

JOURNAL OF THE COUNCIL
CITY OF SOUTH CHARLESTON

The council met in its chambers in City Hall on May 1, 2025 at 7:30 p.m., DST 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 Trina Rucker, Deputy 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
Gerald Burgy, City Building Inspector
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. DiFilippo to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2025 council meeting. This passed by a unanimous voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT

None.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE PARCELS AT SPRING HILL TAX MAP 30, PARCEL 7, IN THE CITY OF SOUTH CHARLESTON FROM AN R-2 (RESIDENTIAL) TO C-10 (COMMERCIAL) (SECOND READING) (MAYOR)

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

AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE PARCELS AT SOUTH CHARLESTON TAX MAP 11, PARCELS 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68 AND 69 IN THE CITY OF SOUTH CHARLESTON FROM AN R-0 (RESIDENTIAL) TO A C-8 (COMMERCIAL) (FIRST READING) (MAYOR)

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

APPROVE PROCLAMATION FOR THE AMERICAN RED CROSS (MAYOR)

It was moved by Mrs. Walker; seconded by Mr. Smolder to approve the proclamation. This passed by a unanimous voice vote.

BIDS

HVAC INSTALL - FARMER'S MARKET

It was moved by Mr. DiFilippo; seconded by Mr. Spurlock to award the bid to Mullens Plumbing in the amount of \$12,643.00. This passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

LIPITOR SETTLEMENT – WV ATTORNEY GENERAL

It was moved by Mr. DiFilippo; seconded by Mrs. Marker to accept the proposed settlement fund distribution from the West Virginia Attorney General's office from a Class Action suit against the manufacturer of Lipitor, Pfizer, Inc. in the amount of \$25,000.00. This passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

HEALTH INSURANCE – FISCAL YEAR 2026

It was moved by Mr. DiFilippo; seconded by Mr. Lilly to award the bid to Employees Benefit Services – health insurance renewal rates in the amount of \$993,382.88 (this is a fixed cost). This passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF – No written report.

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. Spurlock to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

APPROVAL

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Frank A. Mullens, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Trina Rucker, Deputy City Clerk