

CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 17, 2025

Attending In-Person: Mayor Doug Farnsley; Council Members John Clark, John Evans, Christian Furman, Don Gibson, David Holmes, and Sandra Leonard; Police Chief Tony Denham , C.A.O. and City Clerk John S. Carter

Participating Remotely: Director of Public Works Ron Cundiff

Call to Order

Mayor Farnsley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Evans moved to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2025 regular council meeting, seconded by Council Member Clark, and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments

- Residents and Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Members Lynne Granger and Carolyn Embry spoke of their admiration and friendship with Mrs. Linda Wardell. They applauded her capable leadership of the parks committee and spoke in support of Resolution 3, Series 2025, dedicating and naming the Harrods Creek Park stream bridge the "Linda Wardell Bridge."

Mayor's Report

- The mayor announced several upcoming events sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, including a lecture on natural soundscapes with a hike to Putney Pond to follow, as well as two birdwatch hikes through Harrods Creek Park.
- Art in City Hall returns to Prospect City Hall with the opening of the Winter into Spring Exhibition on Sunday, March 23rd, at 2 pm. The exhibition will continue during regular business hours through May 16th.
- The city is sponsoring and seeking volunteers to pick up litter along U.S. 42 on Saturday, April 12th at 9 am.
- The Architectural Review Committee was created by the city council this past year to assist with reviewing building and land development plans and to provide advice and recommendations to contractors and the city council. In recent months, the committee has been busy reviewing redevelopment plans for Prospect Point as well as revising the city's building ordinances to allow for the construction of a pool house on residential property. The mayor complimented the committee on their work and good advice.

Financial Reports

The City Administrator presented a synopsis of the city's finances for February 2025.

- Cash on hand totaled approximately \$3.9 million, of which approximately \$2.6 million is unrestricted funds.
- The city has earned approximately 88% of its annual revenue.
- The capital project fund balance is approximately \$98K.
- The restricted Road Aid Fund balance is approximately \$208K.

Commission and Board Reports

On behalf of the Architectural Review Committee, Chairperson Dr. Bob Jacob updated the council on the committee's work, including the creation of a proposal to allow pool houses to be built on residential lots and a requirement that pool equipment be screened from the view of adjacent properties. The committee has an ongoing review of all commercial property ordinances.

On behalf of the Ethics Commission, Chairperson John Embry informed the city council that the committee had received all financial disclosure forms from city employees, appointed officials, and elected officials.

On behalf of the Forestation Board, Chairperson Linda Knox presented an oral report:

- Ten residents have signed up for the spring canopy tree program.
- The board will begin evaluating complaints of hazardous trees within the city as the weather warms up.

Other Reports

Council Member Gibson reported that the Jefferson County League of Cities [JCLC] is scheduled to next meet on March 20, 2025

On behalf of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, Member Sallie Schneider presented an oral report.

- This weekend, the committee has scheduled a lecture at City Hall on identifying natural soundscapes that will conclude with a hike to Putney Pond.
- The Cybersecurity, Fraud, and Scams lecture held two weeks ago was a huge success, with over 40 people in attendance. The lecturers' presentations have been posted on the city's website for all to view.
- The Harrods Creek Park wildflower walks are scheduled for Sunday, April 9th, at 1 p.m., and Saturday, April 19th, at 10 am.

Police Report:

Police Chief Denham reported:

- The details of the written report on arrests and call responses were presented.

- Car break-ins remain a persistent problem. Nearly every car stolen has been left unlocked. The chief implored residents to keep their cars locked and their garages secure.

Old Business

None.

New Business

- Council Member Evans moved to adopt **Resolution No. 3, Series 2025**, A RESOLUTION DEDICATING AND NAMING THE HARRODS CREEK PARK STREAM BRIDGE AS THE LINDA WARDELL BRIDGE, seconded by Council Member Holmes. A roll call vote was held: Yea: Clark, Evans, Furman, Gibson, Holmes and Leonard. Nay: None. The motion passed 6–0.
- Council Member Gibson moved for a first reading of **Ordinance 648, Series, 2025**, AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE AMENDMENT AND MODIFICATION OF CHAPTER 150: BUILDING REGULATIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROSPECT, seconded by Council Member Clark. A roll call vote was held: Yea: Clark, Evans, Furman, Gibson, Holmes and Leonard. Nay: None. The motion passed 6–0. *This ordinance amends building regulations to allow for the construction of pool houses on certain residential lots.*
- Council Member Gibson moved for a first reading of **Ordinance 649, Series, 2025**, AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE AMENDMENT AND MODIFICATION OF CHAPTER 154: SWIMMING POOLS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROSPECT, seconded by Council Member Clark. A roll call vote was held: Yea: Clark, Evans, Furman, Gibson, Holmes and Leonard. Nay: None. *This ordinance amends swimming pool regulations to require the screening of pool equipment from the view of adjacent properties.*

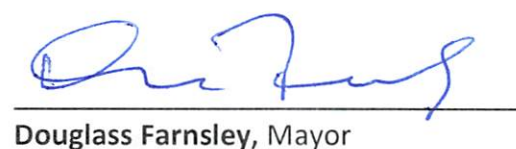
Adjournment: Council Member Furman moved to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Leonard, and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Farnsley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Prepared by:



John S. Carter, City Clerk

Approved:



Douglass Farnsley, Mayor

This meeting was live-streamed on YouTube.