



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

CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Regular Meeting – Monday, December 1, 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 December on the 1st 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 Taylor. 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	
SALANGO	SNODGRASS	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. Dural Miller – Spoke about Muss Ruby's.

CLAIMS

None

PROCLAMATIONS

1.

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHARLESTON
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: Local businesses play a vital role in our community, strengthening our local economy, creating jobs, and contributing to the vibrancy and character of our Capital City; and

WHEREAS: Charleston’s small businesses—ranging from independent retailers and restaurants to service providers, artisans, and makers—reflect the creativity, talent, and culture that make our city unique; and

WHEREAS: Shopping locally creates a powerful local multiplier effect, where each purchase strengthens nearby businesses, supports local supply chains, and keeps those dollars in our community; and

WHEREAS: When we shop local, we strengthen community connections by encouraging residents to discover and support neighborhood shops and restaurants and highlighting the many ways local businesses give back through charitable contributions, civic engagement, and support of our workforce; and

WHEREAS: The City of Charleston joins the Charleston Area Alliance, Charleston Urban Works, Downtown Charleston Association, and neighborhood associations throughout the city in celebrating our local businesses; and

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

SHOP LOCAL MONTH

In Charleston, West Virginia and urge all citizens to celebrate our local businesses by shopping local this holiday season and throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 1st day of December 2025.



Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor

COMMUNICATIONS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCE AND RULES

Councilmember Robinson, Chair of the Council Committee on Ordinance and Rules, submitted the following reports:

1. Your committee on Ordinance and Rules has had under consideration the following bill, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Bill No. 8061 be adopted.

Bill No. 8061 - A BILL to amend and reenact Section 54-191 of the Municipal Code of the City of Charleston, as amended, relating to prohibiting the use of fireworks in any City park or on City-owned property without approval.

Now, therefore, be it ordained by the Council of the City of Charleston:

That Section 54-191 of the Municipal Code of the City of Charleston, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Sec. 54-191. - Consumer fireworks; regulations, prohibited actions, and exceptions.

(a) Any person igniting, discharging, detonating or otherwise using (hereinafter, collectively "use" or "using") consumer fireworks within the city and, consistent with W. Va. State Code § 8-12-19, within one mile beyond the corporate limits of the city, but not including areas within the corporate limits of another municipality, shall:

(1) Not be under the influence of intoxicating liquor, non-intoxicating beer, any controlled substance, or any combination thereof; and

(2) Be 18 years of age or older or shall be under the direct supervision of his or her parent, guardian, or other adult person responsible for the care and custody of the minor; and

(3) Be responsible for the prompt removal of all debris resulting from the use of fireworks and such completed removal shall not exceed 24 hours after use; and

(4) Be financially responsible for cleanup costs and/or damages resulting from the use of fireworks; and

(5) Be responsible for all costs associated with fire suppression efforts related to the use of fireworks; and

(6) Not use fireworks within 100 feet of any building or structure unless permission of the owner of the building or structure has been obtained or in any City park or on City-owned property without the advanced written approval of the City of Charleston; and

(7) Not use fireworks from any motor vehicle or boat; and

(8) Store fireworks in a safe, secure and responsible manner, and separate from any possible ignition source; and

(9) Not use fireworks in a manner that fireworks travel through, come in contact with, discharge, or explode on any public street, highway, or sidewalk, or in or on any building, or near any person, or within 500 feet of any location posing a special fire danger, such as a gas station, chemical storage area or other similar location; and

(10) Not use fireworks during periods of very high or extreme fire danger as determined by the Charleston Fire Department or the West Virginia Division of Forestry, or while wind conditions are such that proper fireworks control cannot be exercised; and

(11) Not be permitted to use fireworks, except between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m., on Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day, or between 11:00 am on December 31 and 1:00 am on January 1; provided, however, that a person may request permission from the chief of police to use fireworks for a special event or occasion at other days or times not regularly permitted herein, and the chief of police shall have reasonable discretion, on a case by case basis and after consultation with the chief of the fire department, to approve such a request.

(b) This section, and the prohibitions contained herein related to the use of consumer fireworks, is not intended to prohibit use of display fireworks within the city at any day or time so long as the use is sponsored or approved by the city.

Councilmember Robinson added the bill clarifies that fireworks are not allowed in City Parks or City-owned property.

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

A roll call was taken:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Burka, Rubio

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the majority in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Bill No. 8061 as passed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. City Treasurer’s Report to City Council Month Ending October 2025.
2. Municipal Court Report to City Council Month Ending October 2025.

NEW BILLS

None

MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REMARKS BY MEMBERS

1. Mayor Goodwin stated that State Championships will be returning. Holly Jolly Brawley was a great success this year, and the Mayor thanked everyone involved.
2. Councilmember Cook thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for making sure kids had access to food during the holiday.
3. Councilmember Moore thanked everyone who helped at the annual Earl Wilson Community Dinner.

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, Salango, Snodgrass, Solomon, Steelhammer, Taylor, Mayor Goodwin

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Burka, Rubio

At 7:18 p.m., by a motion from Councilmember Ceperley, Council adjourned until Monday, December 15, 2025, 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Honorable Mayor

Miles C. Cary II, City Clerk