

MINUTES  
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
6:30 P.M., MAY 4, 2026  
AV ROOM #308, CITY HALL

Joseph Jenkins, Chair, called the meeting of the Charleston City Council Committee on Finance to order at 6:30 p.m., May 4, 2026.

A silent roll was taken by the Clerk and a quorum was established. The following committee members were present:

Joseph Jenkins, Chair  
Becky Ceperley  
Mary Beth Hoover  
Larry Moore  
Chad Robinson (arrived at 6:42; 1<sup>st</sup> vote was for 26-051)  
Shawn Taylor

Absent:  
Brent Burton, Vice Chair

Other Councilmembers present:  
Frank Annie  
Harper Gardner  
Emmett Pepper

I. DISCUSSION:

a. Approval of Previous Minutes - Councilmember Taylor asked for unanimous consent to dispense with the reading of the minutes for the April 20, 2026 meeting and that they be approved as distributed. There were no objections, and the minutes were approved.

II. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. 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.

MOECD Director Andy Backus added that the approval is for Year 2 of the 5-Year Consolidated Plan. The only change is the list of the CDBG projects.

Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the Resolution. With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Chairperson Jenkins declared Resolution No. 26-050 approved.

- b. 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).

City Manager Ben Mishoe added that the City has had this agreement for many years. It will partially fund overtime for MDENT officers.

Councilmember Jenkins confirmed that there were not any major changes from the last agreement.

Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the Resolution. With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Chairperson Jenkins declared Resolution No. 26-051 approved.

- c. 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.

Mishoe added that Studimo has provided sound/audio for Live on the Levee for many years. It has been determined that the price is reasonable.

Councilmember Taylor confirmed that if any additional equipment is needed, the cost will be taken out of the Live on the Levee budget.

From the audience, Councilmember Pepper confirmed that the vendor has two employees who work the shows.

Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the Resolution. With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Chairperson Jenkins declared Resolution No. 26-052 approved.

- d. 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.

Mishoe added that the budget was approved by the Board. The anticipated subsidy from the City's General Fund is approximately \$670,000, which is down from previous years.

Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the Resolution. With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Chairperson Jenkins declared Resolution No. 26-053 approved.

Councilmember Taylor motioned to adjourn the meeting.  
Meeting adjourned.