



City Council
WORK SESSION
 Rita S. Wilson City Council Chambers
 February 12, 2026
 5:00 p.m.

Council Members present: Mayor Edwards, Vice Mayor Arrowood, and Councilors Campbell, Overholtzer, Park, Shepherd, and Woods.

Mayor Edwards called the meeting to order: Mayor Edwards called this meeting of Staunton City Council to order.

1. Consideration of Work Session and Regular Meeting Agendas

Consistent with Procedural Memorandum No. 3, the agendas were presented for Council consideration.

Councilor Overholtzer moved to approve the work session and regular meeting agendas as presented.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Woods and carried as follows:

Ms. Park	aye	Mr. Shepherd	aye
Mr. Overholtzer	aye	Vice Mayor Arrowood	aye
Ms. Woods	aye	Mayor Edwards	aye
Mr. Campbell	aye		

2. Presentation on the Augusta County Military Memorial – “The Garden that Heals”

David Zimmerman, representing the Augusta County Military Memorial and Friends of Augusta County Veterans Memorial, updated City Council on a veteran’s memorial and garden that will be constructed at the Augusta County Government Complex in Verona. The design is currently underway and information can be found on their website at <https://augustacountymilitarymemorial.org/>.

Mr. Zimmerman stated that the Augusta County Military Memorial is not asking for a financial contribution from the city. They are simply seeking to provide information and answer questions about the memorial and garden being planned. The City of Staunton Seal, along with the City of Waynesboro’s and Augusta County’s, is intended to be featured on the monument itself.

Mr. Zimmerman highlighted the many contributions of area residents in military service including those who served at the Battle of Cowpens portrayed in the movie, *The Patriot*.

He stated that the hope is for a groundbreaking to occur this Spring.

Mayor Edwards complimented the Memorial slogan, “A garden that heals.”

Mayor Edwards thanked Mr. Zimmerman for his presentation.

3. Closed Meeting for the Provision of Legal Advice and a Prospective Business

Councilor Overholtzer moved to enter a closed meeting for (i) consultation with legal counsel, the Staunton City Attorney, regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice concerning a potential agreement with the Staunton Redevelopment and Housing Authority and the operations of the Staunton Police Department pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(8); and (ii) discussion of a prospective business where no previous announcement has been made of the business’ interest in locating in the vicinity of Frontier Drive in the City of Staunton pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(5).

The motion was seconded by Councilor Park and carried as follows:

Ms. Park	aye	Mr. Shepherd	aye
Mr. Overholtzer	aye	Vice Mayor Arrowood	aye
Ms. Woods	aye	Mayor Edwards	aye
Mr. Campbell	aye		

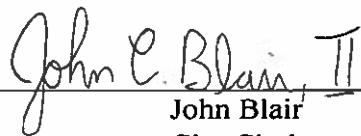
The Council reconvened after the closed meeting.

Vice-Mayor Arrowood moved that Council reconvene in an open meeting and certify to the best of each member’s knowledge that only lawfully exempted public business matters were discussed and that only public business matters as identified in the closed meeting motion were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Overholtzer and carried as follows:

Ms. Park	aye	Mr. Shepherd	aye
Mr. Overholtzer	aye	Vice Mayor Arrowood	aye
Ms. Woods	aye	Mayor Edwards	aye
Mr. Campbell	aye		

The February 12, 2026 Staunton City Council Work Session adjourned at 7:03 p.m.



 John Blair
 City Clerk