



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

CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Regular Meeting – Monday, March 16, 2026

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 March on the 16th day, in the year 2026, 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 Salango. 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	RUBIO
SALANGO	SNODGRASS	SOLOMON
STEELHAMMER	TAYLOR	MAYOR GOODWIN

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

1. Jackie Johnson – Spoke in favor of the Charleston Police Department.
2. Shamika Robinson - Spoke about the new triangle district.
3. Phillip Dunn - Spoke in favor of the Charleston Police Department.
4. Tara Raymo – Read a passage from the Bible.
5. Kevin Witcher – Spoke about the Charleston Police Department.
6. Rich Goszka - Spoke about the Charleston Police Department.
7. John Doyle – Spoke about immigration.

CLAIMS

1. A claim of Jacque Thomas, Charleston, WV;
alleges damage to vehicle.

Refer to City Solicitor

PROCLAMATIONS

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHARLESTON
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: For nearly 145 years, the American Red Cross has served as a lifeline for individuals and families facing emergencies—strengthening communities through disaster response, blood donation services, support for military members and their families, life-saving training in CPR and first aid, and humanitarian relief efforts; and

WHEREAS: In times of crisis, trained volunteers and generous neighbors, through the American Red Cross, provide shelter, aid, and comfort to those impacted by disaster; and

WHEREAS: Since 2014, the American Red Cross *Sound the Alarm* initiative has helped make more than 1,050 Charleston homes safer by installing nearly 2,500 smoke alarms—efforts that have contributed to lives saved in our community; and

WHEREAS: Volunteers and donors across Charleston and Kanawha County help sustain the region's lifesaving blood supply, with nearly 100 local blood drives last year collecting more than 2,500 units of blood and helping support nearly 19,000 units distributed to Charleston hospitals; and

WHEREAS: During American Red Cross Month, we recognize the compassion, generosity, and tenacity of West Virginians and reaffirm our collective commitment to care for one another through acts of kindness, service, and preparedness; and

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

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

In Charleston, West Virginia, and encourage all citizens to recognize the humanitarian work of the American Red Cross in our city, state, nation, and around the world.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 16th day of March 2026.




Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor

COMMUNICATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. After duly being published as required, the Mayor declared the floor open for a Public Hearing for Resolution No. 26-030 – Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to execute a lease with JM Properties, LLC, to allow for the secured placement of CO2 or other compressed gas tanks used for brewery operations in an alley adjacent to Hale Street. No person from the public spoke in reference to the Public Hearing. The Mayor declared the Public Hearing CLOSED.

2. After duly being published as required, the Mayor declared the floor open for a Public Hearing for Resolution No. 26-031 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to execute the Lease Agreement between the City of Charleston and The Greater Charleston Theater Company and Entertainment Group, LLC relating to the lease of the movie theater located at 600 Washington Street, East. No person from the public spoke in reference to the Public Hearing. The Mayor declared the Public Hearing CLOSED.

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. 8068 do pass.

Bill No. 8068 - A Bill to amend and reenact ordinance 7817 passed by city council June 30, 2019, related to a 15 minute parking zone on Hunters Ridge Road by amending the location to a point 140 feet north of Saddlehorn Road to a point 240 feet north of Saddlehorn Road and amending the Traffic Control Map and Traffic Control File, established by the code of the City of Charleston, West Virginia, two thousand and three, as amended, Traffic Laws, Section 263, Division 2, Article 4, Chapter 114, to conform therewith.

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

Section 1. Ordinance 7817, as passed by city council June 30, 2019, is hereby amended and reenacted related to a 15 minute parking zone on Hunters Ridge Road by amending the location to a point 140 feet north of Saddlehorn Road to a point 240 feet north of Saddlehorn Road

Section 2. The Traffic Control Map and Traffic Control File, established by the code of the City of Charleston, West Virginia, two thousand and three, as amended, Traffic Laws, Section 263, Division 2, Article 4, Chapter 114, shall be and hereby are amended, to conform to this Ordinance.

Section 3. All prior Ordinances, inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of said inconsistency.

Councilmember Hoover added that there was a 15-minute parking zone established in 2019. The neighborhood has requested that it be moved 100 feet so that it doesn't interfere with a curve.

Councilmember Gianola abstained from voting as his law firm represents the HAS in that area.

A roll call was taken:

YEAS: Annie, Burton, Ceperley, Cook, Faegre, Ferrell, Gardner, Haas, Hoover, Jenkins, Jones,

Kerns, King, Moore, Overstreet, Pepper, Pharr, Robinson, Rubio, Salango, Snodgrass, Solomon, Steelhammer, Taylor, Mayor Goodwin

NAYS:

ABSTAIN: Gianola

ABSENT: Burka

With members present recorded thereon as voting in the majority as affirmative, 25 Yeas and 1 Abstain, Mayor Goodwin declared Bill No. 8068 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. 26-030 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-030 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to execute a lease with JM Properties, LLC, to allow for the secured placement of CO₂ or other compressed gas tanks used for brewery operations with appropriate protections from vehicular traffic in an alley adjacent to Hale Street according to the terms contained in the attached exhibit.

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

Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to execute a lease with JM Properties, LLC, to allow for the secured placement of CO₂ or other compressed gas tanks used for brewery operations with appropriate protections from vehicular traffic in an alley adjacent to Hale Street according to the terms contained in the attached exhibit.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the small area of the alleyway will be used by a brewery for outside storage.

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. 26-030 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. 26-031 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-031 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to execute the Lease Agreement between the City of Charleston and The Greater Charleston Theater Company and Entertainment Group, LLC, as contained in the attached exhibit, relating to the lease of the movie theater located at 600 Washington Street, East.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Council of the City of Charleston, West Virginia:

That the Mayor or City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the Lease Agreement between the City of Charleston and The Greater Charleston Theater Company and Entertainment Group, LLC, as contained in the attached exhibit, relating to the lease of the movie theater located at 600 Washington Street, East.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the theatre space has been empty for approximately two years. For the term of the one-year lease, the company will pay for utilities and will provide \$.50/per ticket sold to the City. There is an optional 2-year renewal.

Councilmember Pepper thanked the company for taking over the space and for improving 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. 26-031 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. 26-032 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-032 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into an Agreement with WesBanco, Inc. for a Standby Letter of Credit in the amount of \$705,000 in favor of Encova for a term starting March 31, 2026 to provide collateral for liability of potential workers' compensation claims under the City's large deductible policy. The letter of credit is subject to review and final approval by legal counsel for the City. Cost of the letter is 0.5% of the amount issued plus \$400 documentation fee (\$3,925).

Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Council of the City of Charleston, West Virginia:

That the Mayor or City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with WesBanco, Inc. for a Standby Letter of Credit in the amount of \$705,000 in favor of Encova for a term starting March 31, 2026 to provide collateral for liability of potential workers' compensation claims under the City's large deductible policy. The letter of credit is subject to review and final approval by legal counsel for the City. Cost of the letter is 0.5% of the amount issued plus \$400 documentation fee (\$3,925).

Councilmember Jenkins added that the letter of credit has been done in the same way for the past several years to provide collateral for liability of potential workers' compensation claims under the City's large deductible policy.

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. 26-032 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. 26-033 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-033 - Approving the Official Municipal Budget Document for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027, as proposed and included as Exhibit A hereto, inclusive of the Municipal Levy Rates Estimate for Current Expenses and Excess Levy purposes.

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

That the Official Municipal Budget Document for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027, as proposed and included as Exhibit A hereto, inclusive of the Municipal Levy Rates Estimate for Current Expenses and Excess Levy purposes is approved.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the budget is approximately \$113 million, which is about \$100,000 more than last year.

Councilmember Snodgrass motioned to Amend Resolution No. 26-033 by:

Page: 95 Section: _____ Lines: 510300

By: _____

Add \$ 32,031.00

To amend the wage progression schedule on page 15 to reflect the increase
To increase all officers increase to .75⁴ for the milestone raise for equity.

Councilmember Snodgrass added that the amendment would give Police Officers an additional \$.25 raise for all officers, taken from the overtime budget. It will make the raise equitable in the officers’ eyes.

Councilmember Pepper motioned for the Previous Question. There was a second.

A roll call was taken:

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

ABSENT: Burka

With members present recorded thereon as voting in the majority as affirmative, with 20 Yeas and 6 Nays, Mayor Goodwin declared the Previous Question to the Snodgrass Amendment to Resolution No. 26-033 as passed.

A roll call was taken:

YEAS: Ferrell, Gianola, Jenkins, Kerns, Overstreet, Salango, Snodgrass, Solomon, Steelhammer

NAYS: Annie, Burton, Ceperley, Cook, Faegre, Gardner, Haas, Hoover, Jones, King, Moore, Pepper, Pharr, Robinson, Rubio, Taylor, Mayor Goodwin

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Burka

With members present recorded thereon as voting in the majority in the negative, with 9 Yeas and 17 Nays, Mayor Goodwin declared the Snodgrass Amendment to Resolution No. 26-033 as not passed.

A roll call was taken:

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

NAYS: Kerns, Snodgrass

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Burka

With members present recorded thereon as voting in the majority in the affirmative, with 24 Yeas and 2 Nays, Mayor Goodwin declared Resolution No. 26-033 as 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. 26-034 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-034 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase 27 in-car camera systems from Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$147,227.76 for the Charleston Police Department. A West Virginia Department of Homeland Security grant will pay \$133,449.55 and CPD will pay the remaining \$13,778.21 for an extended four-year warranty.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to purchase 27 in-car camera systems from Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$147,227.76 for the Charleston Police Department. A West Virginia Department of Homeland Security grant will pay \$133,449.55 and CPD will pay the remaining \$13,778.21 for an extended four-year warranty.

Councilmember Jenkins added that that twelve will go to the newly purchased vehicles, while the rest will replace older systems in current patrol cars.

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. 26-034 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. 26-035 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-035 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase a new Ford F150 Long Bed pickup truck for the Charleston Fire Department from Thornhill Ford Auto Group in the amount of \$45,200.00, to replace unit 425, 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 F150 Long Bed pickup truck for the Charleston Fire Department from Thornhill Ford Auto Group in the amount of \$45,200.00, to replace unit 425, pursuant to a competitively bid statewide contract.

Councilmember Jenkins added that purchased is budgeted for under the normal schedule.

Councilmember Faegre confirmed that the unit was made in 2014.

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. 26-035 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. 26-036 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-036 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase a total of twelve sets of turnout gear for the Charleston Fire Department from Witmer Public Safety in the amount of \$43,903.00, to furnish remaining personnel with a second set of gear, 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 twelve sets of turnout gear for the Charleston Fire Department from Witmer Public Safety in the amount of \$43,903.00, to furnish remaining personnel with a second set of gear, where the price was determined pursuant to a competitively sourced Sourcewell contract.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the purchase will complete the backup gear sets 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. 26-036 adopted.

7. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 26-037 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-037 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase a new Ford F250 Regular Cab 4x4 Pick Up Truck for the Public Grounds Department from Thornhill Ford Auto Group in the amount of \$43,603.00, to replace the Public Grounds Carriage Trail truck on a regular replacement schedule, pursuant to a competitively bid statewide contract. This purchase is funded by the continued support of The Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ayre Fund, administered by the Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation.

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 Regular Cab 4x4 Pick Up Truck for the Public Grounds Department from Thornhill Ford Auto Group in the amount of \$43,603.00, to replace the Public Grounds Carriage Trail truck on a regular replacement schedule, pursuant to a competitively bid statewide contract.

Councilmember Jenkins added that purchased is budgeted for under the normal schedule.

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. 26-037 adopted.

8. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following bill, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Bill No. 8069 do pass.

Bill No. 8069 - A BILL to amend and reenact Article II, Section 54-71 and 54-74 of the Municipal Code of the City of Charleston, relating to adding a definition for paramedic intercept and adding the paramedic intercept fee to the schedule of charges for ambulance services.

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

That Article II, Sections 54-71 and 54-74 of the Municipal Code of the City of Charleston is hereby amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE II. - FIRE DEPARTMENT

DIVISION 2. - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION

Sec. 54-71. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

ALS means advanced life support administered by a paramedic. ALS-1 means the patient receives treatment such as Monitor, NTG, 2 or less IV, IM, SQ, IO, LS medications going to an emergency department. ALS-2 means the patient receives advanced ALS treatment such as intubation, defibrillation, chest decompression or 3 or more IV, IM, SQ, IO, SL medications. ALS-N means non-emergency transportation where ALS is administered.

Ambulance means any motor vehicle equipped with advanced life support and basic life support equipment capable of transporting a patient in a reclining position.

Ambulance service system means an organized, fully coordinated network of individuals capable of effecting a fully coordinated response to every emergency medical incident, modified appropriately by the context of the compelling demands upon the system at any point in time. Essential components include but are not limited to:

- (1) CPR training of the general public;
- (2) Single point termination telephone access to the system;
- (3) Fully centralized professional in direct radio contact with each paramedic and ambulance operating in the system;
- (4) Continuing medical education in accordance with state requirements;
- (5) Advanced life support ambulances;
- (6) Rapid response times to all emergencies; and
- (7) Routine physician supervision in the treatment of patients.

BLS means basic life support administered by an EMT or paramedic. BLS-E means basic life support

provided to a patient going to an emergency department. BLS-N means basic life support provided to patient during non-emergency transportation.

Emergency medical technician-basic means one who has successfully completed the course for certification as an emergency medical technician-basic as established by the commissioner or authorities recognized and approved by the commissioner.

EMS means emergency medical services.

Medical director means a licensed physician appointed by the mayor, with the consent of the city council, who generally is charged with the responsibility of overseeing the ambulance service system from a medical perspective.

Paramedic means one who has successfully completed the course for certification as an emergency medical technician-paramedic or paramedic established by the commissioner or authorities recognized and approved by the commissioner.

Paramedic intercept means advanced life support (ALS) services that are provided to a patient that is being transported by an entity other than the Charleston Fire Department. These services include, but are not limited to, paramedic assessments for patients transported in a vehicle operated by another governmental entity.

Sec. 54-74. - Schedule of charges for ambulance services.

(a) In conformity with section 54-43(6) authorizing the Chief of the Fire Department of the City of Charleston to carry out the purposes of this article, including, but not limited to billing, the following charges for ambulance related services are hereby adopted:

ALS-1 loading fee \$681.84

ALS-2 loading fee \$687.39

ALS-N \$681.84

BLS-E loading fee \$414.47

BLS-N \$313.09

Oxygen charge \$25.00

Paramedic intercept fee \$300.00

ALS mileage fee, per mile \$9.02

BLS mileage fee, per mile \$9.02

(b) The city council shall have the right to revise from time to time the schedule of rate and charges enacted herein.

(c) Such schedule of charges shall be effective upon final passage of this section and shall be assessed by and payable to the city collector who is hereby authorized and adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary for him or her to accomplish the purposes hereof, including but not limited to the right to contract with outside collection services to effect the purposes hereof as he or she may deem appropriate.

Councilmember Jenkins added that bill will allow the City to recoup costs when CFD paramedics provides advanced life support in non-City ambulances.

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, Snodgrass, Solomon, Steelhammer, Taylor, Mayor Goodwin

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Burka

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Bill No. 8069 as passed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. Report of the City of Charleston Payroll Variance Analysis; February 2026.
2. Municipal Court Report to City Council Month Ending February 2026.

NEW BILLS

None

MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REMARKS BY MEMBERS

1. Mayor Goodwin asked Council to observe a moment of silence for Lieutenant Colonel Brandon Shaw.
2. Councilmember Faegre stated that the CFD was phenomenal at responding to a house fire on Highland.
3. Councilmember Pharr stated that the Community Baby Shower the previous week was successful.
4. Councilmember Taylor stated that the CLRA, of which he is a member, was impressed by the New Triangle District presentation.

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, Snodgrass, Solomon, Steelhammer, Taylor, Mayor Goodwin

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Burka

At 8:19 p.m., by a motion from Councilmember Ceperley, Council adjourned until Monday, April 6, 2026, 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Honorable Mayor

Miles C. Cary II, City Clerk