



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

CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Regular Meeting – Monday, May 4, 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 first meeting in the month of May on the 4th 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 Hoover. City Clerk, Miles C. Cary II, called the roll of members and it was found that there were present at the time:

CEPERLEY	BURKA	BURTON
FERRELL	COOK	FAEGRE
HAAS	GARDNER	GIANOLA
JONES	HOOVER	JENKINS
MOORE	KERNS	KING
PHARR	OVERSTREET	PEPPER
SALANGO	ROBINSON	SOLOMON
STEELHAMMER	SNODGRASS	MAYOR GOODWIN
	TAYLOR	

With twenty-five members being present, the Mayor declared a quorum present.

All absences were excused by the City Clerk per Resolution No. 582-21.

Pending the reading of the Journal of the previous meeting, the reading thereof was dispensed with and the same duly approved.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. Dawn Ashworth – Spoke about flooding on Crestlyn Drive.
2. Zack Harold – Spoke about FestivAll.
3. Sammy Magner – Spoke about Team Up To Clean Up
4. Sean Hill – Spoke about KRT.

CLAIMS

None

PROCLAMATIONS

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHARLESTON
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: As warmer weather brings more outdoor activity, Charleston residents and visitors spend time in parks, trails, wooded areas and other natural spaces where ticks may be present; and

WHEREAS: Tick bites can transmit serious illnesses, including Lyme disease and other tick-borne conditions that may cause fever, rash, fatigue, or flu-like symptoms and can also result in other health complications; and

WHEREAS: Some tick-borne illnesses can be difficult to diagnose and, if left untreated, may lead to more serious health concerns; and

WHEREAS: Prevention, early awareness, and prompt medical attention are important in reducing the risks associated with tick-borne disease; and

WHEREAS: Residents are encouraged to take simple precautions such as using repellents, performing tick checks after outdoor activity, and learning proper tick removal; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of Charleston, do hereby recognize May 2026 as

**LYME & OTHER TICK-BORNE DISEASES
AWARENESS MONTH**

In Charleston, West Virginia and encourage all citizens to increase awareness of Lyme and other tick-borne diseases, including steps that help prevent them.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 4th day of May 2026.



Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of Charleston

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHARLESTON
PROCLAMATION**

- WHEREAS:** Lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease that can affect many parts of the body, including the skin, joints, kidneys, heart, lungs, and nervous system, often creating serious and unpredictable health challenges; and
- WHEREAS:** Lupus can be difficult to diagnose because its symptoms often mimic other illnesses, making awareness, early recognition, and access to medical care especially important; and
- WHEREAS:** An estimated 1.5 million Americans are living with lupus, with women representing the vast majority of those diagnosed, and many individuals facing the physical, emotional, and financial burdens associated with the disease; and
- WHEREAS:** Throughout Charleston and across West Virginia, individuals living with lupus, along with their families, caregivers, and advocates, demonstrate extraordinary strength, resilience, and determination each day; and
- WHEREAS:** Organizations such as the Lupus Foundation of America work to advance research, provide education and support, and raise awareness in pursuit of better treatments, and ultimately, a cure; and
- WHEREAS:** Recognizing Lupus Awareness Day provides an opportunity to increase understanding of this often invisible illness, support those affected, and honor the advocates working to ensure that no one faces lupus unheard or alone; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of the City of Charleston, do hereby recognize May 10, 2026 as

Lupus Awareness Day

in Charleston, West Virginia, and encourage all citizens to increase awareness of lupus, support those affected by the disease, and recognize the importance of continued progress in research, treatment, and care.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 4th day of May 2026.



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Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHARLESTON
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: Founded in 1963 by President John F. Kennedy, National Small Business Week recognizes the hard work, innovation, and resilience of entrepreneurs and locally owned businesses across the nation; and

WHEREAS: In Charleston, local businesses create jobs, foster entrepreneurship, and contribute to the unique character and energy of our city; and

WHEREAS: Across the United States, small businesses account for 44% of the nation's economic output while creating jobs, meeting community needs, and bringing new ideas and services to the marketplace; and

WHEREAS: Business owners throughout our Capital City strengthen neighborhoods by supporting community events, partnering with charitable causes, and reinvesting in the places they call home; and

WHEREAS: When residents and visitors choose to support local businesses, they help sustain opportunity, encourage entrepreneurship, and keep resources circulating within the community; and

WHEREAS: National Small Business Week provides an opportunity to recognize the contributions of our business community and the important role it plays throughout the year.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of the City of Charleston, do hereby recognize May 3 - 9, 2026 as

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

In Charleston, West Virginia, and encourage all citizens to celebrate and support our local businesses and the important role they play in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 4th day of May 2026.



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Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHARLESTON
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: The CAMC Foundation marks its 50th anniversary in 2026, celebrating five decades of philanthropy and service in support of healthcare in the Charleston area; and

WHEREAS: Established in 1976 as the philanthropic arm of CAMC Health System, the Foundation has been sustained by the generosity of countless individuals, families, businesses, and community partners; and

WHEREAS: Through its support of Vandalia Health CAMC, the Foundation has helped advance compassionate patient care, medical education, workforce development, and programs that strengthen quality of life throughout the region; and

WHEREAS: Over the past fifty years, the Foundation has invested millions of dollars in facilities, programs, patients, caregivers, and future health professionals—creating a lasting impact across the Capital City and region; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of Charleston, do hereby recognize the

50th ANNIVERSARY OF CAMC FOUNDATION

In Charleston, West Virginia and congratulate the CAMC Foundation on fifty years of dedicated service and commitment to the health and well-being of our region, with best wishes for continued success in the years ahead.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 4th day of May 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. 26-050 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-050 - Authorizing the Mayor to sign and submit to the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development the Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2026 (FY 2026 to 2027), Year 2 of the Consolidated Plan and all required certifications and agreements, including Sub-recipient project contracts relating to the Annual Action Plan.

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

That the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to sign and submit to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development the Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2026 (FY 2026 to 2027), Year 2 of the Consolidated Plan and all required certifications and agreements, including Sub-recipient project contracts relating to the Annual Action Plan.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution is for Year 2 of the 5-Year Consolidated Plan.

Councilmember Pharr abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Ceperley seconded the motion. With members present recorded thereon as voting in the majority as affirmative, the Mayor declared Resolution No. 26-050 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. 26-051 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-051 - Authorizing the Mayor or Chief of Police to execute and enter into a Subaward Recipient Agreement with Appalachia High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (“AHIDTA”) for funds from the United State Office of National Drug Control Policy in the total amount of \$115,000 to be awarded to the Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Network Team (“MDENT”). The 2026 calendar year funds are designated for the purchasing of evidence and information (totaling \$20,000), and funding overtime for five full-time officers at \$19,000 each (totaling \$95,000).

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

That the Mayor or Chief of Police to execute and enter into a Subaward Recipient Agreement with Appalachia High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (“AHIDTA”) for funds from the United State Office of National Drug Control Policy in the total amount of \$115,000 to be awarded to the Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Network Team (“MDENT”). The 2026 calendar year funds are designated for the purchasing of evidence and information (totaling \$20,000), and funding overtime for five full-time officers at \$19,000 each (totaling \$95,000).

Councilmember Jenkins added that the City has entered into the agreement every year.

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. 26-051 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. 26-052 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-052 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into an agreement with Studimo Productions for the provision of sound, light, and audio production services for the 2026 Live on the Levee concert series, in the amount of \$3,504.75 per event date plus additional backline equipment costs as may be needed for specific shows and bands, pursuant to the direct purchase authority set forth in Section 2-486 of Charleston Municipal Code.

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

That the Mayor or City Manager is authorized to enter into an agreement with Studimo Productions for the provision of sound, light, and audio production services for the 2026 Live on the Levee concert series, in the amount of \$3,504.75 per event date plus additional backline equipment costs as may be needed for specific shows and bands, pursuant to the direct purchase authority set forth in Section 2-486 of Charleston Municipal Code.

Councilmember Jenkins added that Studimo has been a vendor for Live on the Levee for many years.

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. 26-052 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. 26-053 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-053 - Approving the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Coliseum and Convention Center budget as indicated within the attached document.

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

That the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Coliseum and Convention Center budget as indicated within the attached document is approved.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the City subsidy is anticipated to be approximately \$670,000, which is less than previous years.

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. 26-053 adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. Report of the City of Charleston Payroll Variance Analysis; April 2026.

NEW BILLS

None

MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REMARKS BY MEMBERS

1. Councilmember Pharr thanked Sean Hill for his dedication to KRT. She stated that it has been acknowledged that Slack Plaza is the safest it has been in 10 years. She thanked Dawn Ashworth for speaking before Council with an issue. She added that part of the CDBG funding will help to bring a pharmacy to the West Side, which is vital for that area.
2. Councilmember Faegre stated that there is no crosswalk for the West Side Middle School students.
3. Councilmember Kerns thanked those for their support for the bill that would allow larger LED signs on businesses.
4. Mayor Goddwin that 12 new firefighters are in the process of being hired. The Mayor thanked those for participating in Team Up To Clean Up.

ADJOURNMENT

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Burton, Rubio

At 7:43 p.m., by a motion from Councilmember Ceperley, Council adjourned until Monday, May 18, 2026, 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Honorable Mayor

Miles C. Cary II, City Clerk