// A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg was held on the 23rd day of February, 2016, at 4:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Michael Gillette, President, presiding. The following Members were present:

Present: Foster, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Gillette 5

Absent: Johnson, Tweedy 2

// Vice Mayor Johnson arrived at 4:07 p.m.

// Council Member Tweedy arrived at 4:39 p.m.

// Tim Trent, Superintendent of the Blue Ridge Regional Jail Authority (BRRJA), provided information on jail operations. Mr. Trent stated that the mission is to support the criminal justice system by operating its centers (Amherst County Adult Detention Center, Bedford Adult Detention Center, Campbell County Adult Detention Center, Halifax County Adult Detention Center and Lynchburg Adult Detention Center) in a manner that produces a safe and secure environment for the public, staff and inmates. All the sites are regularly audited by the Department of Corrections to ensure compliance with Minimum Standards that are set forth by the Board of Corrections and they consistently receive 100% compliance. He further stated that BRRJA currently has ample space to house the anticipated inmate population moving forward and does not foresee any need for expansions nor does he anticipate any new member jurisdictions being added. The City is responsible for approximately 40% of the inmates in the regional jail system and pays approximately 40% of the costs.

// Marjette Upshur, Director of Economic Development presented two programs. The Office of Economic Development has created two programs aimed at providing support to all Lynchburg citizens, including those living at or below the poverty level. The first initiative, TechHire, is a White House initiative to equip citizens with an employable skill through an accelerated learning program. She went on to say an application to the Department of Labor in the amount of $2.1 million dollars over four years has been made to support Lynchburg's local TechHire plans. The second initiative, CO-STARTERS, is a nine-week training program for entrepreneurs with classes to begin March 14, 2016. Graduates will have the opportunity to compete for $40,000 in business grants to open a storefront business. The two programs focus on entrepreneurship and economic empowerment to help close the income gap for Lynchburg citizens who may have barriers to employment. Council agreed to submit a letter of support endorsing the $2.1 million grant for TechHire Initiative.

// City Manager Kimball Payne continued discussion on the Bond Financing Plan. The two topics of discussion were Davenport & Company's report, "Potential Refunding and New Money Analysis" and an overview of Capital Projects. Mr. Payne provided information on several financing proposals including Scenario 1A (no debt structuring) and Scenario 1B (debt structuring). He stated that the proposed budget is structured around Scenario 1A. After further discussion, City Council reached a consensus to follow Scenario 1A.

// There were no roll call items.

// City Council recessed the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

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

The following Members were present:

Present: Foster, Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Gillette 7

Absent: 0

Council Member Tweedy gave the Invocation and Boy Scout Troop #7 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

// In the matter of Schools – General, Resolution #R-16-017 to amend the FY 2016 General Fund Budget and appropriate $3,500,000 with resources from the Heritage High School Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment Committed Fund Balance Reserve for transfer to the FY 2016 Schools Capital Project Fund to purchase furniture and equipment for Heritage High School, laid over from the February 9, 2016 meeting, was again presented and read, and on motion of Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Tweedy, Council by the following recorded vote adopted the Resolution:

Ayes: Foster, Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Gillette 7

Noes: 0

// In the matter of Parks & Recreation – Stadium, a public hearing was held regarding City Council Report #6 concerning receiving bids and approving the Franchise Agreement between the Lynchburg Baseball Corp. and the City of Lynchburg for the lease of City Stadium, Calvin Falwell Field. City Manager Kimball Payne gave a summary of the item. Mr. Payne stated that the Lynchburg Baseball Corp., owner of the minor league baseball team the Lynchburg Hillcats, is being bought by Elmore Sports Group. He went on to say that Elmore Sports Group is a diverse sports and entertainment business that owns several minor league baseball and hockey teams. Mr. Payne mentioned that Section 3.05 (Fireworks) of the agreement would be amended to clarify that fireworks displays shall be limited to Friday and Saturday evenings and the Fourth of July. Elmore Sports Group has indicated its intention for the Hillcats to remain in Lynchburg. Mr. D. G. Elmore with Elmore Sports Group asked Council to approve the Franchise Agreement. 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 Nelson, Council by the following recorded vote awarded a franchise agreement, as amended, to the Lynchburg Baseball Corp. and the City of Lynchburg for the lease of City Stadium, Calvin Falwell Field:

Ayes: Foster, Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Gillette 7

Noes: 0

// In the matter of Community Development – Zoning, City Council Report #7 was considered. City Planner Tom Martin mentioned the memorandum with the changes to the Zoning Ordinance. He also provided some additional information and clarification on the Occupancy Section of the Zoning Ordinance. On motion of Council Member Foster, seconded by Council Member Tweedy, Council by the following recorded vote adopted Ordinance #0-15-018, as amended, to amend and reenact the Code of the City of Lynchburg, 1981, by repealing Chapter 35.1 - Zoning Ordinance and adopting Chapter 35.2 - Zoning Ordinance of the Lynchburg Code of Ordinances, revising and recodifying the City's Ordinances pertaining to Zoning:

Ayes: Foster, Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Gillette 7

Noes: 0

// The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

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Clerk of Council