

// Members of City Council, Economic Development Authority, City Staff and Media met at the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> and Church Streets for a tour of The Virginian Hotel.

// A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg was held on the 14th day of March, 2017, at 4:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Joan Foster, President, presiding. The following Members were present:

Present: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Tweedy, Wilder, Foster

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Absent: Perrow

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// City Manager Bonnie Svrcek presented the Proposed FY 2018 Operating Budget and FY 2018 – FY 2022 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for the City of Lynchburg which includes the General, Fleet, Airport, Water, Sewer, Stormwater and other minor funds as well as the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and totals \$375.9 million, an increase of \$23.7 million or 6.7%, including a proposed increase in the Real Property, Lodging and Meals Taxes. In comparison, the FY 2018 Proposed Budget and CIP totals \$375.9 million versus the FY 2017 Adopted Operating Budget and CIP of \$352.2 million. Ms. Svrcek stated the FY 2018 Budget was built with a relatively flat, yet stable revenue environment offset by increasing operating and capital improvement needs with other key needs which include addressing improved education outcomes and a reduction in households living in poverty. The Proposed FY 2018 Budget fully complies with City Council's Adopted Financial Management Policies that were reaffirmed on March 22, 2016. The four major components of the City's Financial Management Policies include, Fund Balance, Debt Management, Budget, and Investments. Ms. Svrcek went on to say the initial gap between projected FY 2018 revenues and submitted operating expenditures was \$4.7 million. The \$3.7 million of the projected gap is directly attributable to the request from Lynchburg City Schools. Without the Schools request the Operating Budget gap in the General Fund would have been \$1.0 million; one of the smallest gaps between revenues and expenditures in many years. The General Fund Operating Budget including Schools is proposed to be funded with ongoing revenues. The General Fund Non-Dedicated Revenues total \$144.7 million, an increase of approximately \$1.2 million or slightly less than a one percent (0.8%) increase from the Adopted FY 2017 Budget. Dedicated Revenues in the Proposed FY 2018 Budget total \$38.4 million, approximately \$1.5 million or slightly over four percent (4.1%) more than the current year. Ms. Svrcek further stated, while the Proposed FY 2018 Budget was challenging to balance due to constrained revenue sources and the growing list of much needed capital projects, it was still possible to balance our delivery of services with ongoing revenues. This challenge will continue in future years and will be evaluated as our environment changes. Ms. Svrcek concluded that the Proposed FY 2018 Budget is offered for City Council consideration, deliberation, amendment, and adoption. Over the next several weeks, Council will have the opportunity to hear from and question the representatives of the various departments and agencies seeking funding in the FY 2018 Budget.

// During roll call Council Member Wilder stated that Mayor Joan Foster and Vice Mayor Treney Tweedy's State of the City Address was very well received.

// Mayor Foster thanked everyone for attending the State of the City Address and made the following

announcement "Save the date - May 4, 2017 Poverty to Progress event at E. C. Glass High School at 6:30 p.m." to start working on decreasing the 24% poverty rate in Lynchburg.

// City Council recessed the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

// City Council reconvened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The following Members were present:

Present: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Tweedy, Wilder, Foster 6

Absent: Perrow 1

Council Member Dolan gave the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

// Copies of the minutes of the February 7, 2017 Joint City/School Board meeting, having been previously furnished Council, reading was dispensed with, and on motion of Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Wilder, Council by the following recorded vote approved the minutes as presented:

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Tweedy, Wilder, Foster 6

Noes: 0

Absent: Perrow 1

// Copies of the minutes of the February 14, 2017 meeting, having been previously furnished Council, reading was dispensed with, and on motion of Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Wilder, Council by the following recorded vote approved the minutes as presented:

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Tweedy, Wilder, Foster 6

Noes: 0

Absent: Perrow 1

// Copies of the minutes of the February 28, 2017 meeting, having been previously furnished Council, reading was dispensed with, and on motion of Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Wilder, Council by the following recorded vote approved the minutes as presented:

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Tweedy, Wilder, Foster 6

Noes: 0

Absent: Perrow 1

// In the matter of Circuit Court, Resolution #R-17-017 to amend the FY 2017 City/Federal/State Aid Fund budget and appropriate \$3,070 with resources from a grant from the Library of Virginia to preserve one (1) Deed book numbered KK with records dated November 1884 through July 1888 at the Lynchburg Circuit Court Clerk's Office, laid over from the February 28, 2017 meeting, was again presented and read, and on motion of Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Wilder, Council by the following recorded vote adopted the Resolution:

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Tweedy, Wilder, Foster 6

Noes: 0

Absent: Perrow 1

// In the matter of Human Services, Resolution #R-17-018 to amend the FY 2017 Detention Home Fund budget and appropriate \$657,000 from the State Department of Juvenile Justice to operate the Community Placement Program and to approve the addition of three (3) full-time positions at the

Detention Center to assist with the operation of the Community Place Program, laid over from the February 28, 2017 meeting, was again presented and read, and on motion of Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Wilder, Council by the following recorded vote adopted the Resolution:

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| Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Tweedy, Wilder, Foster | 6 |
| Noes:                                                 | 0 |
| Absent: Perrow                                        | 1 |

// In the matter of Community Development - Zoning, a public hearing was held regarding City Council Report #8 outlining the petition of Liberty Christian Academy for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) at 601 Mountain View Road to allow a multi-sport athletic stadium with lighting in an IN-2, Institutional 2 District. City Planner Tom Martin provided a summary of the CUP that the Liberty Christian Academy is requesting at 601 Mountain View Road with the Planning Commission recommending approval of the CUP petition. Mr. Patrick Proffitt of Hurt & Proffitt, representing the petitioner, explained that the project will consist of a track and multi-use field that will accommodate eleven sports. There was no one else present who wished to speak to this item, and the public hearing was closed. On motion of Council Member Helgeson, seconded by Council Member Wilder, Council by the following recorded vote adopted Resolution #R-17-019, as presented, granting the petition of Liberty Christian Academy located at 601 Mountain View Road for a the Conditional Use Permit:

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| Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Tweedy, Wilder, Foster | 6 |
| Noes:                                                 | 0 |
| Absent: Perrow                                        | 1 |

// In the matter of Community Development, a public hearing was held regarding City Council Report #9 regarding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Program FY 2018 funding allocations being incorporated into the FY 2018 General Fund Operating Budget and Program Year 2017 Annual Action Plan. Grants Manager Melva Walker provided a summary of this request stating that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds the CDBG and HOME Programs. The final entitlement allocations for FY 2018 have not been received from HUD; however, the City anticipates receiving approximately \$662,772 in CDBG entitlement funds with an additional \$25,000 and \$65,500.01 in reprogrammable and program income funds, respectively, for a total allocation available for CDBG funding of \$753,272.01. The City anticipates receiving \$317,893 in HOME Program entitlement funds. The following individuals spoke on their prospective allocation: Ms. Denis Crews spoke on behalf of Lynchburg Community Action Group (LYCAG) asking for continued support of LYCAG; Ms. Dawn Fagen, Director of Lynchburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority (LRHA) asked Council to support the four projects for LRHA; and Ms. Mildred Smith spoke on behalf of Daniel's Hill Neighborhood Center requesting \$175,000 for needed improvements at the Center. There was no one else present who wished to speak to this item, and the public hearing was closed. Mayor Foster, Chair of the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) remarked on the process and explained that each applicant provided a detailed summary of their submitted applications. Council Member Nelson, Vice Chair of

CDAC made remarks on the process of the funding requests. On motion of Mayor Foster, seconded by Council Member Nelson, Council by the following recorded vote adopted Resolution #R-17-020, as presented, regarding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Program FY 2018 funding allocations being incorporated into the FY 2018 General Fund Operating Budget and Program Year 2017 Annual Action Plan.

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Tweedy, Wilder, Foster 6

Noes: 0

Absent: Perrow 1

// In the matter of Registrar, a public hearing was held regarding City Council Report #10 regarding amending Section 14-35 of the City Code relating to the designation of a voting place for the Third Precinct of the Fourth Ward. Karen Patterson, General Registrar provided Council with the request for moving the voting location for the Third Precinct of the Fourth Ward from Memorial Christian Church, 615 Perrymont Avenue, to Perrymont Fellowship Hall at 114 Perrymont Avenue, due to the church no longer wishing to be a polling location. There was no one else present who wished to speak to this item, and the public hearing was closed. On motion of Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Helgeson, Council by the following recorded vote adopted Resolution #R-17-021, as presented, amending Section 14-35 of the City Code relating to the designation of a voting place from Memorial Christian Church located at 615 Perrymont Avenue to Perrymont Fellowship Hall located at 114 Perrymont Avenue:

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Tweedy, Wilder, Foster 6

Noes: 0

Absent: Perrow 1

// In the matter of City Council, Ms. Alicia Roberts spoke before Council regarding traffic on Towne Crier Road in the subdivision of New Towne.

// In the matter of Museum, City Council Report #12 was considered. On motion of Council Member Helgeson, seconded by Council Member Nelson, Council by the following recorded vote adopted Resolution #R-17-022, as presented, approving the placement of an Interpretive Marker on Monument Terrace in Honor of Desmond Doss:

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Tweedy, Wilder, Foster 6

Noes: 0

Absent: Perrow 1

// The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

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Clerk of Council