



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

CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Regular Meeting – Monday, June 1, 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 June 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 Burka, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Jenkins. City Clerk, Miles C. Cary II, called the roll of members and it was found that there were present at the time:

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

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

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

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. Teresa Jones-Gilmer – Spoke about the unhoused, abandoned property and safety.
2. Andy Richardson and Emma Carpenter – Spoke about the children’s book.

CLAIMS

1. A claim of Tina Tallarico, Charleston, WV; alleges damage to vehicle.

PROCLAMATIONS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 26-060 – A Resolution to certify the results as reflected by the attached Report and Certificate of Results as the official and correct returns and true results of the Primary Election held for the City of Charleston on the 12th day of May, two thousand and twenty-six.

WHEREAS, the Board of Canvassers of the County of Kanawha, State of West Virginia, having carefully and impartially examined the returns of the Primary Election held in said county, in each district thereof, on the 18th day of May, 2026 and the 28th day of May, 2026, do certify that the Report and Certificate of Results, attached hereto, as the official and correct returns and true results of the Primary Election.

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

"That the Council of the City of Charleston hereby adopts the Certificate of Results as reflected by the attached Report and Certificate of Results as the official and correct returns and true results of the Primary Election held for the City of Charleston on the 12th day of May, two thousand and twenty-six."

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution is to approve the results of the Primary Election held May12th, 2026.

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. 26-060 adopted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. After duly being published as required, the Mayor declared the floor open for a Public Hearing for Resolution No. 26-061 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to execute the Lease Agreement between the City of Charleston and the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia, relating to the lease of parking spaces located on Venable and California Avenues. 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. 26-061 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-061 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to execute the Lease Agreement between the City of Charleston and the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia, as contained in the attached exhibit, relating to the lease of parking spaces located on Venable Avenue and California Avenue.

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 Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia, as contained in the attached exhibit, relating to the lease of parking spaces located on Venable Avenue and California Avenue.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution is for a renewal of lease for parking spaces used by the Supreme Court of Appeals.

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. 26-061 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. 26-062 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-062 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Charleston Sanitary Board for the purchase and implementation of a new billing system under the terms set forth in the attached Exhibit A.

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 a Memorandum of Understanding with the Charleston Sanitary Board for the purchase and implementation of a new billing system under the terms set forth in the attached Exhibit A.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution will allow the City to continue to use their new system to include City fees with the Sanitary bill.

Councilmember Steelhammer encouraged that the fees associated with paying City fees online be removed.

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. 26-062 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. 26-063 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-063 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with other participating agencies comprising the Metro Drug Enforcement Network Team (MDENT), consistent with Attachment A hereto, that assists the Charleston area offices of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to achieve maximum cooperation in combined law enforcement efforts to address drug and related violent crime offenses in Charleston and surrounding communities. The MOU is in effect for a one-year period starting July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

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 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with other participating agencies comprising the Metro Drug Enforcement Network Team (MDENT), consistent with Attachment A hereto, that assists the Charleston area offices of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to achieve maximum cooperation in combined law enforcement efforts to address drug and related violent crime offenses in Charleston and surrounding communities. The MOU is in effect for a one-year period starting July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution is for the annual renewal of the MOUE with MDENT. The City will remain the fiscal agent.

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. 26-063 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. 26-064 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-064 - Authorizing approval of Amendment No. 8 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. 8 of the FY 2025-2026 General Fund Budget as indicated on the attached list of accounts is approved.

Councilmember Jenkins added that pre-65 retiree health claims have been higher than expected, so the transfer of funds is required to balance the budget.

A roll call was taken:

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Gardner, King, Rubio, Snodgrass

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Resolution No. 26-064 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. 26-065 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-065 - Adopting the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Parking System 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 Parking System budget as indicated within the attached document is approved.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the Parking Department has maintained an operating surplus, which will go into the Maintenance Fund.

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. 26-065 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. 26-066 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-066 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase a total of three Ford F-150 Extended Cab 4x4 Trucks – two for the Charleston Public Grounds Department and one for Springhill Cemetery – from Thornhill Ford in the amount of \$42,396.00 per unit, for a total price of \$127,188.00, to replace vehicles 202 for Springhill and 360 & 365 for Public Grounds in the regular fleet rotation schedule, where the price was determined 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 total of three Ford F-150 Extended Cab 4x4 Trucks from Thornhill Ford in the amount of \$42,396.00 per unit, for a total price of \$127,188.00, where the price was determined pursuant to a competitively bid Statewide contract.

Councilmember Jenkins added that vehicles will be used by Public Grounds and Springhill Cemetery. They are budgeted replacements.

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. 26-066 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. 26-067 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-067 - Receiving the Work Plan Summary of the City Center Business Improvement District, approving the proposed budget of the City Center Business Improvement District for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, and maintaining the same levying rate of annual fees for the City Center Business Improvement District on each private for-profit property owner within the District.

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

That the Work Plan Summary of the City Center Business Improvement District is received; that the proposed budget of the City Center Business Improvement District for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, as attached as Exhibit A hereto, is approved; and that, and the rate of annual fees for the City Center Business Improvement District on each private for-profit property owner within the District remains levied at the equation of $(\text{total land lot size square footage} \times .075) + (\text{total building square footage} \times .03325)$.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the assessments remain the same as in previous years. It also includes grant funding that the BID has received.

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. 26-067 adopted.

8. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 26-068 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-068 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to approve and execute multiple Change Orders collectively referred to as Change Order No. 2, relating to the Charleston Fire Department station renovation project in the total amount of \$57,420.81 to address multiple 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 multiple Change Orders collectively referred to as Change Order No. 2, relating to the Charleston Fire Department station renovation project in the total amount of \$57,420.81 to address multiple 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. 2 are indicated in Exhibit A. The new total contract price approved is \$4,308,183.55.

Councilmember Jenkins added that Fire Stations 2, 4 and 8 are nearly complete. Stations 1 and 5 are well underway.

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. 26-068 adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

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

NEW BILLS

Introduced by Councilmember Chad Robinson

June 1, 2026:

Bill No. 8081– A BILL to amend the Municipal Code and enact a new section relating to creation of the Trespass Enforcement Authorization Program.

Refer to Public Safety and Ordinance and Rules Committee, Please

Introduced by Councilmembers Emmett Pepper and Bruce King

June 1, 2026:

Bill No. 8082– A Bill removing the designation of Staunton Avenue, S.E. as an established “through” street.

Refer to Planning, Streets and Traffic Committee, Please

MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REMARKS BY MEMBERS

1. Mayor Goodwin thanked Parking Director Terri Allen for all of her hard work. Cato Park Pool has been closed due to the massive renovations that are needed. The City continued to seek grants for the repairs.
2. Councilmember Jones stated that it does not appear the company hired to demolish depilated houses are not able to fulfill their contract.
3. Councilmember Moore thanked the CARE Team. He thanked Taylor Books
4. Councilmember Faegre stated that the CARE Team is vital for the City. She raised several issues and concerns: United Dairy trucks, the state of Washington Street West, a pothole on Edgewood Drive, Woodland Drive, etc.
5. Councilmember Kerns agreed with Councilmember Jones.
6. Councilmember Robinson stated that the vagrant population (not the unhoused) is a problem, and a bill has been introduced to begin to help the CPD to address that.
7. Councilmember Solomon that they shouldn't be scapegoating neighbors that are hurting the most.
8. Councilmember Ceperley stated that Hope Center does great work by helping people that are aging out of foster care.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Gardner, King, Rubio, Snodgrass

At 8:06 p.m., by a motion from Councilmember Ceperley, Council adjourned until Monday, June 15, 2026, 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Honorable Mayor

Miles C. Cary II, City Clerk