



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

CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Regular Meeting – Monday, March 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 March 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 Kerns, 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		BURTON
CEPERLEY	COOK	FAEGRE
FERRELL	GARDNER	GIANOLA
HAAS	HOOVER	JENKINS
JONES	KERNS	KING
MOORE	OVERSTREET	PEPPER
PHARR	ROBINSON	RUBIO
SALANGO		SOLOMON
STEELHAMMER	TAYLOR	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. Mary L. Lilly – Spoke about air and water pollution.

CLAIMS

None

PROCLAMATIONS

1.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT CITY OF CHARLESTON PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Throughout history, women have played a vital role in shaping our communities, making significant contributions in the fields of science, education, business, government, the arts, and more—despite facing barriers to equality and opportunity; and

WHEREAS: When women of all ages see themselves reflected in leadership, innovation, and achievement it sends a powerful message that their voices matter, their ideas belong, and their ambitions are valid; and

WHEREAS: West Virginia women—including The Honorable Margaret Workman who became the first woman elected to statewide office and the first woman elected to the Supreme Court, Katherine Johnson whose calculations of orbital mechanics were critical to the success of the first U.S. crewed spaceflight and many others that followed, and The Honorable Helen Holt who was appointed as the Secretary of State in 1957 making her the first woman to hold statewide office—have made lasting impacts in our state and nation – demonstrating leadership, resilience, and dedication to their communities while inspiring future generations of leaders; and

WHEREAS: Women’s History Month provides an opportunity to celebrate the contributions of women who have been instrumental in challenging norms and driving positive change, and who remain active in the pursuit of equal rights for all.

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

WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

In Charleston, West Virginia and encourage all citizens to celebrate the contributions of women in our communities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 3rd day of March 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 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. 25-022 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-022 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase traffic marking paint for Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department from Allstates Coating Company in the amount of \$45,620.30 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 purchase traffic marking paint for Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department from Allstates Coating Company in the amount of \$45,620.30 pursuant to a competitive bid process.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution is for the annual purchase of traffic paint for lining roads, etc.

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. 25-022.

2. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 25-023 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-023 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager, subject to final review by the City Attorney, to renew its contracts with the West Virginia Counties Group Self Insurance Risk Pool, Inc., DBA West Virginia Communities Risk Pool, at a price of \$1,112,637 for the City's Risk Management and Property, Casualty, and Cyber Insurance coverage and including all Third Party Administrator (TPA) Services for those lines of coverage for the period March 31, 2025 through March 31, 2026, in accordance with the costs and coverages in Exhibit A. Underinsured motorists coverage is specifically rejected. Uninsured motorists coverage with statutory minimum limits of \$25,000/\$50,000/\$25,000 is accepted only.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized, subject to final review by the City Attorney, to renew its contracts with the West Virginia Counties Group Self Insurance Risk Pool, Inc., DBA West Virginia Communities Risk Pool, at a price of \$1,112,637 for the City's Risk Management and Property, Casualty, and Cyber Insurance coverage and including all Third Party Administrator (TPA) Services for those lines of coverage for the period March 31, 2025 through March 31, 2026, in accordance with the costs and coverages in Exhibit A. Underinsured motorists coverage is specifically rejected. Uninsured motorists coverage with statutory minimum limits of \$25,000/\$50,000/\$25,000 is accepted only.

Councilmember Hoover added that the resolution would renew the City's contracts with the West Virginia Counties Group Self Insurance Risk Pool. The proposal is an increase of 6.35%.

Councilmember Jenkins abstained from voting as he serves as Ex Officio on the BRIM Borad, which is a direct competitor of WVCorp.

Councilmember Burton abstained from voting as his agency works directly with the insurer.

Councilmember Hoover moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting in the majority as affirmative, the Mayor declared Resolution No. 25-023 as adopted.

3. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 25-024 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-024 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to renew its contract with Encova Insurance for workers' compensation insurance coverage for a premium of \$274,049, including surcharges, and with an additional claims handling charge of 10% of paid claims, as detailed in Exhibit A: Provided, That this contract does not include any commission to the City's broker of record, USI Insurance Services LLC;

Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to renew its contract with USI Insurance Services LLC ("USI") for insurance broker, risk management, and loss control services related to the City's property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverages for one year at a cost of \$75,000 as detailed in Exhibit A; and

Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to renew its contract with the West Virginia Counties Group Self Insurance Risk Pool, Inc, D/B/A West Virginia Communities Risk Pool ("WVCorp"), for Third Party Administration (TPA) services related to legacy claims incurred while the City was self-insured for workers' compensation at a fee not to exceed \$20,000.

This procurement is based on the results of a competitive insurance quote review process and the Memorandum of Understanding among the City, USI, and WVCorp entered into under Resolution No. 617-22.

The effective dates of the policies/contracts above will be from March 31, 2025 through March 31, 2026.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized (1) to renew its contract with Encova Insurance for workers' compensation insurance coverage for a premium of \$274,049, including surcharges, and with an additional claims handling charge of 10% of paid claims, and authorizing leaving the WV self-insurance system, as detailed in Exhibit A: Provided, That this contract does not include any commission to the City's broker of record, USI Insurance Services LLC; (2) to renew its contract with USI Insurance Services LLC for insurance broker, risk management, and loss control services related to the City's property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverages for one year at a cost of \$75,000 as detailed in Exhibit A; and (3) to renew its contract with the West Virginia Counties Group Self Insurance Risk Pool, Inc, D/B/A West Virginia Communities Risk Pool, for Third Party Administration (TPA) services related to legacy claims incurred while the City was self-insured for workers' compensation at a fee not to exceed \$20,000, all to be effective from March 31, 2025 through March 31, 2026.

Councilmember Hoover added that the resolution renews the Worker's Compensation insurance, extends the contract with USI by one year and renews the contract with WVCorp for third-party administration related to legacy claims for one year.

Councilmember Jenkins abstained from voting as he serves as Ex Officio on the BRIM Borad, which is a direct competitor of WVCorp.

Councilmember Burton abstained from voting as his agency works directly with the insurer.

Councilmember Hoover moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting in the affirmative as affirmative, the Mayor declared Resolution No. 25-024 as adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

None

NEW BILLS

Introduced by Councilmember Chad Robinson

March 3, 2025:

Bill No. 8050 – A BILL to amend the Municipal Code relating to requiring residential permit parking holders to park within the vicinity of their residence.

MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REMARKS BY MEMBERS

1. Mayor Goodwin stated that the next day was the 76th anniversary of the Woolworth fire, and the firefighters that lost their lives will be remembered in a ceremony. The Mayor celebrated Julian Sockman's 102nd birthday. Mayor Goodwin presented Councilmembers Hoover and Pharr with cowbells to celebrate the return of the USA Cycling races this summer.
2. Councilmember Jones announced the good news that several empty buildings 1600 block of Washington Street West were recently purchased.
3. Councilmember Annie stated that March 10th was the West Virginia Science Fair, and encouraged everyone to see the exhibits.

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, King, Moore, Overstreet, Pepper, Pharr, Robinson, Rubio, Salango, Solomon, Steelhammer, Taylor, Mayor Goodwin

NAYS:

ABSENT: Burka, Snodgrass

At 7:21 p.m., by a motion from Councilmember Ceperley, Council adjourned until Monday, March 18, 2025, 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Honorable Mayor

Miles C. Cary II, City Clerk