



SPECIAL MEETING OF STAUNTON CITY COUNCIL

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

6:00 p.m.

Staunton Public Library

PRESENT: Mayor Michele D. Edwards
Vice Mayor Brad D. Arrowood
Adam F. Campbell
Jeff L. Overholtzer
Corrie R. Park
Alice L. Woods

ABSENT: Blake N. Shepherd

ALSO PRESENT: Leslie Beauregard, City Manager
John Blair, City Attorney

Mayor Edwards called the meeting to order.

Discussion of the Draft Comprehensive Plan

Rodney Rhodes, Director of Community Development, introduced Will Cockrell of EPR PC to discuss the draft Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Cockrell presented the following information:

The comprehensive planning process, which began in September 2024, has heavily emphasized community outreach through three open houses, three online surveys, and close collaboration with 10 stakeholder groups representing each chapter of the plan. Most recently, the draft plan was published online for public review, which generated 48 comments from 18 different individuals.

- Planning Process Overview: A review of the timeline and key milestones.
- Summary of Public Engagement: An analysis of community outreach and feedback results.
- High-Level Plan Overview: A summary of the draft document's core vision.
- Chapter Review: A focused look at the plan, broken down by specific chapters.

- Key Implementation Tactics: Highlighting specific strategies and action items to achieve the plan's goals.

Among the many topics discussed, were the Uniontown and West End Small Area Plans being incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan.

Councilor Overholtzer expressed his desire to a more concrete link between the proposed Plan's metrics and strategies.

Vice-Mayor Arrowood stated his wish to see the underlying zoning with the proposed Plan. He also requested that the proposed Plan be more searchable.

Councilors Campbell and Overholtzer hoped to see Staunton Crossing discussed in the proposed Plan.

Councilor Campbell stated that he hoped to see more tactics for addressing the houseless and vacant buildings.

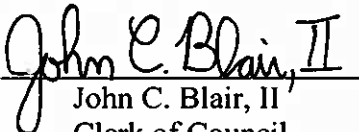
Councilor Woods expressed her desire for more housing options that fill the missing middle. She also stated her desire to build a vibrant city that appealed to a diverse range of residents.

Councilor Park stated that she wanted to make sure that downtown was not prioritized over other areas. She stated that parents want to be able to walk their kids to Montgomery Park and that there are desires like that throughout the City.

Mayor Edwards also expressed her desire to see the proposed Plan to appeal to a diverse constituency's desires for vibrancy in spaces and activities.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.


John C. Blair, II
Clerk of Council