

JOURNAL OF THE COUNCIL
CITY OF SOUTH CHARLESTON

The council met in its chambers in City Hall on July 1, 2025 at 7:30 p.m., DST for the first meeting and was called to order by Mayor Mullens.

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

Tommy Spurlock
Kent Rymer
David DiFilippo
Kathleen Walker

Bob Lilly
Adam Strider
Laura Marker
Mayor Mullens

Absent was: Westley Smolder

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, City Engineer
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. Lilly to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2025 council meeting. This passed by a unanimous voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT

None.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF CARLA FINCH TO LIBRARY BOARD (MAYOR)

It was moved by Mrs. Marker; seconded by Mr. Rymer to approve the appointment. This passed by a unanimous voice vote.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 737.19.1 OF ARTICLE 737 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH CHARLESTON CONCERNING THE NEW MANUFACTURING BUSINESS TAX CREDIT (FIRST READING) (MAYOR)

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

BIDS

None.

REPORT OF RECREATION DIRECTOR – No written report. Mr. Moles stated the ice arena will be closed for the month of July for maintenance. The community center will host several programs, and the Kanawha County American Job Center will have a job search day at the Mound on July 14.

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

Mayor Mullens stated he was approached by residents on Superior Avenue. These residents are located on the portion of Superior Avenue that extends to Kanawha Turnpike. They would like permission to occasionally close the lower portion of Superior that connects with the turnpike to have community activities. Therefore, it was moved by Mrs. Walker; seconded by Mr. Smolder to approve the request. This passed by a unanimous voice vote.

ADJORNMENT

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:

Margie Spence, City Clerk