

JOURNAL OF THE COUNCIL
CITY OF SOUTH CHARLESTON

The council met in its chambers in City Hall on March 20, 2025 at 7:30 p.m., EST for the second meeting and was called to order by Mayor Mullens.

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

Tommy Spurlock
Kathleen Walker
Kent Rymer
David DiFilippo

Bob Lilly
Westley Smolder
Adam Strider
Laura Marker
Mayor Mullens

PRAYER

Given by Kent Rymer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Margie Spence, City Clerk.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Hunter Moles, Recreation Director
Virgil White, Chief, Fire Department
Brad Rinehart, Chief, Police Department
Steve DeBarr, Engineering
Rick Atkinson, City Manager
Jake Arnold, Director, Public Works Department
Michael Moore, City Attorney
Hannah Parsons, City Treasurer

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Mrs. Walker; seconded by Mr. Smolder to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2025 council meeting. This passed by a unanimous voice vote. Mayor Mullens amended the minutes to clarify this meeting is recessed until the third Tuesday in April to Lay the Levy and Adopt the Budget.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED 2026 BUDGET (MAYOR)

Mayor Mullens opened the floor to the public hearing. As there was no one to speak for or against the budget, Mayor Mullens closed the public hearing.

APPROVE SUBMISSION OF 2026 BUDGET TO WEST VIRGINIA STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE (MAYOR)

It was moved by Mr. DiFilippo; seconded by Mrs. Walker to approve the submission of the city's 2026 budget. This passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE PARCELS LOCATED IN SOUTH CHARLESTON TAX MAP 9, PARCELS BOUNDED BY JEFFERSON ROAD, DAVIS CREEK AND INTERSTATE 64 IN THE CITY OF SOUTH CHARLESTON FROM R-4 (RESIDENTIAL) TO C-10 (COMMERCIAL) (FIRST READING) (MAYOR)

It was moved by Mrs. Marker; seconded by Mr. Lilly to move the ordinance to a second reading. This passed by a unanimous voice vote.

AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE A PARCEL LOCATED AT 4121 KIRBY STREET IN THE CITY OF SOUTH CHARLESTON FROM AN R-6 (RESIDENTIAL) TO A C-6 (COMMERCIAL) (FIRST READING) (MAYOR)

It was moved by Mr. DiFilippo; seconded by Mr. Lilly to move the ordinance to a second reading. This passed by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH CHARLESTON CITY COUNCIL APPROVING INVOICES RELASTING TO DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER SERVICES FIOR THE LIBERTY STREET LIFT SDTATION REHABILITATION PROJECT (MAYOR)

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

RECOGNIZE BRYLEE WILSON (MAYOR)

Mayor Mullens recognized Brylee Wilson, an employee of the community center who had extinguished a fire in the lady's locker room. Mayor Mullens presented Ms. Wilson with a plaque. Virgil White, Chief of the fire department, presented Ms. Wilson with a certificate of heroism. The Mayor and Chief White thanked her for her actions and

None.

REPORT OF RECREATION DIRECTOR – No written report.

REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF – No written report. Mr. Rymer thanked the fire department for their recent help at Snodgrass Funeral Home.

REPORT OF POLICE CHIEF – No written report.

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

REPORT OF CITY MANAGER – No written report.

REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR – No written report.

REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY – No written report.

REPORT OF CITY TREASURER – No written report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

None.

It was moved by Mr. DiFilippo; seconded by Mr. Smolder to recess this meeting until Tuesday April 15, 2025 at noon in council chambers to Lay the Levy and Adopt the Budget. The meeting was recessed at 7:45 pm.

APPROVAL

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Frank A. Mullens, Jr. Mayor

ATTEST:

Margie Spence, City Clerk