



**JOURNAL of the PROCEEDINGS
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CITY COUNCIL**

CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Regular Meeting – Monday, June 15, 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 July on the 15th 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 Councilmember King. 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
		SOLOMON
STEELHAMMER		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. Patricia Smith – Thanked the City for the bike races, and gave suggestions for making Charleston a bike city.

CLAIMS

1. A claim of William K Berry, Charleston, WV; alleges damage to property.
2. A claim of Tonda Deyon Hopkins, Charleston, WV; alleges personal injury.

PROCLAMATIONS

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHARLESTON
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, when enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas, learned of their freedom, marking a pivotal moment in our nation's pursuit of liberty, equality, and justice; and

WHEREAS: Charleston has long been shaped and strengthened by the leadership, culture, entrepreneurship, faith, and civic engagement of African American residents whose contributions continue to enrich our city and state; and

WHEREAS: Community observances of Juneteenth bring residents together to celebrate culture, foster understanding, and honor the contributions of African Americans to the life of our Capital City, state, and nation; and

WHEREAS: The observance of Juneteenth provides an opportunity to reflect upon our nation's history, recognize the resilience and contributions of African Americans, and reaffirm our commitment to the principles of freedom, equality, and opportunity; and

WHEREAS: Juneteenth encourages all citizens to learn from our shared history, foster understanding, and work together to build a more just and inclusive future for all; and

WHEREAS: The City of Charleston supports opportunities to honor Juneteenth through community events, educational efforts, and meaningful dialogue; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of the City of Charleston, do hereby recognize June 19, 2026, as

JUNETEENTH

In Charleston, West Virginia and encourage all citizens to observe Juneteenth by reflecting on our shared history, celebrating freedom, and fostering understanding within our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 19th day of June 2026.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amy Shuler Goodwin".

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHARLESTON
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: Migraine and other headache disorders affect millions of Americans, including many West Virginians, and can have a significant impact on daily life, work, school, and family responsibilities; and

WHEREAS: Headache disorders are among the leading causes of disability worldwide and disproportionately affect women and other populations facing barriers to care; and

WHEREAS: The symptoms of headache disorders often extend beyond head pain and may affect vision, balance, concentration, and other aspects of daily functioning; and

WHEREAS: Many individuals living with headache disorders face challenges in obtaining an accurate diagnosis, appropriate treatment, and understanding of their condition; and

WHEREAS: Increasing awareness and understanding of headache disorders can help reduce stigma, encourage earlier diagnosis, and improve support for those affected; and

WHEREAS: Migraine and Headache Awareness Month provides an opportunity to recognize the experiences of those living with headache disorders and the ongoing efforts of healthcare professionals, researchers, advocates, and caregivers; and

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

MIGRAINE & HEADACHE AWARENESS MONTH

In Charleston, West Virginia and encourage all citizens to increase awareness of headache disorders, support those affected, 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 15th day of June 2026.





Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of Charleston

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHARLESTON
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: Pride Month commemorates the Stonewall Uprising of June 1969, a pivotal moment in the LGBTQ+ civil rights movement in which transgender women of color played a significant role, helping advance a movement for equity, and inclusion that continues today; and

WHEREAS: LGBTQ+ individuals have enriched our communities through leadership, service, creativity, advocacy, and countless contributions that strengthen the social, cultural, and civic fabric of our Capital City; and

WHEREAS: Pride Month is both a celebration of progress and a solemn reflection of the ongoing pursuit of understanding, respect, and equal opportunity for all people; and

WHEREAS: The City of Charleston values the diversity of experiences, perspectives, and identities that strengthen our community and embraces the belief that "Y'all Means All"—a reflection of our commitment to fostering a culture of respect, belonging, and opportunity for all; and

WHEREAS: The annual Pride Parade and Festival, hosted by Rainbow Pride of West Virginia, brings people together to celebrate community, promote visibility, and recognize the many ways LGBTQ+ individuals contribute to the character and vibrancy of our city and state; and

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

PRIDE MONTH

In Charleston, West Virginia, and encourage all citizens to recognize the contributions of LGBTQ+ individuals and join in celebrating the diversity, inclusion, and sense of community that help make Charleston a welcoming place for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 15th day of June 2026.




Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor

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 bill, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Bill No. 8076 do pass.

Bill No. 8076 - A BILL to amend Chapter 82, Article IV, Section 82-125 of the Code of the City of Charleston, relating to the fees, rates, and charges for use of City owned parks and recreational facilities.

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

That Chapter 82, Article IV, Section 82-125 of the Code of the City of Charleston, relating to fees, rates, and charges for use of City owned parks and recreational facilities is hereby amended, all to read as follows:

ARTICLE IV. PUBLIC USE OF PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Sec. 82-125. – Schedule of fees.

Rental and fees schedule for the use of recreation facilities and equipment [is as follows]:

- (1) For use private use, exclusive of the general public, of the North Charleston Community Center, 42 Martin Luther King Jr., Community Center, Kanawha City Community Center, Roosevelt 43 Neighborhood Center:

Gymnasium per hour \$ 25.00

Meeting room, per hour \$20.00

- (2) Cato Park Golf Course:

Daily nine holes \$9.00

Additional nine holes \$4.00

Unlimited play \$12.00

Daily senior citizens unlimited \$6.00

Schools, practice or matches \$6.00

- (3) For use exclusive use of tennis courts, The Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, is authorized to reserve tennis courts for organized play, and in such cases to impose fees not to exceed the allocable costs of operation and maintenance of the courts as may be determined on a

case by case basis. In all other instances, use of the courts shall be made available to the general public on a first come first served basis without the imposition of fees.

(4) Haddad Riverfront Park:

Private rental of entire park\$100.00 per hour* (2 hr. minimum to maximum charge of \$800.00 for entire day. Rental time includes set-up and tear-down if renter requires exclusion of general public during this time)

Damage deposit for private rental\$250.00 (refundable if no damage occurs. However, deposit is forfeited if rental is canceled less than 20 days prior to rental date)

(5) Magic Island Park:

Private rental of entire park\$100.00 per hour* (2 hr. minimum to maximum charge of \$800.00 for entire day. Rental time includes set-up and tear-down if renter requires exclusion of general public during this time)

Damage deposit for private rental\$250.00 (refundable if no damage occurs. However, deposit is forfeited if rental is canceled less than 20 days prior to rental date)

Reservation of volleyball courts\$10.00 per court.

*Fee includes normal, daily park maintenance. Should special set-up, clean-up, or other efforts be necessary, the rate will be \$20.00 per hour per employee. These fees will be negotiated as part of the reservation process and will be fully disclosed to renters prior to completing rental agreement.

Such arrangements pertain to all rental of each park, except for the purposes of commercial concert entertainment. In such cases, rental agreements shall be negotiated by the parks and recreation director, with such contract presented for city council's approval prior to confirmation.

(6) Portable Stage: The portable stage measuring 24' x 20' may be rented at a rate of \$500 per day.

(a) In addition to the requirements of this Code, the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department is hereby directed to prescribe a schedule of fees, rates, and charges of any kind due to the city for the use of all public grounds under the Department's authority, including but not limited to all athletic fields, parks, recreation facilities, community centers and accompanying equipment. However, such schedule of fees, rates, or charges, including as may be amended from time to time, shall be first approved by the resolution of city council before being put into effect. A true copy of the schedule of fees, rates and charges, as approved by the city council, shall be maintained on file in the Offices of the City Clerk and the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department and shall be available on the City of Charleston's website or made available to the public upon request.

(b) All fees, rates and charges for the use of all public grounds under the Department’s authority established or approved by the city council and in effect immediately prior to the effective date of this Code are continued in full force and effect until such time as new fees, rates and charges are determined, prescribed and approved by resolution of city council pursuant to the provisions of this section.

(c) For purposes of this section, events produced or originated by the City of Charleston are specifically exempted from payment of rental fees, damage deposits, or other charges listed in this amendment.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the bill removes the fees, rates and charges from the City Code so that the Parks and Recreation Department Director can make changes via resolutions to Council. This will allow the process to be more flexible and responsive.

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, Solomon, Steelhammer, Mayor Goodwin

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Burka, Salango, Snodgrass, Taylor

With members present recorded thereon as voting unanimously in the affirmative, Mayor Goodwin declared Bill No. 8076 as passed.

2. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 26-049 Committee Substitute be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-049 Committee Substitute - Approving, pursuant to Municipal Code §§ 82-3 and 82-125, Regulations and Schedule of Fees, Rates, and Charges for Use of City Parks and Public Grounds Facilities, as recommended by the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department, and reflected in Exhibit A attached hereto.

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

That, pursuant to Municipal Code §§ 82-3 and 82-125, the Regulations and Schedule of Fees, Rates, and Charges for Use of City Parks and Public Grounds Facilities, as recommended by the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department, and reflected in Exhibit A attached hereto, is approved.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution contains the fees, rates and charges for City-owned parks and recreational facilities.

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. 26-049 Committee Substitute 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. 26-069 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-069 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a contract with Adamson Industries Corp. in the amount of \$79,990.00 for the upfitting of the two new Transport Vans for the Charleston Police Department, where the price was determined pursuant to a competitive bid process.

Now, therefore, 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 contract with Adamson Industries Corp. in the amount of \$79,990.00 for the upfitting of the two new Transport Vans for the Charleston Police Department, where the price was determined pursuant to a competitive bid process.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the upfitting of the vans will be used by the Police 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. 26-069 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. 26-070 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-070 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase a new R-60 Tracked Remote Mower with 60-inch deck for the Public Grounds Department from West Virginia Tractor Co. in the amount of \$74,798.00, to replace Public Grounds current remote mower used to cut the river bank, whereas the price was determined pursuant to a competitively sourced 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 R-60 Tracked Remote Mower with 60-inch deck for the Public Grounds Department from West Virginia Tractor Co. in the amount of \$74,798.00, to replace Public Grounds current remote mower used to cut the river bank, whereas the price was determined pursuant to a competitively sourced contract.

Councilmember Jenkins added that device will be used to mow the steep hillside along the river.

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. 26-070 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. 26-071 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-071 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase a new Altec Bucket Truck for the Public Grounds Department from Altec in the amount of \$233,521.00, to replace Bucket Truck 369 in the regularly budgeted rotation schedule, 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 new Altec Bucket Truck for the Public Grounds Department from Altec in the amount of \$233,521.00, to replace Bucket Truck 369 in the regularly budgeted rotation schedule, where the price was determined pursuant to a competitively sourced Sourcewell contract.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the purchase is scheduled and budgeted 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. 26-071 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. 26-072 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-072 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to purchase a replacement Cascade Filling and Compressor System for the Charleston Fire Department from Municipal Emergency Services in the amount of \$122,736.00, to enable filling of air cylinders, 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 replacement Cascade Filling and Compressor System for the Charleston Fire Department from Municipal Emergency Services in the amount of \$122,736.00, to enable filling of air cylinders, where the price was determined pursuant to a competitively sourced Sourcewell contract.

Councilmember Jenkins added that system will replace the one used on the East End.

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. 26-072 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. 26-073 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-073 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a contract with McClanahan Construction Company, LLC in the amount of \$869,100.00 for the 2026-27 ADA Ramp Installation Project, where the price was determined pursuant to a competitive bid process.

Now, therefore, 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 contract with McClanahan Construction Company, LLC in the amount of \$869,100.00 for the 2026-27 ADA Ramp Installation Project, where the price was determined pursuant to a competitive bid process.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution is for the annual Ramp Installation Project at City crossing walks for ADA compliance.

Councilmember Faegre asked how many ramps would be included and how many ramps would be included and cost per ramp. Aaron Morris from the Engineering Department replied that there were 142 ramps that cost approximately \$6,120 each.

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. 26-073 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. 26-074 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-074 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a contract with Martin Marietta Materials, Inc., to purchase various classes and sizes of aggregate stone on an as-needed basis at the prices listed in Exhibit A, which were determined pursuant to a competitive bidding process.

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 contract with Martin Marietta Materials, Inc., to purchase various classes and sizes of aggregate stone on an as-needed basis at the prices listed in Exhibit A, which were determined pursuant to a competitive bidding process.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution is for the annual open purchase of aggregate stone. It is roughly the same price as last year's contract.

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. 26-074 adopted.

9. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 26-075 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-075 - Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a contract with Morton Salt, Inc. for the purchase of road salt at a rate of \$114.35 per ton, with a contractual minimum amount of 5,000 tons, where the price will remain fixed for one year and was determined pursuant to a competitive bidding process.

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 contract with Morton Salt, Inc. for the purchase of road salt at a rate of \$114.35 per ton, with a contractual minimum amount of 5,000 tons, where the price will remain fixed for one year and was determined pursuant to a competitive bidding process.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the resolution is for the annual purchase of road salt. It is slightly more than last year, and required a minimum purchase of 5,000 tons.

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. 26-075 adopted.

10. Your committee on Finance has had under consideration the following resolution, and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that Resolution No. 26-076 be adopted.

Resolution No. 26-076 - Authorizing settlement of a pending claim against the City by Terra Wissler related to a September 3, 2024, incident, where a City driven vehicle collided with the claimant's vehicle and the City driven vehicle was found to be at fault, as contained in claim number WV1542024024255, as recommended by the City Solicitor.

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

That the City Council hereby authorizes and approves the settlement of a pending claim against the City by Terra Wissler, with associated claim number WV1542024024255, in the amount of \$32,284.28, as recommended by the City Solicitor. The City Council authorizes the City Solicitor and City Manager to take all necessary steps to finalize resolution of the claim.

Councilmember Jenkins added that the liability has been determined to be placed on 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. 26-076 adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. Municipal Court Report to City Council Month Ending May 2026.
2. City Treasurer’s Report to City Council Month Ending December 2026.

NEW BILLS

Introduced by Councilmembers Frank Annie, Chad Robinson, Harper Gardner and Emmett Pepper

June 15, 2026:

Bill No. 8083– A BILL to amend the Municipal Code relating to the responsibility of animal owners to remove animal excrement left by their animal from public and other property, and the penalties and fines therefore.

Refer to Ordinance and Rules Committee, Please

Councilmember Kerns motioned that Resolution No. 964-24 be Discharged from the Ordinance and Rules Committee. Councilmember Solomon seconded the motion.

Councilmember Kerns stated that the resolution was introduced in 2024 and has not been heard in the Committee.

Councilmember Faegre confirmed that the reason for the discharge is to bring the resolution to Council floor for a vote at the next meeting.

Councilmember Robinson motioned to table the Kern's motion to Discharge Resolution No. 964-24. Councilmember Faegre seconded the motion.

A roll call was taken:

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

NAYS: Gianola, Kerns, Solomon, Steelhammer

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Burka, Salango, Snodgrass, Taylor

With members present recorded thereon as voting in the majority as affirmative, with eighteen (18) Yeas and four (4) Nays, Mayor Goodwin declared the motion to Table the motion to Discharge Resolution 964-24 as passed.

MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REMARKS BY MEMBERS

1. Mayor Goodwin recognized Councilmember Moore. The Mayor congratulated the GW baseball team.
2. Councilmember Jones thanked Matt Sutton, Joseph Baldwin, Trevor Dysart and Councilmember Pharr. He requested that the State put crosswalks on 7th Avenue to the Recreation Center.
3. Councilmember Cook invited all to Miles for Meals hosted by Mountaineer Food Bank to fight food insecurity.
4. Councilmember Gardner invited everyone to donate to the new hospice thrift store.
5. Councilmember Pharr stated that she was proud to live in a City that celebrates diversity as represented in that night's proclamations.
6. Councilmember Moore stated that the kids he previously spoke about now have an safe place to live.
7. Councilmember Annie stated that it is a privilege to serve on Council and help the community.
8. Councilmember Overstreet thanked the Mayor for her immediate response to a problem with some lots in his Ward.

9. Councilmember Solomon stated that if bills don't go to Committee, then there is no other path to have them heard but to discharge them to the floor. He stated that there should not be any appearance of any kind of corruption.

10. Councilmember Faegre thanked Deputy Police Chief Webb and the Police Department.

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, Solomon, Steelhammer, Mayor Goodwin

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Burka, Salango, Snodgrass, Taylor

At 8:08 p.m., by a motion from Councilmember Ceperley, Council adjourned until Monday, July 6, 2026, 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Honorable Mayor

Miles C. Cary II, City Clerk