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// A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg was held on the 12th day of September 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chamber, City Hall, Stephanie Reed, President, presiding. The following Members were present:

Present: Stephanie Reed, Martin Misjuns, Jeff Helgeson, Jerry Taylor, MaryJane Dolan, Sterling

A. Wilder, Chris Faraldi 7

Absent: 0

// City Manager Wynter Benda provided an overview of the work session agenda to City Council. He welcomed the new Director of Parks and Recreation, Wyatt Woody, originally from Lynchburg and a graduate of Heritage High School and Radford University. Mr. Woody had over 20 years of leadership experience in parks and recreation in Bedford County, Virginia, and the City of Salem, Virginia.

// In the matter of Lynchburg City Schools, Agenda Item 1, Council was briefed on the Appalachian Power Company Easement at 3525 John Capron Road. This item will appear for a bid opening at the City Council's work session on October 10, 2023, followed by a public hearing and City Council's consideration during the October 10, 2023 regular meeting. Dr. Reid A. Wodicka, Deputy Superintendent of the Lynchburg City Schools, provided a summary of the item to Council. The City, Lynchburg City Schools, and Appalachian Power Company have worked together, to propose for City Council's review and consideration, a proposed right of way and easement to Appalachian Power Company on property owned by the City; more specifically 3525 John Capron Road, Lynchburg, VA 24501 (Tax Map No(s) 11501003). The substance of such right of way and easement is shown in the attached documents. The purpose of such right of way and easement is for an electric power line or lines, and communication lines, in, on, under, along, through, over, and across the aforesaid property in relation to providing electric service to the Lynchburg City Schools electric bus charging stations and other related uses. Given the nature and the length of the easement sought, the City will need to advertise for bids, accept a bid, and hold a public hearing before granting the same. The proposed ordinance, deed, and exhibit illustrate the proposed easement. The proposed easement, if granted, will expire October 10, 2063, given the requirements of Va Code Sec(s). 15.2-2100 et seq.

The following course of action is proposed in these circumstances: September 14, 2023 and September 22, 2023: Advertise for bids and a public hearing in The News & Advance. October 10, 2023:

(1) During the work session of the City Council's meeting, the Clerk of Council will publicly open and announce all bids received. The Mayor will then publicly ask if any other bids are to be submitted, and if none, a member of City Council will make a motion to accept the bid submitted and adopt the same by recorded vote. If any additional bid(s) is received during the work session, then City Council should table this matter until the next regular meeting date so staff may review the subsequent bid(s) received. (2) During the public hearing portion of the City Council's meeting, a public hearing on the successful bidder's easement will be held. After the public hearing, a formal motion and vote on the adoption of the successful bidder's easement should occur.

// In the matter of Community Development, Agenda Item 2, Council was briefed on the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) Program Year (PY) 2022 Fiscal Year (FY) 2023. This item will appear for City Council vote on the September 26, 2023 Public Hearing agenda. Community Development Grant Coordinator Gabrielle Bateman provided a summary of the item to Council. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires each jurisdiction receiving HUD-administered grants (CDBG and HOME) to draft a CAPER and submit it for public review and comment. The CAPER describes the City's progress towards the housing and community development goals established within the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and the PY 2022 (FY 2023) Annual Action Plan. This CAPER is for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. With City Council's approval, the CAPER, including a summary of any public comments, will be submitted to the HUD Richmond Field Office for review to meet compliance regulations for the CDBG and HOME Program.

// In the matter of Finance, Agenda Item 3, Council was briefed on the FY 2023 Fourth Quarter and FY 2024 First Quarter Adjustments. City Council will consider this item at its regular meeting on September 26, 2023 following a public hearing. Chief Financial Officer Donna Witt gave a summary of the item to Council. The General, Children's Services Act (CSA), and Fleet Services Funds are amended to reflect the FY 2023 Fourth Quarter Adjustments. The General, City/Federal/State Aid, Forfeited Assets, Children's Services Act (CSA), Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Regional Juvenile Detention Center, Technology, Airport, Fleet Services as well as the City Capital Projects, Schools Capital Projects, and Airport Capital/Grant Projects Funds are amended to reflect the FY 2024 First Quarter Adjustments.

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Councilmember Helgeson asked if there were any previously budgeted funds for buses for the schools that could be reappropriated due to the electric buses being added. Ms. Witt answered that would be in the schools' operating fund, and she was unaware of a specific request made to the City to fund buses. Councilmember Helgeson asked if Ms. Witt could check the amount put aside for fleet replacements; Ms. Witt replied yes.

// In the matter of Planning, Agenda Item 4, Council was briefed on the rezoning to allow construction of an entrance and parking to serve a Centra Rehabilitation Facility/Behavioral Health Hospital in Campbell County. This item will appear for City Council vote on the September 26, 2023 Public Hearing Agenda. City Planner Tom Martin gave a summary of the item to Council. Centra Health Inc. is petitioning to rezone approximately two and forty-seven hundredths (2.47) acres located at 759 Leesville Road from R-1, Low Density Residential District to B-5C, General Business District (Conditional) and to amend the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) from Low Density Residential to Community Commercial. The proposed rezoning and FLUM amendment within the City would allow the construction of an entrance and parking area to serve the rehabilitation facility and behavioral health hospital that will be built on the portion of the property within the County. The subject property is approximately sixteen (16) acres total, of which two and forty-seven hundredths (2.47) acres are located within the City. The portion within Campbell County is zoned General Commercial and recommended for Urban Development Area – Commercial on the County's FLUM. Voluntarily submitted proffers should adequately limit the impact of the proposed development. On August 23, 2023, the Planning Commission recommended approval (5-0 with 2 abstentions, Perault and Rogers) of the rezoning petition with the submitted proffer and FLUM Amendment, and the Planning Division recommended approval of the petition.

Councilmember Misjuns asked if they would be required to build a sidewalk on that section of Leesville Road when beginning development; Mr. Martin answered yes. Councilmember Misjuns emphasized that it was important that sidewalk be installed on that section of the road.

Councilmember Helgeson asked if there was an ability to have a CUP on the site for the parking, because the change in zoning from R-1 to R-5 may suggest to adjacent properties that they could do the same thing. Mr. Martin replied that staff had those discussions with the petitioner, and the petitioner ultimately chose to request the B-5, so staff worked with them to proffer out a long list of uses that the B-5

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district would allow, and they were left with office, parking, and things related to the medical facilities. Councilmember Helgeson asked if they could get those things even if it was a lower density business. He said that it was important to protect the character of the neighborhoods when rezoning to different intensity of uses, and medical offices could be zoned as B-1.

Councilmember Dolan asked what the rationale was for not choosing the CUP. Mr. Martin answered that he believed it was due to future development.

Vice Mayor Faraldi asked what the zoning of the surrounding area was. Mr. Martin answered that it was primarily B-3 to B-5. Councilmember Faraldi asked if they were potentially trying to align their County zoning with what the City had. Mr. Martin said that was the intention.

// In the matter of Planning, Agenda Item 5, Council was briefed on the Corridor Overlay for Steve Newman Parkway. This item will appear for City Council vote on the September 26, 2023 General Business Agenda. City Planner Tom Martin gave a summary of the item to Council. Steve Newman was elected to Lynchburg City Council in 1988 and served in the Virginia House of Delegates from 1992 to 1996 when he was first elected to the Virginia Senate. After serving the Lynchburg area for thirty-five (35) years, Senator Newman announced he would not seek reelection in November 2023. Senator Newman played a key role in having the Odd Fellows Road Connector included as a State transportation project. If approved, the resolution would designate Odd Fellows Road from U.S. Route 460 to the Lynchburg Expressway as the "Senator Steve Newman Parkway". Signs would be placed strategically throughout the corridor. The official name of the street would remain as "Odd Fellows Road" and no property addresses would change.

Councilmember Helgeson asked if there was possibility to rename the bridge as well. Mr. Martin said that the bridge would require action by the Virginia Department of Transportation. Councilmember Helgeson suggested that Council prepare a resolution to send to VDOT to request the name change.

Vice Mayor Faraldi stated that the renaming of the bridge was explored with VDOT and the Commonwealth Transportation Board about the process, and it was more cost-effective to make the overlay for the entire corridor. They could ask for the bridge, but this was solely the City honoring the legacy of the Senator and was more fiscally responsible.

// In the matter of Roll Call, Councilmember Misjuns said when looking at the different options and plans that the school division had going right now, he just wanted the Councilmembers to keep in the forefront of their minds where they can carve out the money from the CIP if they were going to need to do those expansions on Bass Elementary and went forward with that proposal. He said he wanted to make sure they were looking to find that money in the CIP so that they were able to make those improvements at Bass if they needed to. City Manager Mr. Wynter C. Benda noted that in conjunction with that, there was also security and maintenance. The School Board Chair proposed \$15M to \$20M for any kind of construction appraisal cost, and the order of magnitude for security and maintenance was over \$100M. Councilmember Misjuns asked about the money in the CIP for capital improvements for schools. Mr. Benda said there was about \$25M in capacity to borrow for a number of years, which he believed was tied to a new Sandusky Elementary School, and since then prices had changed dramatically. He said that with the last budget, they put it in a generic term of construction for schools, but it was under \$30M. Councilmember Misjuns said that the Council must contemplate what was necessary to fund with the CIP. Mr. Benda confirmed that staff would be prepared to have those conversations with Council as they moved into FY25.

Councilmember Taylor said that he liked the way that Merit, Equality, and Opportunity sounded. He said that Councilmember Misjuns proposed that, and the City already had a plan where they had merit, equality, and opportunity. He said that he was calling on Deputy City Manager Mr. Greg Patrick to take a look at the City policy before they did anything rash. Mr. Patrick said that he and Councilmember Taylor had an opportunity to speak yesterday, and he wanted to run through what City was already doing along these lines. He said that first and foremost, Title 7 of the Civil Rights Act made it illegal for them to select or promote candidates based on any criteria other than merit, so they could not discriminate based on race, color, nation of origin, and so forth. He verbally highlighted the last sentence of the City's employment policies and procedures, "the city supports merit system principles for all employment actions, including selection, promotion, and reassignment." He said that as it comes to any of the selection, promotion, or reassignment and how they viewed personnel, they had to legally and did by policy view that through a merit lens only. Mr. Patrick also noted that when Human Resources sent applications to the subject matter experts in the departments who were setting up interviews for positions,

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the personally identifiable information was removed so that they were all anonymized, so the information seen by the people making the decision as to who got interviewed was only the content of the application. These things were done to make sure that the folks that got an opportunity to be promoted or selected for City employment were selected based on their experience and ability to perform the job effectively. Mr. Taylor asked if there were any gender-specific jobs. Mr. Patrick said no, that would not be legal.

Mayor Reed stated that last month, they kicked off their inaugural Mayor's Cup Blood Drive in partnership with the Red Cross. The City Manager, Deputy City Manager, and Assistant City Manager's portfolios competed over the course of three blood drives to take home the Mayor's Cup Trophy. In total, 65 units were collected, and the winner of the Inaugural Mayor's Cup Trophy was the acting Assistant City Manager Kent White's portfolio, the Departments of Human Services, Library, Community Development, Economic Development, Parks and Recreation, and the Airport. She congratulated Mr. White and thanked all employees who donated or referred someone else to donate and volunteer at these drives. She said that she went to each one and got to see all of their City workers and citizens who showed up to help save lives. She announced that September was recognized as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, and served as a crucial reminder of the challenges faced by those affected by ovarian cancer and the ongoing efforts to raise awareness, provide support, and advance research in the fight against this devastating disease. Ovarian cancer was often referred to as the silent killer, because its symptoms can be mistaken for less severe conditions, however its impact was far from silent, affecting thousands of women around the world each year. During this month, they would remember and honor those who had battled ovarian cancer, as well as the dedicated healthcare professionals and researchers working tirelessly to improve the outcomes for patients. She said that during her tenure as Mayor, she intended to acknowledge all of the work of their fantastic departments, and tonight they would be honoring the Financial Services Department. She said that Financial Services was comprised of four divisions, including the Billings and Collection Division, responsible for billing and collecting current and delinquent taxes, utility and refuse fees, parking fines, delinquent ambulance charges, and a variety of other revenues in the City. The Accounting Division oversees financial accounting, payroll, accounts payable, and fixed asset systems for all funds, and this division performed cash management functions, conducted internal audits, and compiled information for the annual independent audit, administered the

debt portfolio and prepared the Annual Comprehensive Financials Report. The Procurement Division managed acquisition of all goods and services through requests for proposals, bids, contracts, and purchase orders in compliance with the Virginia Public Procurement Act for the City of Lynchburg and the Lynchburg City Schools. She said that finally, the Office of Management and Budget was responsible with compliance with the City Council's adopted financial policies, budget, long-range financial planning, debt and investment management, and coordination of the annual audit. She said that three Lynchburg Police Officers, Massey, Shelton, and Donalen, would receive the Award for Valor at the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police Foundation Annual Banquet in Norfolk. Because of heroic actions on New Years Eve 2022, they were chosen to receive the Award for Valor, which recognizes when an officer in the line of duty performed an act of extraordinary heroism while engaged with an adversary at imminent personal risk. This award was the most prestigious to be given by the VACP. They were incredibly proud of and grateful for their bravery and their service to the citizens of Lynchburg. She congratulated the Officers and the Lynchburg Police Department on the incredible distinction.

// On motion of Councilmember Wilder, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, Council, by the following recorded vote, elected to hold a closed meeting for to discuss appointments for vacancies to the following Boards and Commissions: Social Services Advisory Board, Historic Preservation Commission, Towing Advisory Board, Board of Zoning Appeals, Lynchburg Regional Airport Commission, and Youth Services Citizens Board, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, and to review and/or evaluate the performance of the City's Clerk of Council and the City Attorney pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

With no discussion from Council, the following vote was recorded:

Ayes: Wilder, Dolan, Helgeson, Reed, Faraldi, Taylor, Misjuns	7
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Noes:	0
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// The meeting was reopened to the public.

// Councilmember 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

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

Ayes: Wilder, Dolan, Helgeson, Reed, Faraldi, Taylor	6
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Noes: Misjuns	1
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// On motion of Councilmember Helgeson, seconded by Councilmember Wilder, Council by the following recorded vote appointed the following members to the respective boards and commissions:

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Ayes: Wilder, Dolan, Helgeson, Reed, Faraldi, Taylor, Misjuns	7
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Noes:	0
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// The meeting recessed at 5:58 p.m.

// City Council reconvened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present:

Present: Stephanie Reed, Martin Misjuns, Jeff Helgeson, Jerry Taylor, MaryJane Dolan, Sterling

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Absent: None.	0
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Councilmember Helgeson led the invocation followed by the pledge of allegiance.

// In the matter of the Agenda, Councilmember Misjuns requested to include Alan Trefzger at the end of public comment. Mayor Reed noted there was consensus from the Council to approve the request.

Councilmember Helgeson requested to defer consideration of approving the minutes from both the 2022 and 2023 City Council meetings on the Consent Agenda until the September 26 meeting. Mayor Reed noted there was consensus to pull those items.

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// In the matter of Recognitions, Agenda Item 1, Mayor Reed recognized the Lynchburg Fire Department for receiving the Virginia Committee of Employer Support of Guard and Reserve (VCESGR) Award. Chair of the Roanoke Area VCESGR Mr. Ronnie Emerson presented the Pro Patria award to the Lynchburg Fire Department. Fire Chief Mr. Greg Wormser was in attendance to accept.

// In the matter of Consent Agenda Item 2, consideration of approving the minutes from the 2022 City Council meetings the item was deferred to the September 26, 2023 meeting.

// In the matter of Consent Agenda Item 3, consideration of approving the minutes from the 2023 City Council meetings the item was deferred to the September 26, 2023 meeting.

// In the matter of the Consent Agenda Item 4, Council conducted a second reading and adopted Resolution #R-23-069 amending Lynchburg City Schools Major Classification Funding for FY 2024. On motion of Vice Mayor Faraldi, seconded by Councilmember Wilder, Council by the following recorded vote approved the adoption:

Ayes: Dolan, Faraldi, Helgeson, Misjuns, Reed, Taylor, Wilder	7
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Noes:	0
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// In the matter of Agenda Item 5, a public hearing was held and Council considered adopting Resolution #R-23-071, granting a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow the construction of a 150-foot telecommunications tower to be located at 119 Leroy Bowen Drive. City Planner Tom Martin provided a summary presentation of the request to Council. LCC Telecom Services, on behalf of US Cellular, is petitioning for a Conditional Use Permit to allow the construction of a one-hundred fifty (150) foot tall telecommunications tower at 119 Leroy Bowen Drive. Telecommunications towers of this height are permitted in the B-1C, Limited Business District (Conditional) upon approval of a CUP from City Council. Planning staff has discussed the requirement for stealth with the petitioner. Based on the height of the proposed tower, which would be significantly taller than the surrounding trees, the preferred stealthing option is to allow the tower to be painted "bark" brown on the lower forty (40') section of the pole, with a galvanized upper portion, which naturally fades to a neutral gray over time as it oxidizes.

John Wallace, LLC Telecom Services, representing the petitioner, stated the site was an unused commercial lot at the end of a cul-de-sac. He noted there was a recommended condition from the

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Planning Commission to require the applicant to work with the City's arborist. He stated that the site was a mixture of pines, deciduous, and cedar trees.

There was no one to speak in favor or opposition, either in person, by phone or voicemail, or by email. The public hearing was closed and the matter rested with Council.

Vice Mayor Faraldi made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Wilder, to adopt Resolution #R-23-071.

Councilmember Helgeson requested more information about the stealth methods used for the tower. Mr. Martin responded that the ordinance required towers to be stealth, but it could be accomplished in a variety of ways. He said they determined that painting the bottom 40 feet brown and letting the rest remain galvanized was the best approach.

With no further discussion from the Council, the following vote was recorded:

Ayes: Dolan, Faraldi, Helgeson, Misjuns, Reed, Taylor, Wilder 7

Noes: 0

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item 6, Consuela Mosley expressed concerns regarding the closure of the Dearington Elementary School. She stated the funds used to build a new school could be used to improve Dearington, and noted that the schools proposed for closure were all located in Ward II.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item 7, Kimberly Dyke-Harsley, speaking on behalf of the Dearington Neighborhood Association, expressed concerns regarding the closure of Dearington Elementary School. She stated that closure of the institution would destabilize the whole community. She listed the several schools already closed in Ward II—Dunbar High School, Janet Sneed School, Armstrong Elementary, Elizabeth Kizer Elementary, Frank Roane Elementary, and Holy Cross Catholic School.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item 8, Gail Goldsmith spoke regarding the September 12, 2023 roll call item related to vice and immorality, which she said was intended to limit LGBTQ+ people in public life, and she was glad to see it appropriately handled during the work session. She stated she hoped to see the Council address more important matters, such as housing, employment, and transportation, to safeguard the flourishing of the City.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item 9, Martin Misjuns expressed concerns regarding the staffing of the Lynchburg Police Department. He stated that citizens should be able to freely criticize government and public officials in City Hall, but the approach of Council encouraged self-censorship. He stated that the staffing problem in the City needed to be addressed to protect the citizens.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item 10, Scott Kowalski, Chair of the Government Relations Committee of the Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance, spoke regarding recent economic developments within the City. He stated that regarding an incident related to external links on the LRBA's website, they extend additional oversight for external links posted to the site for alignment with the LRBA's goals.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item 11, Peter Cefaratti spoke regarding communication from the City government. He stated that in regard to a request for additional staffing at the Registrar's Office during the August 22 meeting, there was an associated request for an explanation of why the Registrar was unable to hire the required deputies. He said they had not received any communication since, and they were still interested in an answer.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item 12, Mark Furlow spoke regarding the proposed closure of TC Miller Elementary. He stated that he did not support underfunding the schools, and the decision to close key schools because of a lack of revenue needed to be reversed. He said that the schools were important community centers that needed to be valued, funded, and supported.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item 13, John Vassar spoke regarding the Merit, Excellence, and Opportunity Resolution. He stated that he was unable to find a written listing of the original source materials, academic and legal citations, and court decisions supporting the resolution. He stated that the resolution had the potential to reinforce the legitimacy of the City's civil service.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Item Not on the Agenda, Alan Trefzger stated that it was harmful to not have a merit-based system for everyone involved.

// In the matter of Schools, Agenda Item 14, Council considered adopting Resolution #R-23-072, approving the execution of a negotiated comprehensive agreement between the Lynchburg City School Board/Lynchburg City Schools and Southern Air, Inc. for the design and construction of heating system upgrades at Dunbar Middle School. Mayor Reed stated the item was presented to Council at the June 13, 2023 Business Item briefings. Lynchburg City Schools (LCS) received an unsolicited Public Private

Education Act (PPEA) proposal for Heating Renovations at Dunbar Middle School from Southern Air. After appropriate advertisements, no other additional proposals were received for this project. The School Board and City Council authorized Lynchburg City Schools to negotiate a comprehensive agreement for this project. After proper advertisements and waiting periods, the School Board approved the attached comprehensive agreement and now pursuant to the PPEA regulations, City Council must consider it for final approval. The final negotiated contract amount of \$3,468,559.00, which is funded entirely by federal COVID relief funds.

Councilmember Misjuns motioned, seconded by Councilmember Wilder, to approve Resolution #R-23-072.

Councilmember Misjuns clarified that they were utilizing COVID-19 relief funds that needed to be spent. Deputy Superintendent Dr. Reid A. Wodicka responded that was correct.

With no further discussion from the Council, the following vote was recorded:

Ayes: Dolan, Faraldi, Helgeson, Misjuns, Reed, Taylor, Wilder 7

Noes: 0

// In the matter of Fire Department, Agenda Item 15, Council considered introducing Resolution #R-23-073, amending the FY 2024 City/Federal/State Aid Fund budget and appropriating \$57,200 for the purchase of one (1) Lifepak 15 monitor/defibrillator and one (1) Lucas 2 chest compression system. Mayor Reed stated that the item went before the Finance Committee on August 8. The Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) awards grant funding to EMS agencies for the purpose of obtaining and maintaining emergency vehicles and equipment; providing EMS management, leadership, and advanced life support training, and achieving other goals that support the enhancement of community EMS services. The Fire Department has been awarded RSAF grant funds to replace one (1) Lifepak 15 cardiac monitor/defibrillator and one (1) Lucas 3 chest compression device. Due to current service call volume and with the addition of Medic 8, the Lifepak 15 monitor/defibrillator and Lucas 3 chest compression systems will be placed on the new medic unit that will be arriving shortly. The grant requires a local match. The Fire Department has been awarded grant funds under a 50/50 match. With a total cost of \$28,600, the maximum required local match is \$28,600. The local match will be funded from the FY 2024 General Fund Fire Department budget.

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At its August 8th meeting, the Finance Committee recommended approval. As Chair of that committee, Vice Mayor Faraldi brought the committee's recommendation for approval forward as a motion. No second was required, and Council, by the following recorded vote approved the motion:

Ayes: Dolan, Faraldi, Helgeson, Misjuns, Reed, Taylor, Wilder 7

Noes: 0

// In the matter of the Budget, Agenda Item 16, the Council conducted a second reading and adopted #R-23-70 amending the FY 2024 General Fund budget and appropriating up to \$100,000 and transferring a full-time vacant benefited employment position from a City department to the Office of the General Registrar for the purpose of helping the General Registrar with staffing issues.

Vice Mayor Faraldi motioned, seconded by Councilmember Helgeson, to approve Resolution #R-23-70. Councilmember Helgeson stated that they needed to address why the staffing issues occurred so they did not happen again.

Councilmember Misjuns stated that he supported the funding but did not support the resolution because it was not appropriate for the position to be returned at the end of January. He expressed support for permanently securing a third deputy position for the Registrar's Office.

With no further discussion from the Council, the following vote was recorded:

Ayes: Dolan, Faraldi, Helgeson, Reed, Taylor, Wilder 6

Noes: Misjuns 1

// The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Clerk of Council