

**JOURNAL OF THE COUNCIL  
CITY OF SOUTH CHARLESTON**

The council met in its chambers in City Hall on March 21, 2024 at 7:30 p.m., DST for the second meeting and was called to order by Mayor Mullens.

Margie Spence, City Clerk, called the roll and the following members were present:

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| Westley Smolder | Tommy Spurlock  |
| Bob Lilly       | Kathleen Walker |
| Adam Strider    | David DiFilippo |
| Laura Marker    | Kent Rymer      |
|                 | Mayor Mullens   |

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**PRAYER**

Given by Kent Rymer.

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Trina Rucker.

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**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

- Hunter Moles, Recreation Director
- Virgil White, Chief, South Charleston Fire Department
- Brad Rinehart, Chief, South Charleston Police Department
- Steve DeBarr, Engineer/Sanitary Board
- Rick Atkinson, City Manager
- Jake Arnold, Director, Public Works Department
- Michael Moore, City Attorney
- Hannah Parsons, City Treasurer

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**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was moved by Mrs. Walker; seconded by Mr. Smolder to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2024 council meeting. This passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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**FINANCIAL REPORT**

It was moved by Mr. DiFilippo; seconded by Mrs. Walker to approve the financial report. This passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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**PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARING**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT ARTICLE 1355 OF PART 13, CHAPTER 5 ENTITLED SUPPLEMENTAL ZONING REQUIREMENTS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH CHARLESTON CONCERNING VAPE SHOPS (SECOND READING) (MAYOR)**

It was moved by Mr. Lilly; seconded by Mr. Smolder to adopt the ordinance. This passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**PROCLAMATION FOR AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH (MAYOR)**

It was moved by Mrs. Walker; seconded by Mr. Lilly to approve the proclamation. Erica Mani spoke to council thanking them for their support of the American Red Cross.

**RECOGNIZE RICHARD LINDSAY (MAYOR)**

Mayor Mullens recognized Mr. Lindsay who spoke to council asking for their support as a candidate for the 8th seat for Kanawha County Court.

**RECOGNIZE JOEY CRAWFORD (MAYOR)**

Mayor Mullens recognized Mr. Crawford who asked council members for his support as a candidate for Sheriff of Kanawha County.

**RECOGNIZE 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE KANAWHA VALLEY YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE ALL-STAR CHAMPIONS (MAYOR)**

This item was removed. It will be placed on the April 4 agenda.

**RECOGNIZE JIM ACCURSO, US SBA (MAYOR)**

Mayor Mullens recognized Mr. Accurso, Public Affairs Specialist for the Small Business Administration. Mr. Accurso enlightened council members on the types of disaster loans available.

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOUTH CHARLESTON DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO OBTAIN COMMERCIAL LOANS FROM THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK AND HUNTINGTON PUBLIC CAPITAL CORPORATION TO COMPLETE INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION AT PARK PLACE PROJECT, AND TO DESIGNATE FUNDING AGREEMENT AS COLLATERAL (MAYOR)**

It was moved by Mr. DiFilippo; seconded by Mr. Spurlock to approve the Resolution. This passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**AUTHORIZE SUBMITTAL OF 2025 BUDGET TO STATE AUDITOR’S OFFICE (MAYOR)**

It was moved by Mr. DiFilippo; seconded by Mrs. Walker to approve the submittal of the 2025 budget. This passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

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**BIDS**

None.

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**REPORT OF RECREATION DIRECTOR** – Mayor Mullens announced the new director for Recreation will be Hunter Moles.

**REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF** – No written report.

**REPORT OF POLICE CHIEF** – No written report. Chief Rinehart announced the police department will be giving hiring exams.

**REPORT OF SANITARY BOARD MANAGER/CITY ENGINEER** – No written report.

**REPORT OF CITY MANAGER** – No written report.

**REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR** – Mayor Mullens announced the new director for Public Works will be Jake Arnold.

**REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY** – No written report.

**REPORT OF CITY TREASURER** – No written report.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

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**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Mayor Mullens announced that Shawn Zuniga will be the new Marketing and Events Director.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mr. DiFilippo; seconded by Mrs. Walker to recess this meeting until Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at noon in council chambers to Lay the Levy and Adopt the Budget. The meeting was recessed at 7:55 pm.

**APPROVAL**

Approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Frank A. Mullens, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Margie Spence, City Clerk