

// An additional scheduled meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg was held on the 17th day of March, 2009, at 1:00 P.M., Council Chamber, City Hall, Bert Dodson, Jr., Vice President, presiding. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct a work session regarding the FY2010 Budget. The following Members were present:

Present: Dodson, Garrett, Gillette, Helgeson, Johnson, 5

Absent: Perrow, Foster 2

// City Manager Kimball Payne and Deputy City Manager Bonnie Svrcek provided an overview regarding individual budgets within the following categories: General Government Administration, Judicial Administration, Public Safety, Public Works, Health and Welfare, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, Community Development, External Service Providers, Transfers/Non-Departmental Payments, Debt Service, Airport and Fleet.

// Council Member Johnson left the meeting at 1:31 p.m. during the presentation regarding the Financial Services Department, and returned to the meeting at 4:27 p.m. during the presentation regarding the Economic Development Department.

// During the budget discussion, Council Members raised several questions that required staff follow-up, i.e., (1) Public Works: Why is there an increase in Employee Benefits while salaries decreased? (2) Museums: Why did the cost of salaries and employee benefits increase? (3) External Service Providers: Provide the letter from the Martin Luther King, Jr. Lynchburg Community Council. (4) Human Resources: Why in comparing salaries and employee benefits from Actual FY2008 to Manager's Proposed FY2010 budget has the amount increased when the number of full-time employees has decreased? (5) Show a random same comparison of household real estate and personal property taxes to determine the net effect of the reassessment versus the applied personal property tax relief and devaluation of SUV's and pick-up trucks. (6) Council/Manager Offices: Explain Parking Management and related income. (7) Commonwealth Attorney Office: Why did salaries and employee benefits increase when the number of employees decreased? And (8) Fleet: Have the carryforward funds for Capital Outlay been exhausted? Council Members also asked staff to add the following items to "The List" for further discussion, i.e., Legislative Liaison position, Parking Division excluding parking enforcement, reduce Council pay to pre-July 1, 2008, level, marketing program, eliminate funding to the Lynchburg Neighborhood Development Foundation, closure of the Downtown Visitors Center, reduce Schools funding, reduce Reserve for Contingencies to \$500,000, equalize the tax rate to \$0.998, increase tax relief for the elderly, create a Volunteer Coordinator position, restore funding for the National League of Cities membership dues and the Mayor's Youth Council breakfast, restore two Police cadet position, utilize recruit school to fill early Fire Department retirements, compliance with the Lynchburg Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau contract, restore 3% employee pay cut, raise the Reserve for Contingencies to \$1.2 million as required by policy, meet the Fund Balance Policy of 10%, reassign the DARE/School Resource Officers to the street, offer an early retirement incentive to reduce personnel costs, discuss employee salary cut versus employees paying for health benefits, other alternatives to employees pay cut, saving via consolidation of departments between City and School, Ivy Creek Park Development, reduce Downtown funding to \$1.0.

million, and shut off the downtown fountain. Deputy City Manager Svrcek stated that information requested would be provided to City Council at the next work session.

// On motion of Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Gillette, Council by the following recorded vote elected to hold a closed meeting to consider appointments to Council-appointed Boards and Commissions, i.e., Community Development Advisory Committee pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended:

Ayes: Dodson, Garrett, Gillette, Helgeson, Johnson	5
Noes:	0
Absent: Perrow, Foster	2

// The meeting was re-opened to the public.

// Council Member Helgeson made the following motion:

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Lynchburg has convened a closed meeting on this date, pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by City Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Lynchburg certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by Council.

The Motion was seconded by Council Member Gillette, and Council by the following recorded vote adopted the motion:

Ayes: Dodson, Garrett, Gillette, Helgeson, Johnson	5
Noes:	0
Absent: Perrow, Foster	2

// The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Clerk of Council