



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

CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

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Regular Meeting – Tuesday, January 20, 2026

at 7:00 P.M.

Council Chambers – City Hall – Charleston, West Virginia

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**OFFICIAL RECORD**

**Amy Shuler Goodwin**  
Mayor

**Miles C. Cary II**  
City Clerk

***CALL TO ORDER\****

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The Council met at 7:00 P.M., for the second meeting in the month of January on the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Ceperley. City Clerk, Miles C. Cary II, called the roll of members and it was found that there were present at the time:

<b>ANNIE</b>	<b>BURKA</b>	
<b>CEPERLEY</b>	<b>COOK</b>	<b>FAEGRE</b>
<b>FERRELL</b>	<b>GARDNER</b>	<b>GIANOLA</b>
<b>HAAS</b>	<b>HOOVER</b>	<b>JENKINS</b>
<b>JONES</b>	<b>KERNS</b>	<b>KING</b>
<b>MOORE</b>	<b>OVERSTREET</b>	<b>PEPPER</b>
<b>PHARR</b>	<b>ROBINSON</b>	<b>RUBIO</b>
<b>SALANGO</b>	<b>SNODGRASS</b>	<b>SOLOMON</b>
<b>STEELHAMMER</b>	<b>TAYLOR</b>	<b>MAYOR GOODWIN</b>

With twenty-six 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***

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1. Susan L. Parsons – Read a passage of the Bible.
2. Patricia Smith – Advocated

***CLAIMS***

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1. A claim of Tracy Hilliard, Charleston, WV; alleges personal injury.

***PROCLAMATIONS***

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**CITY OF CHARLESTON**  
Executive Office of the Mayor

*Certificate of  
Recognition*

presented on the 20th day of January 2026, to

**SOUTH HILLS YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE  
SACRED HEART RED TEAM**

**In recognition of the team's incredible achievement as Girls 4<sup>th</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> Grade Division Champions, finishing the season 14-1; and**

**In appreciation of the unwavering commitment and dedication each player showed on and off the court; and**

**In celebration of the teamwork that made this victory possible, embodying unity, perseverance, and sportsmanship in basketball.**



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 20th day of January 2026.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amy Shuler Goodwin". The signature is fluid and cursive.

**Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of Charleston**

**CITY OF CHARLESTON**  
Executive Office of the Mayor

# *Certificate of Recognition*

presented on the 20th day of January 2026, to

## **SOUTH HILLS YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE KINGS TEAM**

**In recognition of the team's incredible achievement as Boys 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Division Champions, finishing the season 11-4; and**

**In appreciation of the unwavering commitment and dedication each player showed on and off the court; and**

**In celebration of the teamwork that made this victory possible, embodying unity, perseverance, and sportsmanship in basketball.**



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 20th day of January 2026.

**Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of Charleston**

**CITY OF CHARLESTON**  
Executive Office of the Mayor

# *Certificate of Recognition*

presented on the 20th day of January 2026, to

## **SOUTH HILLS YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE HEAT TEAM**

**In recognition of the team's incredible achievement as Boys 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Division Champions, finishing the season 12-2; and**

**In appreciation of the unwavering commitment and dedication each player showed on and off the court; and**

**In celebration of the teamwork that made this victory possible, embodying unity, perseverance, and sportsmanship in basketball.**



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 20th day of January 2026.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Amy Shuler Goodwin".

**Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of Charleston**

**CITY OF CHARLESTON**  
Executive Office of the Mayor

*Certificate of  
Recognition*

presented on the 20th day of January 2026, to

**CHARLESTON JOB CORPS CENTER  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**In recognition of** your active leadership and engagement within the Job Corps community, and

**In appreciation of** your participation in Charleston City Council and your demonstrated interest in local government and civic service, and

**In celebration of** your voices, as young leaders, and the vital role you play in shaping the future of our Capital City.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 20th day of January 2026.

**Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of Charleston**

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF CHARLESTON  
PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS:** Cervical cancer continues to affect more than 13,000 women in the United States each year, making it an important public health concern; and

**WHEREAS:** Cervical cancer most often impacts women during the prime of their lives, affecting not only individual health but families and communities as a whole; and

**WHEREAS:** Regular cervical cancer screenings are proven to detect the disease at early stages, when treatment is most effective and outcomes are significantly improved; and

**WHEREAS:** Cervical cancer disproportionately impacts individuals and communities with limited access to health care, preventive services, and early detection tools; and

**WHEREAS:** Preventive measures, including vaccination and routine screening, have significantly reduced cervical cancer rates and continue to play an important role in protecting women’s health; and

**WHEREAS:** Increasing awareness among individuals and health care providers about prevention, early detection, and access to care remains essential to protecting women’s health;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of the City of Charleston, do hereby recognize January 2026 as**

**National Cervical Cancer Awareness Month**

In Charleston, West Virginia, and encourage awareness of cervical cancer prevention and early detection, which have proven effective in protecting women’s health and saving lives.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.**



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

**Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor**

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF CHARLESTON  
PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS:** Human trafficking is a serious crime and violation of human dignity that threatens the safety, health, and welfare of individuals and communities throughout the State of West Virginia; and

**WHEREAS:** Human trafficking affects adults and minors of all genders and backgrounds and occurs in urban, suburban, and rural areas; and

**WHEREAS:** As the capital city and a regional center for government, healthcare, transportation, commerce, and tourism, Charleston recognizes the importance of prevention, education, and coordinated response efforts; and

**WHEREAS:** A victim-centered, trauma-informed approach is essential to identifying, assisting, and supporting individuals impacted by human trafficking; and

**WHEREAS:** Public awareness, education, and collaboration among local government, law enforcement, service providers, healthcare professionals, educators, and community partners are critical to prevention and response; and

**WHEREAS:** The City of Charleston is committed to working with partners to prevent human trafficking and support victim-centered responses;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of the City of Charleston, do hereby recognize January 2026 as**

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH**

In Charleston, West Virginia, and encourage awareness of the realities and warning signs of human trafficking and support for victim and survivor services;

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.**



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**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. 26-010 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-010 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a one-year agreement with SHI for computer and server security platform for virus protection and response Information Systems at a total of \$33,133.56 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 enter into a one-year agreement with SHI for computer and server security platform for virus protection and response Information Systems at a total of \$33,133.56 pursuant to a competitively sourced contract.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution is to renew current services for virus protection.

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. 26-010.

2. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 26-011 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-011 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase a new John Deere 5075E Cab Utility Tractor with a 17-foot Side Fold Boom and other accessories from Deere & Company for the Public Grounds Department in the amount of \$133,948.98 pursuant to a competitively bid statewide contract.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to purchase a new John Deere 5075E Cab Utility Tractor with a 17-foot Side Fold Boom and other accessories from Deere & Company for the Public Grounds Department in the amount of \$133,948.98 pursuant to a competitively bid statewide contract.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution is for the budgeted replacement of an old tractor.

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. 26-011.

3. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 26-012 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-012 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the West Virginia State Treasurer's Office for lockbox services for the Charleston Fire Department's ambulance billing payments and reaffirming the City's participation in the investment pools in the Consolidated Fund administered by the West Virginia Board of Treasury Investments authorized in Resolution No. 744-10, approved on April 19, 2010. There is currently no cost to the local government to participate.

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 intergovernmental agreement with the West Virginia State Treasurer's Office for lockbox services for the Charleston Fire Department's ambulance billing payments and reaffirming the City's participation in the investment pools in the Consolidated Fund administered by the West Virginia Board of Treasury Investments authorized in Resolution No. 744-10, approved on April 19, 2010. There is currently no cost to the local government to participate.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution is for an agreement for lockbox services for when the Treasurer's Office accepts payments securely and deposits the money into consolidated funds. The City can at that point withdraw it to the General Fund. There is no cost to the City.

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. 26-012.

4. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 26-013 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-013 - Authorizing the City Treasurer to transfer the amount of \$1,000,000.00 from the Sinking Fund (Fund 3100) to the Other Federal Grants Fund (Fund 2083) for the purposes of funding the required grant match for repairs to the swimming pool at Cato Park, and to transfer any remaining balance in the Sinking Fund in amount of \$1,360,820.75, plus any accumulated interest, to the Other Federal Grants Fund for the purposes of funding any non-federal share required for the Capitol Connector RAISE Construction Grant. The balance in the Sinking Fund exceeds the purposes for which it was established.

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

That the City Treasurer is authorized to transfer the amount of \$1,000,000.00 from the Sinking Fund (Fund 3100) to the Other Federal Grants Fund (Fund 2083) for the purposes of funding the required grant match for repairs to the swimming pool at Cato Park, and to transfer any remaining balance in the Sinking Fund in amount of \$1,360,820.75, plus any accumulated interest, to the Other Federal Grants Fund for the purposes of funding any non-federal share required for the Capitol Connector RAISE Construction Grant. The balance in the Sinking Fund exceeds the purposes for which it was established.

Councilmember Jenkins added that extra funds from the Sinking Fund will be transferred to the Other Federal Grants Fund to apply for a grant for repairs at Cato Park and for the Capitol Connector Project.

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. 26-013.

5. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 26-014 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-014 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to submit a grant application up to the amount of \$2,000,000.00, which if awarded would include a \$1,000,000.00 match by the City, to make improvements to the Cato Park swimming pool, or any other City-owned pools for which the funding may qualify.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to submit a grant application up to the amount of \$2,000,000.00, which if awarded would include a \$1,000,000.00 match by the City, to make improvements to the Cato Park swimming pool, or any other City-owned pools for which the funding may qualify.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution is to apply for a \$1 million grant for repairs to the pool at Cato Park. The estimated cost for the repairs is \$2 million.

Councilmember Faegre confirmed with Councilmember Jenkins that the total cost to renovate the Cato Park pool is \$2 million. It is estimated that the total cost to renovate all City pools is approximately \$8 million.

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. 26-014.

6. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 26-015 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-015 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a grant agreement with the Federal Highways Administration for construction of the Capital Connector project, in which City Council authorizes up to \$1,360,820.75 of non-federal funding pursuant to the most recent cost-estimate. The final amount of the project will be determined by competitive bid.

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 grant agreement with the Federal Highways Administration for construction of the Capital Connector project, in which City Council authorizes up to \$1,360,820.75 of non-federal funding pursuant to the most recent cost-estimate. The final amount of the project will be determined by competitive bid.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the updated estimated cost for the Capitol Connector Project is \$26 million. The cap for the grant is \$25 million, so the transfer of \$1,360,820.75 into the Fund is required per the agreement.

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. 26-015.

7. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following bill, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Bill No. 8066 do pass.

Bill No. 8066 - A Bill and order determining the necessity for continuance of additional levies for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028, July 1, 2029, and July 1, 2030, for current general governmental expenses, and providing for submission to the voters within the City of Charleston of the question of a continuance of the additional levy at the primary election to be held on May 12, 2026.

Providing for the continuance of the levy rate, providing for publication of notice of the election to authorize the additional levy; providing for application of the primary election laws to such primary election, authorizing the City Clerk and Kanawha County Clerk to furnish election officials with proper election supplies and make publication of this ordinance, delivery of this ordinance to the Ballot Commissioners and the printing of ballots; providing the form of the official ballot; and providing for the voting precincts and determining those entitled to vote.

**WHEREAS**, after full information and consideration thereof, the Council of the City of Charleston, West Virginia, is of the opinion and finds that the maximum levies for current expenses for the general fund purposes of said City authorized to be laid by the provisions of Section 14, Chapter 11, Article 8 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, will not provide sufficient funds for the four fiscal years which begin, respectively, on the first day of July 2027, 2028, 2029, and 2030, and to cover expenditures properly payable from said funds, including expenditures for the purpose hereinafter set out, and having ascertained that the amounts hereinafter shown, in excess of the amount raised by regular levies, will be needed by the said City of Charleston during each of said four fiscal years for the purpose as follows, and that such levies constitute a continuance of the additional levies heretofore provided for the fiscal years beginning respectively on the first day of July 2027, 2028, 2029, and 2030, and that an election should be held pursuant to the provisions of Section 16 and 17 of Article 8, Chapter 11 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; therefore,

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

(1) The purpose for which additional funds are needed by said City for each of the four fiscal years beginning July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028, July 1, 2029, and July 1, 2030, are current, general governmental expenses.

(2) The amounts considered necessary for each of said purposes for each fiscal year beginning on the date indicated are as follows:

July 1, 2027

To be allocated evenly for the current expenses of the:

Charleston Police Department	\$1,694,049	
Charleston Fire Department	\$1,694,049	
Charleston Parks & Recreation Department		\$1,694,049
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$5,082,147	
Allowance for tax discounts, delinquencies, exonerations, and uncollectable taxes (7.5%)	\$406,724	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF ADDITIONAL LEVY		\$5,488,871

July 1, 2028

To be allocated evenly for the current expenses of the:

Charleston Police Department	\$1,694,049	
Charleston Fire Department	\$1,694,049	
Charleston Parks & Recreation Department		\$1,694,049
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$5,082,147	
Allowance for tax discounts, delinquencies, exonerations, and uncollectable taxes (7.5%)	\$406,724	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF ADDITIONAL LEVY		\$5,488,871

July 1, 2029

To be allocated evenly for the current expenses of the:

Charleston Police Department	\$1,694,049	
Charleston Fire Department	\$1,694,049	
Charleston Parks & Recreation Department		\$1,694,049
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$5,082,147	
Allowance for tax discounts, delinquencies, exonerations, and uncollectable taxes (7.5%)	\$406,724	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF ADDITIONAL LEVY		\$5,488,871

July 1, 2030

To be allocated evenly for the current expenses of the:

Charleston Police Department	\$1,694,049	
Charleston Fire Department	\$1,694,049	
Charleston Parks & Recreation Department		\$1,694,049
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$5,082,147	
Allowance for tax discounts, delinquencies, exonerations, and uncollectable taxes (7.5%)	\$406,724	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF ADDITIONAL LEVY	\$5,488,871	

(3) The total amount necessary to carry out the above purposes for the term of the levy, after making reasonable allowance for tax discounts, delinquencies, exonerations, and uncollectable taxes as set forth above is \$20,328,584.

(4) The separate and aggregate assessed valuation in each class of taxable property within the said City of Charleston is as follows:

Class I . . . . .	\$ - 0 -
Class II . . . . .	\$1,508,712,744
Class III . . . . .	\$ - 0-
Class IV . . . . .	\$1,973,710,705
Aggregate . . . . .	\$3,482,423,449

(5a) The proposed additional rate of levy in cents per \$100 assessed valuation on each class of property within the said City of Charleston for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028, July 1, 2029, and July 1, 2030, is as follows:

Class I.....	5.03 cents/\$100
Class II.....	10.06 cents/\$100
Class IV.....	20.12 cents/\$100

(5b) Provided that in the event the separate and aggregate assessed evaluations of each class of taxable property within the City of Charleston increases during the term of the special levy, the levy rate may be adjusted so that the projected gross tax revenue will not exceed 95% of the previous year's projected gross tax revenue. An increase in the aggregate assessed valuation of each class of taxable property due to new construction or improvements to existing real property, including beginning recovery of natural resources and newly acquired personal property shall not be included in calculating the new tax levy for the purposes of this section.

(6) The years which the additional levies shall apply if authorized by the voters, are the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028, July 1, 2029, and July 1, 2030.

(7) The Council of the City of Charleston declares that it will not issue bonds under the provisions of Section 16, Article 8, Chapter 11, of the West Virginia Code of 1931, as amended, on approval of the voters of the proposed additional levy.

- (8) The Council of the City of Charleston finds that additional levies were heretofore authorized by the voters of the City of Charleston and have been in effect for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2023, July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, and July 1, 2026, and that the additional levies proposed by this ordinance constitute as continuation of such additional levies for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028, July 1, 2029, and July 1, 2030.
- (9) The question of such additional levies shall be submitted to the voters within the City of Charleston, West Virginia, at the primary election to be held in said City on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.
- (10) Notice of the election to authorize the additional levy shall be given by publication of this ordinance and order at least once each week for two successive weeks, both publications to occur within fourteen (14) consecutive days, next preceding the date of the election, in the Charleston Gazette-Mail, a newspaper of the general circulation published in the City of Charleston, West Virginia.
- (11) All provisions of the laws concerning primary elections shall apply so far as they are applicable to the holding of said election and the ascertainment of the results thereof. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to furnish the Clerk of Kanawha County with necessary and proper election supplies, and to do any and all things necessary and proper attendant to said primary election, including but not limited to, the performance of primary election duties imposed by law upon Clerks of the Circuit Courts in relation to primary elections, and shall furnish and deliver a certified copy of this ordinance and order to the Ballot Commissioners of the County of Kanawha, who shall take the same and provide for the printing of ballots, in accordance with the provisions of law, as made and provided, and with the provisions of this ordinance and order.

(12) That portion of the ballot to be used in said election to authorize the additional levy shall be in the form substantially as follows:



"An Election to authorize the continuation of additional levies for the years beginning July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028, July 1, 2029, and July 1, 2030, for the purpose of providing additional funds annually during such years for current expenses of the Charleston Police, Fire, and Parks & Recreation Departments according to the order and ordinance of the Council of the City of Charleston passed and adopted at its meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026."

"The additional levies shall be on Class I property 5.03 cents; and on Class II property 10.06 cents; and on Class IV property 20.12 cents; all per \$100 assessed valuation."

"Provided that in the event the separate and aggregate assessed valuations of each class of taxable property within the City of Charleston increases during the term of the special levy, the levy rate may be adjusted so that the projected gross tax will not exceed 95% of the previous year's projected gross tax revenue. An increase in the aggregate assessed valuation of each class of taxable property due to new construction or improvements to existing real property, including beginning recovery of natural resources, and newly acquired personal property shall not be included in calculating the new tax levy for purposes of this section."

"INSTRUCTION TO THE VOTER: Those favoring and wish to vote for the proposed continuance of

additional levies shall darken the oval completely next to "FOR THE LEVIES", those opposing and wish to vote against the proposed continuance of additional levies shall darken the oval completely before "AGAINST THE LEVIES."

FOR THE LEVIES        
AGAINST THE LEVIES      

(13) The voting precincts within the City of Charleston as now existing and as established by the County Commission of Kanawha County, West Virginia, shall be, and the same are hereby designated as the voting precincts for such election and the registration of voters and the use of registration law of the State, and the City of Charleston hereby adopts the registration list of Kanawha County as to precincts and as to persons within the limits of the City of Charleston entitled to vote, as amended and corrected according to law as the official registration list of said City of Charleston to be used as such election on the said 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026, and all persons who would be qualified to vote in the primary election shall be qualified to vote for or against said additional levies in said election.

(14) After completion of the canvass of the results of said election, the Council of the City of Charleston shall convene at its regular meeting to be held in Council Chambers of the City Hall in said City at 7:00 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2026, to certify the returns of said election, as required by law.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the bill is for the continuance of the excess levy that raises approximately \$5 million for police, fire and parks and recreation. The rate has not been increased.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the bill. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion.

A roll call was taken:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Burton,

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Bill No. 8066 as passed.

***REPORTS OF OFFICERS***

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1. Municipal Court Report to City Council Month Ending December 2025.
2. City Treasurer’s Report to City Council Month Ending December 2025.
3. General Fund Financial Statements for the Eleven-Month Period Ended May 31, 2025.
4. Coliseum & Convention Center Financial Statements for the Eleven -Month Period Ended May 31,2025.
5. Parking Financial Statements for the Eleven -Month Period Ended May 31, 2025.

***NEW BILLS***

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**MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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None

**REMARKS BY MEMBERS**

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1. Mayor Goodwin thanked Councilmember Pharr for the successful MLK event.
2. Councilmember Kerns thanked Councilmember Snodgrass for sponsoring the Human Trafficking proclamation. She added that HB4433 would prohibit documented victims of human trafficking from seeking restitution.
3. Councilmember Snodgrass requested that Council receive an update on the status of the Public Safety building. She added that the City pays less for police officers than the State and County. A competitive salary is essential to keeping and attracting officers.
4. Councilmember Steelhammer stated that the warming centers have been very beneficial this winter.
5. Councilmember Pharr thanked the City and Mayor Goodwin for supporting the MLK event, adding that almost 500 attended.
6. Councilmember Annie thanked the Fire Department for helping with a structural issue in his Ward. He also thanked Chief of Staff Matt Sutton for his assistance.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Burton

At 7:57 p.m., by a motion from Councilmember Ceperley, Council adjourned until Monday, February 2, 2026, 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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Amy Shuler Goodwin, Honorable Mayor

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Miles C. Cary II, City Clerk