordinances, inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of said inconsistency.

Councilmember Hoover added that Councilmember Overstreet worked with the community group in order to curb speeding in the neighborhood.

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

A roll call was taken:

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Ceperley, Faegre, Pepper

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Bill No. 8064 as passed.

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. 25-106 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-106 - Authorizing “Citizen Appreciation Parking” on Saturdays during the holidays as follows: November 29, 2025, December 6, 2025, December 13, 2025, December 20, 2025, December 27, 2025, and January 3, 2026. “Citizen Appreciation Parking” shall include the waiving of hourly parking fees for all metered on-street parking spaces. The parking revenue losses will amount to approximately \$2,300.00 per Saturday.

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

That “Citizen Appreciation Parking” is authorized on Saturdays during the holidays as follows: November 29, 2025, December 6, 2025, December 13, 2025, December 20, 2025, December 27, 2025, and January 3, 2026. “Citizen Appreciation Parking” shall include the waiving of hourly parking fees at all metered on-street parking spaces. The parking revenue losses will amount to approximately \$2,300.00 per Saturday.

Councilmember Jenkins added that this has been an annual resolution for many years as it supports local shopping.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Hoover seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, the Mayor declared Resolution No. 25-106.

2. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 25-107 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-107 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into one or more agreements for the purchase of E-10 Gasoline and Diesel Fuel through bids to be received by the Kanawha Valley Regional Transportation Authority ("KRT") on November 19, 2025. The bid prices for E-10 Gasoline and Diesel Fuel shall remain in effect for a 24-hour period following the bid opening; therefore, the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to exercise discretion in accepting or rejecting such bid proposals as he or she determine to be in the best interest of the City and to report same to the Finance Committee and Council at the next scheduled meeting.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to enter into one or more agreements for the purchase of E-10 Gasoline and Diesel Fuel through bids to be received by the Kanawha Valley Regional Transportation Authority ("KRT") on November 19, 2025. The bid prices for E-10 Gasoline and Diesel Fuel shall remain in effect for a 24-hour period following the bid opening; therefore, the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to exercise discretion in accepting or rejecting such bid proposals as he or she determine to be in the best interest of the City and to report same to the Finance Committee and Council at the next scheduled meeting.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the price is not known as the bids have not yet been opened and they are only valid for 24-hours.

Councilmember Gardner noted that he confirmed with the City Attorney that he would not need to abstain from voting since his wife is the CFO for KRT.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Hoover seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, the Mayor declared Resolution No. 25-107.

3. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 25-108 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-108 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into an agreement with Robbins Sports Surfaces for purchase of a used portable basketball court, carts, ramps and other necessary accessories for the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center in the amount of \$208,560.00 pursuant to the direct purchase authority set forth in Section 2-486 of Charleston Municipal Code. Direct Purchase authorization is recommended due to the substantial savings in buying a slightly used court versus a new one, the immediate availability of this specific court, and the fluctuating availability of used courts in the market.

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 Robbins Sports Surfaces for purchase of a used portable basketball court, carts, ramps and other necessary accessories for the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center in the amount of \$208,560.00 pursuant to the direct purchase authority set forth in Section 2-486 of Charleston Municipal Code.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the purchase will replace a 15-year-old court. The purchase will be for a gentle used court.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Hoover seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting in the majority in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Resolution No. 25-108 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. 25-109 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-109 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a contract with Morton Salt Inc. for the purchase of road salt at a rate of \$111.56 per ton pursuant to a competitive bidding process, where the contract quantity will be “as needed” with no minimum amount required and where the price will remain fixed for one year.

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 Morton Salt Inc. for the purchase of road salt at a rate of \$111.56 per ton pursuant to a competitive bidding process, where the contract quantity will be “as needed” with no minimum amount required and where the price will remain fixed for one year.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the prior resolution that awarded this bid was determined to be void due to a miscommunication over the total price. The contract will be awarded to the true lowest bidder.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Hoover seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting in the majority in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Resolution No. 25-109 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. 25-110 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-110 - Authorizing approval of Amendment No. 5 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. 5 of the FY 2025-2026 General Fund Budget as indicated on the attached list of accounts is approved.

Councilmember Jenkins added that amendment shifts funds from the Contingency Fund to Parks and Recreation and to the CARE Office to be distributed to the Kanawha Valley Collective to compensate for the current lack of SNAP benefits.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Hoover seconded the motion.

A roll call was taken:

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Ceperley, Faegre, Pepper

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Resolution No. 25-110 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. 25-111 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-111 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Kanawha Valley Collective, Inc. relating to a one-time grant of \$60,000 for food distribution in November 2025 and December 2025 under the terms set forth in the attached Exhibit A.

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 a Memorandum of Understanding with the Kanawha Valley Collective, Inc. relating to a one-time grant of \$60,000 for food distribution in November 2025 and December 2025 under the terms set forth in the attached Exhibit A.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the funds will go directly to the purchase of food distribution.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Hoover seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Resolution No. 25-111 as adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

None

NEW BILLS

None

MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REMARKS BY MEMBERS

1. Mayor Goodwin thanked the IS Department and the Clerk's Office for implementing and training on the new AV and voting system. The Mayor thanked Councilmembers for hosting public meetings and for listening to the community. Mayor Goodwin announced that City Attorney Kevin Baker will be leaving his position. She added that he was a monumental figure in the Administration by using his head and heart.
2. Councilmember Solomon thanked Mayor Goodwin and the Administration for the resolution providing funds to help feed children during the unsure SNAP benefits.
3. Councilmember Cook agreed that she was proud that the City was taking steps to help during the current food crisis.
4. Councilmember Kerns thanked the City for contributing to families who needed help during the SNAP crisis. Councilmember Kerns stated that there are 22 suicides a day that are attributed to Veterans, so it is very important to advocate for Veteran mental health.
5. Councilmember Pharr stated that she recently learned that the Charleston Area Alliance houses 35 businesses through their Incubator Program.
6. Councilmember Annie stated that Kevin Baker was fair, knowledgeable and professional. It has been a pleasure working with him, and he wished him luck at his new position.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Ceperley, Faegre, Pepper

At 7:47 p.m., by a motion from Councilmember Ceperley, Council adjourned until Monday, November 17, 2025, 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Honorable Mayor

Miles C. Cary II, City Clerk