



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

CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Regular Meeting – Monday, December 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 December 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 Pepper, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Hoover. City Clerk, Miles C. Cary II, called the roll of members and it was found that there were present at the time:

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| 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. Jeff Joseph – Spoke in favor of Resolution No. 25-115.
2. Tara Raymo – Read a passage from the Bible.

CLAIMS

1. A claim of Samuel McCray, Belle, WV;
alleges damage to vehicle.
2. A claim of David Miller, Charleston, WV;
alleges damage to property.

PROCLAMATIONS

None

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. 8065 be adopted.

Bill No. 8065 - A BILL to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston, West Virginia, adopted January 1, 2006, as amended, by amending the sign regulations relating to the size of digital display signs.

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

The Zoning Ordinance for the City of Charleston, West Virginia, effective January 1, 2006, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 24-060 General Sign Regulations

- A. All signs shall comply with the provisions of Section 21-030, Safety and Vision.
- B. A pole sign shall not extend over a public right-of-way.
- C. A wall sign shall not extend above any roof line or further than twelve (12) inches from the building, or part of the building, to which the sign is attached.
- D. No shingle sign or marquee sign shall be lower than nine (9) feet above ground level.
- E. No sign shall be permitted to be erected unless the back of such structure is shielded from public view by a building, other structure, high planting, or another sign of the same size (where permitted), or unless such back is painted a neutral color or is enclosed in a solid metal backing that is treated or painted against corrosion.
- F. The painted portions of signs shall be periodically repainted and kept in good condition.
- G. The general area in the vicinity of a sign must be kept clear of weeds, debris, trash and other refuse by the property owner.
- H. The roofs of all marquees shall be properly guttered and connected by down spouts to a sewer so that the water there from will not drip or flow onto public property.
- I. The allowed square footage of window signs in zoning districts R-O and above shall not exceed 25% of the total square foot area of each window, or up to 50% of the total square foot area of each window if there are no wall signs on the premises. Window sign calculations shall include, but not be limited to, informational signage such as hours of operation and open/closed signs.

- J. Digital display signs shall be freestanding signs of an area of 12 square feet or less and conform to other relevant definitions and restrictions for freestanding signs listed elsewhere in the Zoning Ordinance. Such signs must remain static and nonanimated and shall remain fixed for a minimum of 15 minutes. Messages must transition instantly, with no transition graphics. The luminance may not exceed 5,000 nits (candela per square meter) between sunrise and sunset or 250 nits during nighttime hours. Digital display signs are not permitted in the Central Business District or the East End Overlay District.

All prior ordinances or parts of ordinances, inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Councilmember Hoover added that the bill would remove “the area of twelve feet or less” from Code Digital signs will still have to conform to the other restrictions listed in Code.

Councilmember Robinson confirmed with Councilmember Hoover that the changes made will be more business friendly in that more businesses would be able to use digital signs. Councilmember Hoover added that digital signs will still not be permitted in the Central Business District or the East End overlay.

Councilmember Kerns spoke in favor of the bill.

Councilmember Hoover moved to approve the bill. Councilmember Ceperley 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, Rubio, Salango, Solomon, Steelhammer, Taylor, Mayor Goodwin

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Burka, Snodgrass

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Bill No. 8065 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. 25-115 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-115 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into an agreement with VBM Buildings and Grounds for mowing and leaf blowing services for Spring Hill Cemetery for calendar year 2026, with optional renewal for two additional years, where the unit price is \$18,000 per mowing service and \$3,000 per leaf blowing service pursuant to a competitive bidding 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 an agreement with VBM Buildings and Grounds for mowing and leaf blowing services for Spring Hill Cemetery for calendar year 2026, with optional renewal for two additional years, where the unit price is \$18,000 per mowing service and \$3,000 per leaf blowing service pursuant to a competitive bidding process.

Councilmember Jenkins added that resolution is a contract for mowing and leaf blowing services. Several years ago, temporary workers were hired, but it became too burdensome and difficult to keep workers. The contract is paid per mow/leaf cleaning, the frequency of which are determined by the Cemetery Director.

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. 25-115.

2. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 25-116 be adopted.

Resolution No. 25-116 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase three Internationals and one Kenworth dump trucks from Worldwide Equipment for the Street Department in the amount of \$727,376.00 pursuant to a competitively sourced contract.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to purchase three Internationals and one Kenworth dump trucks from Worldwide Equipment for the Street Department in the amount of \$727,376.00 pursuant to a competitively sourced contract.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the purchase is part of the normal replacement cycle under the current 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. 25-116.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

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

NEW BILLS

None

MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REMARKS BY MEMBERS

1. Mayor Goodwin thanked the City employees for working during the winter weather. The Mayor announced that the Assistant to the City Manager Jessica Wintz-Adams will be leaving and thanked her for all of her hard work.
2. Councilmember Kerns acknowledged the passing of Councilmember Burka's mother.
3. Councilmember Robinson thanked everyone on Council who has served and attended meetings.
4. Councilmember Solomon stated that he will be conducting a public training on how to run for office.
5. Councilmember Faegre stated that there have been several break-ins in Ward 5 and thanked the Charleston Police Department for their response.
6. Councilmember Annie thanked the Public Works Department. He added that the policy that gives incentives to firefighters to become paramedics is important and life-saving.

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:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Burka, Snodgrass

At 7:26 p.m., by a motion from Councilmember Ceperley, Council adjourned until Monday, January 5, 2026, 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Honorable Mayor

Miles C. Cary II, City Clerk