



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

CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

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Regular Meeting – Monday, March 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 March on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day, in the year 2026, and was called to order by the Honorable Mayor, Amy Shuler Goodwin. The invocation was delivered by Councilmember Overstreet, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by invited guests. City Clerk, Miles C. Cary II, called the roll of members and it was found that there were present at the time:

**ANNIE  
CEPERLEY  
FERRELL  
HAAS  
JONES  
MOORE**

**COOK  
GARDNER  
HOOVER  
KERNS  
OVERSTREET  
ROBINSON  
SNODGRASS  
TAYLOR**

**BURTON  
FAEGRE  
GIANOLA  
JENKINS  
KING  
  
SOLOMON  
MAYOR GOODWIN**

With twenty-three 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. Emily West – Spoke in favor of term limits and staggered elections.
2. Derek Zelkowski - Spoke in favor of term limits and staggered elections.

***CLAIMS***

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1. A claim of G. Hanna, Charleston, WV;  
alleges damage to property.
2. A claim of Aimee Harris, Elkview, WV;  
alleges damage to vehicle.
3. A claim of Aaron Scarr, Charleston, WV;  
alleges damage to property.
4. A claim of Elizabeth Webb, Charleston, WV;  
alleges damage to vehicle.

Refer to City Solicitor

**PROCLAMATIONS**

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF CHARLESTON  
PROCLAMATION**

- WHEREAS:** Throughout history, women have shaped our communities through leadership, service, and resilience—making lasting contributions in science, education, business, government, the arts, and countless other fields, often while overcoming barriers to equality and opportunity; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2026, Women’s History Month carries the theme of *“Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future,”* recognizing the women who are building systems that support long-term sustainability in environmental stewardship, economic growth, education, and social progress; and
- WHEREAS:** Women continue to shape the future of our Capital City through entrepreneurship, public service, innovation, advocacy, and mentorship, strengthening opportunities for the next generation; and
- WHEREAS:** When women and girls 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 valued; and
- WHEREAS:** Women in Charleston have led businesses, strengthened neighborhoods, advanced public service, enriched our arts and culture, and helped define the character of our city; and

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

**WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH**

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

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 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:** Problem Gambling Awareness Month is a grassroots effort to increase public awareness of the negative effects of gambling and the availability of prevention, treatment, and recovery services; and
- WHEREAS:** Problem gambling is defined as all gambling behavior patterns that compromise, disrupt or damage personal, family, or vocational pursuits; and
- WHEREAS:** Problem gambling is a public health issue affecting West Virginians of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds that has a significant societal and economic cost, and the prevalence of problem gambling addiction is 1 in 50 West Virginians, with the state ranked 9th nationally as the most gambling-addicted; and
- WHEREAS:** Problem gambling is treatable, and effective treatment can help individuals and their families recover and rebuild; and
- WHEREAS:** The National Council on Problem Gambling and the Problem Gambling Help Network of West Virginia advocate for people and families affected by problem gambling, and work to educate the public and healthcare professionals about warning signs of problem gambling and raise awareness about help that is available.

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

**PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH**

In Charleston, West Virginia, and encourage all citizens to learn about the warning signs of problem gambling and the availability of prevention, treatment, and recovery services.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2026.**



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**Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor**

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF CHARLESTON  
PROCLAMATION**


- WHEREAS:** The mental health and well-being of young people are essential to the strength and future of our community; and
- WHEREAS:** Nationally, one in five adolescents experiences a mental health condition each year, underscoring the importance of early awareness, compassion, and access to support, and
- WHEREAS:** Creating environments where young people feel safe, supported, and connected strengthens well-being and helps teens navigate life's challenges; and
- WHEREAS:** Increasing awareness, reducing stigma, and encouraging open conversations about mental health help ensure that young people feel seen, heard, and supported; and
- WHEREAS:** Families, schools, healthcare providers, counselors, and community organizations play a vital role in fostering safe spaces and connecting teens to trusted resources; and
- WHEREAS:** The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) West Virginia chapter is helping lead a statewide effort to raise awareness of teen mental health and connect young people and families to trusted resources; and
- WHEREAS:** March 2-6, 2026 marks the first observance of Teen Mental Health Awareness Week in West Virginia, providing an opportunity to elevate the importance of youth mental health across our state and within our Capital City; and

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of the City of Charleston, do hereby recognize March 2-6, 2026 as**

**Teen Mental Health Awareness Week**

In Charleston, West Virginia, and encourage continued awareness, compassion, and support for the mental health and well-being of our young people.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2026.**



Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor

**COMMUNICATIONS**

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Amy Shuler Goodwin  
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City of Charleston



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**TO: MILES CARY  
CITY CLERK**

**FROM: AMY SHULER GOODWIN  
MAYOR**

**RE: CHARLESTON COLISEUM AND CONVENTION CENTER BOARD**

**DATE: MARCH 2, 2026**

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I recommend the following individual be appointed to the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center Board

Bonnie Ball – Ms. Ball is filling a vacant seat and her term will expire 6-22-2030

I recommend the following individuals be reappointed to the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center Board:

Ronnie Murad – term expires 6-22-2029  
Eric Nelson – term expires 6-22-2029  
Belle Manjong – term expires 6-22-2029  
Tessa White – term expires 6-22-2029  
John Ingram – term expires 6-22-2029

I respectfully request City Council's approval of this recommendation.

ASG/mls

Councilmember Ceperley motioned to approve the appointments. Councilmember Hoover seconded. With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, the Mayor declared the appointments as approved.

***PUBLIC HEARINGS***

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1. After duly being published as required, the Mayor declared the floor open for a Public Hearing for Resolution No. 26-028 – Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to execute the Stadium License, Lease and Service Agreement First Amendment between the City of Charleston and Charleston Professional Baseball Company, LLC. No person from the public spoke in reference to the Public Hearing. The Mayor declared the Public Hearing CLOSED.

**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. 26-024 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-024 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase a new Ford F250 Crew Cab for the Charleston Fire Department from Thornhill Auto Group in the amount of \$49,335.00, to replace safety officer vehicle, 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 Ford F250 Crew Cab for the Charleston Fire Department from Thornhill Auto Group in the amount of \$49,335.00, to replace safety officer vehicle, pursuant to a competitively bid statewide contract.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the purchase is for a planned replacement.

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. 26-024 adopted.

2. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 26-025 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-025 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase a total of sixteen GETAC S410 laptops for the Charleston Police Department Mobile Data Terminals from Brooks Network Services, LLC in the amount of \$2,679.00 each, for a total price of \$42,864.00, to furnish new fleet vehicles, where the price was determined pursuant to a competitively sourced Sourcewell 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 total of sixteen GETAC S410 laptops for the Charleston Police Department Mobile Data Terminals from Brooks Network Services, LLC in the amount of \$2,679.00 each, for a total price of \$42,864.00, to furnish new fleet vehicles, where the price was determined pursuant to a competitively sourced Sourcewell contract.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the purchase are for the standard terminals that are installed in CPD vehicles.

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. 26-025 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. 26-026 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-026 - 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 \$1,181,783 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, 2026 through March 31, 2027, 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 \$1,181,783 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, 2026 through March 31, 2027, 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 Ceperley added that the Finance Committee reviewed and approved the proposed contracts.

Councilmember Jenkins abstained from voting as he is on the Board for BRIM.

Councilmember Burton abstained from voting as the agency he works for does business with WV Corp.

Councilmember Snodgrass requested that this be put out to bid every three/four years.

Councilmember Ceperley moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Hoover seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting in the majority as affirmative, with 2 abstains and at least 1 Nay, the Mayor declared Resolution No. 26-026 adopted.

4. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 26-027 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-027 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to renew its contract with Encova Insurance for workers' compensation insurance coverage for a premium of \$271,461, 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 \$50,000 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 \$15,000.

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, 2026 through March 31, 2027.

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 \$271,461, 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 \$50,000 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 \$15,000, all to be effective from March 31, 2026 through March 31, 2027.

Councilmember Ceperley added that the Finance Committee reviewed and approved the proposed contracts.

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Councilmember Jenkins abstained from voting as he is on the Board for BRIM.

Councilmember Burton abstained from voting as the agency he works for does business with WV Corp.

Councilmember Ceperley moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Hoover seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting in the majority as affirmative, with 2 abstains, the Mayor declared Resolution No. 26-027 adopted.

5. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 26-028 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-028 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to execute the Stadium License, Lease and Service Agreement First Amendment between the City of Charleston and Charleston Professional Baseball Company, LLC, as contained in the attached exhibit, relating to the lease of the baseball stadium located at 601 Morris Street.

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

The Mayor or City Manager is authorized to execute the Stadium License, Lease and Service Agreement First Amendment between the City of Charleston and Charleston Professional Baseball Company, LLC, as contained in the attached exhibit, relating to the lease of the baseball stadium located at 601 Morris Street.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the current contract will end May 2026. The amendment will extend the contract to the end of 2026 with an option to renew through the 2027 season.

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. 26-028 adopted.

6. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 26-029 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-029 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into one or more agreements with the Regional Intergovernmental Council (“RIC”) to administer various economic and engineering studies for improvements to the Patrick Street Corridor, and to administer the City’s Complete Streets Network study for city-wide bicycle planning and infrastructure improvements, wherein the City will agree to provide \$100,000.00 in matching funds to the RIC to facilitate a total of \$650,000.00 in the various projects as further outlined in the attached Exhibit.

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

The Mayor or City Manager is authorized to enter into one or more agreements with the Regional Intergovernmental Council (“RIC”) to administer various economic and engineering studies for improvements to the Patrick Street Corridor, and to administer the City’s Complete Streets Network study for city-wide bicycle planning and infrastructure improvements, wherein the City will agree to provide \$100,000.00 in matching funds to the RIC to facilitate a total of \$650,000.00 in the various projects as further outlined in the attached Exhibit.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the City will work with the Regional Intergovernmental Council to leverage \$100,000 of City funds for over \$450,000 worth of engineering and economic development studies for the Patrick Street corridor.

Councilmember Faegre added that this will be good for people needing to safely cross 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Partick Street.

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. 26-029 adopted.

***REPORTS OF OFFICERS***

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1. Report of the City of Charleston Payroll Variance Analysis; January 2026.
2. City Treasurer’s Report to City Council Month Ending January 2026.
3. City of Charleston Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 2025.
4. City of Charleston Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year Ending June 2025.
5. City of Charleston Report to the Board for Fiscal Year Ending June 2025.

***NEW BILLS***

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Introduced by Councilmember Jospheh Jenkins

March 2, 2026:

Bill No. 8069– A BILL to amend the Municipal Code relating to adding a definition for paramedic intercept and adding the paramedic intercept fee to the schedule of charges for ambulance services.

Refer to Finance Committee, Please

Introduced by Councilmember Shannon Snodgrass

March 2, 2026:

Bill No. 8070– Adding a new section to the Charter of the City of Charleston describing Term Limits for Members of City Council.

Refer to Ordinance and Rules Committee, Please

Introduced by Councilmember Shannon Snodgrass

March 2, 2026:

Bill No. 8071– Adding a new section to the Charter of the City of Charleston describing Term Limits for the Office of Municipal Judge.

Refer to Ordinance and Rules Committee, Please

Introduced by Councilmember Shannon Snodgrass

March 2, 2026:

Bill No. 8072– Adding a new section to the Charter of the City of Charleston describing Term Limits for the Office of Treasurer.

Refer to Ordinance and Rules Committee, Please

Introduced by Councilmember Shannon Snodgrass

March 2, 2026:

Bill No. 8073– Adding a new section to the Charter of the City of Charleston describing Term Limits for the Office of Mayor.

Refer to Ordinance and Rules Committee, Please

**MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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None

**REMARKS BY MEMBERS**

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1. Councilmember Robinson expressed concern over the ranking system for boys' basketball in that it shows inequalities and punishes the kids.
2. Councilmember Moore agreed with Councilmember Robinson.
3. Councilmember Snodgrass spoke about the bills that were introduced.
4. Councilmember Annie invited members to CAMC's Annual Research Day. Councilmember Annie agreed with Councilmember Robinson.
5. Councilmember Kerns thanked Planning Director Dan Vriendt and Police Chief Dempsey for helping with issues in her Ward. She added that City ordinances need to be strengthened regarding vacant houses, slumlords etc.
6. Councilmember Taylor agreed with Councilmember Robinson and Moore. He stated that there is a gambling epidemic for young people.
7. Councilmember Jones stated that he would never threaten a political opponent.
8. Councilmember Faegre spoke about utility companies properly fixing the streets that they damage, as well as the State repairing Washington Street West. Councilmember Faegre added that the water company will be color coding all hydrants related to water pressure, etc.
9. Mayor Goodwin thanked Finance Director Andy Wood for his hard work on the upcoming budget proposal. The Mayor stated that the City is in the best financial position it has been in for the past several decades. The Mayor recognized Council

Preside Ceperley, who was recently featured on the Charleston Gazette as a dedicated public servant.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Burka, Pepper, Pharr, Rubio

At 8:27 p.m., by a motion from Councilmember Ceperley, Council adjourned until Monday, March 16, 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