



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

CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

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Regular Meeting – Monday, February 2, 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 first meeting in the month of February on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Hoover. 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>BURTON</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>SALANGO</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.

\*Pepper arrived immediately after the first roll call.

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. Nakia Austin – Represented the Healing House.
2. Andy Richardson, Denny Harrison and Mariah Young – Spoke about the reopening of 101 Capitol.
3. Traci Strickland - Spoke about warming centers.

***CLAIMS***

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

**PROCLAMATIONS**

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

*Certificate of  
Recognition*

presented on the 2nd day of February 2026, to

**JOHN ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL  
STUDENT COUNCIL**

**In recognition of** the dedication and initiative demonstrated by you, as student council members, serving your school and peers, and

**In recognition of** your engagement with Charleston City Council and your growing understanding of local government, civic responsibility, and community leadership, and

**In celebration of** your ideas, participation, and service, which contribute meaningfully to 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 2nd day of February 2026.

**Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of Charleston**

**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. 26-016 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-016 - Authorizing approval of Amendment No. 6 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. 6 of the FY 2025-2026 General Fund Budget as indicated on the attached list of accounts is approved.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the amendment transfers \$250,000 to the Street Department for the additional purchase of road salt.

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

A roll call was taken:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Rubio, Snodgrass

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Resolution No. 26-016 as adopted.

**General Fund FY 2025-2026 Budget Amendment No. 06 - February 2, 2026**

<b>Revenues and Fund Balances</b>							<b>Current</b>	<b>Increase/</b>	<b>Amended</b>
<b>Account No.</b>	<b>Department</b>		<b>Account Description</b>			<b>Amount</b>	<b>(Decrease)</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
1001 00 00000 000 000 329900	Fund Balance		Unassigned Fund Balance			1,489,500	225,000	1,714,500	
<b>Net Increase/(Decrease) to Revenues</b>								225,000	
<b>Expenditures</b>							<b>Current</b>	<b>Increase/</b>	<b>Amended</b>
<b>Account No.</b>	<b>Department</b>		<b>Account Description</b>			<b>Amount</b>	<b>(Decrease)</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
1001 30 75000 000 000 534180	Street Department		Snow Removal Materials			400,000	225,000	625,000	
<b>Net Increase/(Decrease) to Expenditures</b>								225,000	
<b>Description:</b>									
<u>Unassigned Fund Balance</u> - To allocate from the unassigned balance for the purchase of additional road salt.									

**Reportable: To maintain compliance with the budgetary guidelines of the State of West Virginia.**

2. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 26-017 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-017 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to approve and execute multiple Change Orders collectively referred to as Change Order No. 1, relating to the Charleston Fire Department station renovation project in the total amount of \$50,762.74 to address two owner-requested changes and other changes due to unforeseen conditions discovered during the course of the project.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to approve and execute Change Order No. 1 relating to the Charleston Fire Department station renovation project in the total amount of \$50,762.74 to address two owner-requested changes and other changes due to unforeseen conditions discovered during the course of the project. The pricing details related to Change Order No. 1 are indicated in Exhibit A. The new total contract price approved is \$4,250,762.74.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution is for improvements and updates to mainly Station #4, specially to the gas lines.

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. 26-017.

3. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 26-018 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-018 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a contract with WHP Training Towers for the purchase, delivery, and installation of a new training apparatus for Charleston Fire Department in an amount not to exceed \$425,388.54 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 contract with WHP Training Towers for the purchase, delivery, and installation of a new training apparatus for Charleston Fire Department in an amount not to exceed \$425,388.54 pursuant to a competitively sourced contract.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the purchase is for training equipment for the Fire Department.

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. 26-018.

4. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 26-019 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-019 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a contract with Crayon Software Experts, LLC for the purchase of Microsoft Enterprise Mobility and Security (“EMS”) licensing for the City’s existing Microsoft 365 accounts in the amount of \$22,243.00 for the remainder of fiscal year 2026, and \$66,722.50 for all of fiscal year 2027, pursuant to a competitively bid statewide contract (LAR24).

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 Crayon Software Experts, LLC for the purchase of Microsoft Enterprise Mobility and Security (“EMS”) licensing for the City’s existing Microsoft 365 accounts in the amount of \$22,243.00 for the remainder of fiscal year 2026, and \$66,722.50 for all of fiscal year 2027, pursuant to a competitively bid statewide contract (LAR24).

Councilmember Jenkins added that the purchase is for an add-on to the City’s current cyber security. It will assist in detecting and preventing suspicious log-ons.

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. 26-019.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

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None

**NEW BILLS**

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Introduced by Councilmembers Joseph Solomon, Shannon Snodgrass and Beth Kerns  
February 2, 2026:

Bill No. 8067 – An Ordinance amending the Charter of the City of Charleston relating to Election and term of office of elective officers and revising the election cycle for the City of Charleston elections.

Refer to Ordinance and Rules Committee and Finance Committee, Please

Introduced by Councilmembers Joseph Solomon, Shannon Snodgrass and Beth Kerns  
February 2, 2026:

Resolution No. 26-020 – Amending the Rules of Council in order to change the process for the appointment of standing committee members and to enact a process for the selection of chair and vice chair positions within the standing committees.

Refer to Ordinance and Rules Committee, Please

**MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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None

**REMARKS BY MEMBERS**

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1. Mayor Goodwin thanked the Fire Fighters and announced the Fire Officer of the Year Kristopher Dight, Firefighter of the Year Alexander Evans, and EMS Worker of the Year Firefighter Trevor McGee.
2. Councilmember Moore thanked the Firefighters. He recognized the passing of Bob Hardy.
3. Councilmember Taylor recognized Denny Harrison. He praised Kanawa Valley Collective for organizing the warming centers.
4. Councilmember Pharr thanked the Public Works Department for their quick work unblocking downed trees in the road.
5. Councilmember Gardner thanked the Street Department for their work, adding that it can be dangerous. He thanked the Clerk Department for helping during the filing period.
6. Councilmember Annie thanked all City crews for working tirelessly during the bad weather. He thanked the City Clerk Department.
7. Councilmember Overstreet recognized the Firefighters present.
8. Councilmember Cook recognized a City worker who went above and beyond their job.

***ADJOURNMENT***

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

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Rubio, Snodgrass

At 7:37 p.m., by a motion from Councilmember Ceperley, Council adjourned until Tuesday, February 17, 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