

// A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg was held on the 12th day of March, 2019 at 4:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Treney Tweedy, President, presiding. The following Members were present:

Present: MaryJane Dolan, Jeff S. Helgeson, J. Randy Nelson, E. J. Turner Perrow,

Sterling A. Wilder, Beau Wright, Treney Tweedy

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Absent:

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// In the matter of Finance – Budget, Council Report #1 was considered to introduce the Proposed FY 2020 Operating Budget and FY 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Plan and to begin Council review of the proposal. City Manager Bonnie Svrcek presented an opening Budget Message overview regarding the FY 2020 Proposed Operating Budget. A preview of the new Balancing Act budget software was also demonstrated via video. This tool allows for greater citizen engagement and education in relation to the City’s annual budget. Ms. Svrcek noted that City departments and Component Units (Schools and GLTC) were asked to submit budgets with an approximate 5% reduction from the FY 2019 Adopted Budget. She also mentioned that the proposed budget maintains current services with no tax rate increase for services in the General Fund, however an increase in trash decals/bag fees is proposed for the first time in over 25 years.

// Deputy City Manager Reid Wodicka presented an overview of the FY 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Mr. Wodicka stated that one major goal of the FY 2020 CIP is to be certain the City is properly maintaining buildings, property and facilities.

// City Manager Bonnie Svrcek provided an overview of the Airport Fund and Water Resources Funds (includes Water, Sewer and Stormwater). Ms. Svrcek also noted that outstanding issues for Council’s consideration within the FY 2020 Budget include: funding for City schools, refuse collection, affordable housing, continued investment in capital assets, Census 2020 Complete Count, reducing poverty and increasing median household income, and implementation of the Salary Study.

// Councilmembers Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, and Mayor Tweedy made brief comments concerning the City Manager’s introduction of the FY 2020 Operating Budget and the FY 2020-2024 CIP. City Manager Svrcek stated that any items of special interest brought by Council will be added to “the list” for review by staff and Council as the budget is balanced.

Items for “The List” include:

- Deputy Clerk position in the City Manager’s Budget

- Further discussion on salaries in the City Attorney's budget
- Deputy positions in the Sheriff's office
- Hourly staff positions in the Sheriff's Office
- Police Officer positions in LPD Budget
- Two-Way Traffic in the CIP
- Staffing in the Information Technology Budget
- Staffing, website management and public information in the Communications and Marketing Budget
- Collaboration and positions with the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service
- Elizabeth's Early Learning Center taxes
- Poverty reduction funding
- 2% proposed general wage increase

// City Manager Bonnie Svrcek and Deputy City Manager Reid Wodicka presented the departmental budgets.

// Sheriff Donald T. Sloan spoke regarding the need to have additional officers included in the FY 2020 Budget.

// Chief Financial Officer Donna Witt presented the FY 2020 External Service Providers portion of the Budget.

// In the matter of Roll Call, Council Report #2 was considered. Councilmember Wright congratulated the Lynchburg City Schools on the Read Across America initiative.

Councilmember Wilder participated in the Men of March event held at Dearington Elementary School. Also, there will be a Ward II Entrepreneurial Summit on April 6, 2019 at 10A.M. at Diamond Hill Baptist Church with assistance from Economic Development. Councilmember Helgeson asked about action on the road issue related to College Lake and Lakeside Drive.

Deputy City Manager Reid Wodicka advised that the logistics for this repair have been challenging with right-of-way issues. Vice Mayor Dolan was a judge for the local spelling bee sponsored by the News and Advance. Mayor Tweedy participated in Black History Month events at Paul Lawrence Dunbar Middle School for Innovation and William Marvin Bass Elementary School. In addition, Mayor Tweedy mentioned the Love Where You Live event coming on April 13, 2019 as well as the Community Care Collaborative to be held 8am-3pm at the Salvation

Army, City-Wide cleanup (10am-2pm) and Clean Your Block party based at neighborhood centers (10am-2pm) all on April 13, 2019.

// In the matter of holding a closed meeting, Council Report #3 was considered. On motion of Council Member Helgeson, seconded by Council Member Wilder, Council by the following recorded vote elected to hold a closed meeting for the discussion and consideration of prospective candidates for the position of Clerk of Council pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia.

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Wilder, Wright, Tweedy 7

Noes: 0

// 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 Wilder, and Council by the following recorded vote adopted the motion:

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Wilder, Wright 7

Noes: 0

// The meeting was re-opened to the public and recessed until 7:30pm

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

The following Members were present:

Present: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Wilder, Wright, Tweedy 7

Absent: 0

Council Member Perrow gave the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Cub

Scout Pack #7 from First Presbyterian Church.

// Mayor Tweedy presented a Proclamation in recognition of Red Cross Month to Ms. Michelle McCormick, Executive Director of the Blue Ridge Chapter American Red Cross.

// Copies of the minutes of the February 26, 2019 meeting, having been previously furnished Council, reading was dispensed with, and on motion of Council Member Helgeson, seconded by Council Member Wilder, Council by the following recorded vote approved the minutes [Council Report #4], along with [Council Report #5] Consideration of adopting Resolution #R-19-015 to appropriate \$163,204 to the FY 2019 City-Federal-State Aid Budget for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Community Wealth Building (CWB) Grant, and [Council Report #6] Consideration of adopting Resolution #R-19-016 to amend the FY 2019 City Capital Fund budget and appropriate \$1,000,000 with resources from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) State of Good Repair Grant to pave sections of Wards Road and Fort Avenue, as presented:

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Wilder, Wright, Tweedy 7

Noes: 0

// In the matter of Public Comment, Council Report #7 was considered. Mr. Ronald Shavers spoke before Council regarding bullying in the City Schools.

// In the matter of Community Development - Zoning Amendments, a public hearing was held regarding City Council Report #8 outlining the petition of Jamerson Real Estate Inc. to rezone approximately eighty-two thousandths (0.082) of an acre at 1221 Lockwood Drive from R-1, Low Density Residential District to R-3, Medium Density Residential District to allow the construction of a duplex. City Planner Tom Martin provided a brief presentation on this item. Mr. Martin noted that the planning commission approved the action and recommended approval. There were no speakers in favor or opposition to this matter and the public hearing was closed. On motion of Council Member Perrow, seconded by Council Member Wilder, Council by the following recorded vote adopted Ordinance #0-19-017, as presented, granting the petition:

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Wilder, Wright, Tweedy 7

Noes: 0

// In the matter of Polling Locations, a public hearing was held concerning City Council Report #9 to amend and reenact Section 14-32 of the Lynchburg City Code to change the location of the voting place for the First Precinct of the First Ward from Moose Lodge, located at 2307 Lakeside

Drive to Heritage Baptist Church, located at 219 Breezewood Drive. Ms. Christine Gibbons, Director of Elections and General Registrar for the City of Lynchburg provided a brief summary and PowerPoint presentation related to this request. There were no speakers in favor or opposition to this matter and the public hearing was closed. On motion of Council Member Wilder, seconded by Council Member Dolan, Council by the following recorded vote adopted Ordinance #O-19-018:

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Wilder, Wright, Tweedy 7

Noes: 0

// In the matter of Polling Locations, a public hearing was held regarding City Council Report #10 to amend and reenact Section 14-35 of the Lynchburg City Code to change the location of the voting place for the First Precinct of the Fourth Ward from Cornerstone Community Church, located at 525 Old Graves Mill Road to Crosspoint Community Church, located at 7619 Timberlake Road. Ms. Christine Gibbons, Director of Elections and General Registrar for the City of Lynchburg provided a brief summary and PowerPoint presentation related to this request. There were no speakers in favor or opposition to this matter and the public hearing was closed. Councilmember Perrow voiced concerns about the proposed location. Vice Chair of the Electoral Board, Mr. David Neumeyer addressed questions from Council. City Attorney Walter Erwin noted the time frame for providing notice of changes in polling places could hinder searching for a new polling location. Council requested that the Lynchburg Police Department be available to assist with possible traffic congestion during elections. On motion of Council Member Perrow, seconded by Council Member Nelson, Council by the following recorded vote adopted Ordinance #O-19-019 to amend and reenact section 14-35 of the Code of the City of Lynchburg, 1981, the amended section relating to the designation of a voting place for the First Precinct of the Fourth Ward through the November Election of 2019.

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Wilder, Wright, Tweedy 7

Noes: 0

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

Acting Clerk of Council