// A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg was held on the 13th day of June, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chamber, City Hall, Stephanie Reed, President, presiding.

The following Members of the Council were present:

Present: Stephanie Reed, Chris Faraldi, Sterling Wilder, Jeff Helgeson, Marty Misjuns, MaryJane Dolan, Larry Taylor 7

Absent: 0

// In the matter of the Agenda, Councilmember Misjuns requested to add an item to the work session agenda prior to Roll Call related to discussing a procedure for School Board candidate appointments. Mayor Reed noted that there was consensus to add the item.

// In the matter of Centra Health, Agenda Item 1, the Council received an informational presentation from CEO of Centra Health Ms. Amy Carrier regarding the Centra Health Improvement Plan.

Councilmember Wilder asked whether the maternity ward at the Virginia Baptist facility would be closed after building the new one at Lynchburg General. Ms. Carrier responded that they would not maintain mother-baby services at Virginia Baptist or acute rehabilitation or behavioral health. She said that they were looking to utilize the Virginia Baptist facility to support the community health needs, and they were considering services for the local aging population.

Councilmember Misjuns stated that he fully supports the modernization plan but has concerns about having institutional zoning next to residential.

// In the matter of the Budget, Agenda Item 2, Chief Financial Officer Ms. Donna Witt presented the proposed FY 2024–FY 2028 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to the Council. As part of the FY 2024 budget, the proposed FY 2024–FY 2028 CIP document is being provided for review. A presentation will be given to highlight new and ongoing capital projects that are funded by the general fund.

Vice Mayor Faraldi asked why they were using $5.6M of one-time PayGo cash for major improvements and building repair. Ms. Witt responded that the funding strategy was used because the projects were for maintenance. She noted that she did not bond-fund those projects. Vice Mayor Faraldi asked how using one-time funding for major improvements effectively addressed maintenance needs. Ms. Witt responded that she would prefer to include maintenance costs in the operating budget. She noted that moving forward, they would be able to predict revenues more accurately, but funding would be lower. Vice Mayor Faraldi asked whether the maintenance requests were carried-over from the prior year. Ms. Witt responded that they were submitted for five years as a best guess, and they were reviewed every year based on need. Vice Mayor Faraldi asked for clarification about the street improvement allocation. Ms. Witt explained that it was an item funded most years, and they included new items that came up throughout the year, such as curb and gutter, sidewalk petitions, annual contractual improvements, subdivisions, storm-sewer improvement, street improvements, and signalization. Vice Mayor Faraldi asked whether the funding was available through other sources and if the proposed funding was in addition to already available funds. Ms. Witt responded that in the past, it had been an annual appropriation because it had specific uses. She said that the project had grown to about $1M based on the cost inflation of materials and labor. She said that there were not similar funds in the budget.

Councilmember Misjuns stated that they could hold onto the funding if they did not allocate it. Ms. Witt explained that if the funds were not allocated for maintenance, they would be added to the fund balance. Councilmember Misjuns asked why the aviary budget increased from $25K to $200K and why the project scope had increased from replacing an HVAC system to include the installation of energy panels. Ms. Witt responded that an answer was contained in the memo provided to Council which explained the cost and scope of changes. She explained that the aviary project had transitioned from a replacement to a complete redesign because the current system was not adequate. Councilmember Misjuns asked whether there had been past issues or situations where City employees received benefits from contractors. Mr. Benda noted that the subject of the question was a personnel matter that could not be addressed in detail at the open meeting, but there had been an issue within the last year that was immediately flagged, investigated, and brought before the Commonwealth's Attorney. He continued that the Commonwealth's Attorney determined there was not enough evidence to prosecute, but the employee no longer worked for the City.

Councilmember Helgeson noted that several of the projects could be pushed back a year. He asked what the $2.6M school improvements allocation would be used for. Ms. Witt responded that the school projects included security improvements, roof replacements, fencing and paving improvements, and exterior building envelope repairs. She noted that the projects applied to middle schools and high schools.

Mayor Reed asked for information about the Heritage Park improvements. Ms. Witt responded that the improvements were for the park behind Heritage High School, and the project was meant to benefit the local community. Mayor Reed asked for information regarding the College Park Upgrade. Ms. Witt responded that the park was beside the University of Lynchburg, and there were stormwater management issues and other enhancements that need to be addressed. Mayor Reed asked for a review of the Campbell Avenue intersection reconstruction project and the future downtown streetscape improvements. Ms. Witt explained that the streetscape improvements were an ongoing project where they designed a number of blocks one year and performed the construction the following year. She said that 2024 was a construction year, which was why the allocation was $6M, and it included several blocks past 12t h Street toward the expressway. She noted that there were issues regarding fire suppression and water pressure for downtown residents. Mayor Reed clarified that the Campbell Avenue intersection rebuild was a safety related improvement. Ms. Witt responded that the signals were over 40 years old and beyond their usable lifespan, the roadway was concrete pavement which needed replacing due to deterioration and potholes, and improvements to pedestrian crossing features would be added for safety. Mayor Reed asked whether reducing funding for the schools in the out-years would impact the City's ability to receive additional funding and grants. Ms. Witt responded that it would not.

Councilmember Misjuns expressed the need for greater oversight regarding how project funds were spent and allocated.

Vice Mayor Faraldi stated that he wanted to reduce the PayGo funding. He asked what the impact would be if the PayGo funding was reduced to $6.8M. He asked whether it would be possible to eliminate the City utility taxes by utilizing PayGo funding. Ms. Witt responded that it would not be possible because the utilities taxes were ongoing revenues, and PayGo was one-time funding. She noted that the PayGo funding could be used for one year of the tax revenues, but it could not be used as an ongoing replacement. Vice Mayor Faraldi stated that he would like to consider using the PayGo funding to replace the utility tax revenue for one year.

Ms. Witt asked for clarification about whether there would be a vote at the next meeting. She said that if there would be a vote, she needed to draft resolutions for the Council. Mr. Benda responded that there were two options available, to approve the CIP as-is or with changes. He noted that if Council wanted to change the funding, they would be able to do so at the evening meeting.

// In the matter of Schools, Agenda Item 3, the Council received an informational presentation from Deputy Superintendent Dr. Reid A. Wodicka regarding the Dunbar Middle School Heating Renovations Public Private Education Act (PPEA) Proposal. Mayor Reed stated that the item would appear before the Council for action on June 27, 2023. Lynchburg City Schools (LCS) received an unsolicited PPEA proposal for Heating Renovations at Dunbar Middle School from Southern Air. The proposed cost of the project is between $2.8M and $3.5M depending on the scope of work LCS chooses to have done. This project will be funded with previously appropriated COVID relief funds and does not require City Council to appropriate any additional funding. As required in the PPEA, LCS requested competing proposals and did not receive any. LCS will now negotiate a comprehensive agreement with Southern Air. City Council will need to ultimately approve that agreement. A resolution approving this concept and providing authority for LCS to negotiate a comprehensive agreement with Southern Air will appear on City Council's June 27, 2023 agenda.

// In the matter of Schools, Agenda Item 4, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Reid Wodicka provided the Council with an informational presentation regarding a request to amend the LCS Major Classification Funding for FY 2024. During the June 6, 2023 School Board meeting, the Lynchburg City School Board discussed the need to amend the allocation of categorical funds as approved by the City Council on May 23, 2023. The reason for this request is to increase the amount of funds in the instruction category which are needed to support salaries and benefits for teachers, school counselors, instructional assistants, and other student services and school-based personnel. This request does not change the total operating revenues appropriated by Council but rather moves $705,385 from administration and $629,471 from technology to instruction.

Councilmember Misjuns asked for clarification about what the $4M in COVID-19 funding would be used for. Dr. Wodicka responded that the funding would be mostly used for construction.

// In the matter of Economic Development, Agenda Item 5, the Council received an informational presentation regarding the sale of City-owned property at Early Street from Director of Economic Development and Tourism Ms. Marjette Upshur. This small parcel was originally part of the City-owned property at 410 Birch Street, home to Fire Station 4. A survey was performed on the parcel, and the portion being considered for sale is .07 acres or 3049 square feet and intends to combine this small parcel. The City advertised this property as being for sale with signage at the site and a listing through the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) for more than 30 days. The City received an offer from ANCH, LLC, to purchase the property for the sum of $12,000. The purchaser owns a house at 2207 Early Street and intends to combine it with the adjacent lot to provide some additional yard and landscaping to the house. Combining this parcel will add this yard and green space, making the house more suitable for living and the lot the house sits on more consistent with the lots around the neighborhood.

// In the matter of Finance, Agenda Item 6, the Council received an informational presentation regarding the 2023 Bond Anticipation Note from Chief Financial Officer Ms. Donna Witt. Mayor Reed stated that the item would appear before Council for action on June 27, 2023. It has been City practice to finance capital projects through a BAN or line of credit to avoid interest charges until the funds are needed on a monthly draw basis. In March 2023, City staff closed on a General Obligation Bond Issue to permanently finance the 2020 BAN. A request for proposals was issued May 11, 2023 to local, regional, and national lending institutions for bids to establish the next BAN. This BAN will fund current and future projects in the City ($35.9m), Schools ($5.6m), Water ($13m), Sewer ($9m), Stormwater ($3m), and Airport ($1.5m) Capital Projects Funds. Depending on the responses, a two- or three-year line of credit will be established with a not to exceed line of $68.5 million. The not to exceed total may be changed based on the RFP responses as well as the cost of issuance.

// In the matter of the Circuit Court, Agenda Item 7, Chief Financial Officer Ms. Donna Witt provided the Council with an informational presentation about a proposal for Lynchburg Adult Drug Court (LADC) Opioid Abatement Funding. Mayor Reed stated that the item would appear before the Council for action on June 27, 2023. The funds will be used to address the continued operations of LADC to ensure that the program maximizes the ability to operate with fidelity, achieve optimal client outcomes, and reduce the rates and incidents of opioid overdose in Lynchburg. Funds will be used for the following: 1) Support for the LADC Director, 2) Part-time LADC dedicated Probation Officer, 3) Drug testing kits, 4) Training for the LADC team, 5) Pro-Social activities for Drug Court participants, 6) Alumni group, 7) Recovery housing, 8) Transportation, and 9) Drug treatment court graduation.

// In the matter of School Board Appointments, Item Not on the Agenda, Councilmember Misjuns stated that he distributed a draft copy of a procedural proposal for School Board appointments. He said that he wanted to ensure City business was conducted efficiently and nominees were considered in a manner without criticism. Vice Mayor Faraldi stated that the proposal would complicate the process, and Councilmembers should be able to make a motion to appoint their desired candidate. Councilmember Helgeson said that the process would help narrow down the list of candidates faster. Mayor Reed said that they should wait until the next meeting to provide more time to review the proposal.

City Attorney Mr. Freedman suggested that if the Council would like to move this route, the proposal should be made a part of the Council's rules and procedures because there needed to be a process where the presiding officer oversaw the enforcement of the policy.

// In the matter of Roll Call, Councilmember Misjuns noted that many children were attending the Vacation Bible School on Thomas Road and thanked the ministry for hosting the service; he announced that his family was participating in the Petal Program at LCS, and other programs were starting that day; he stated that he was excited to see those programs move forward. Vice Mayor Faraldi congratulated the University of Lynchburg Hornets for their win and recounted the history of the baseball program. Councilmember Wilder thanked Dr. Coleman for his service on the School Board; he noted that the Downtown Business Association held an event to recognize local and startup businesses and commended them for the event. Vice Mayor Faraldi congratulated the class of 2023 graduates. Mayor Reed highlighted the work and contributions of the Office of Economic Development and Tourism.

// The meeting was recessed to 6:45 p.m.

// A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg was held on the 13th day of June, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Stephanie Reed, President, presiding.

The following Members of the Council were present:

Present: Stephanie Reed, Chris Faraldi, Sterling Wilder, Jeff Helgeson, Marty Misjuns, Larry Taylor, MaryJane Dolan 7

Absent: 0

Councilmember Misjuns led the Council in the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

// In the matter of the Consent Agenda, Item 1, Council conducted a second reading and adopted Resolution #R-23-054 amending the FY 2023 General Fund budget and appropriating $9,000 to the Parks and Recreation Fees budget for the Healthy Kids Bucks program. On motion of Vice Mayor Faraldi, seconded by Councilmember Wilder, Council by the following recorded vote approved the adoption:

Ayes: Stephanie Reed, Chris Faraldi, Jeff Helgeson, Larry Taylor, Marty Misjuns, MaryJane Dolan, Sterling Wilder 7

Noes: 0

// In the matter of the Consent Agenda, Item 2, copies of the minutes of the February 28, 2023 meeting have been previously furnished to Council, and on motion of Vice Mayor Faraldi, seconded by Councilmember Wilder, Council by the following recorded vote approved the minutes as presented:

Ayes: Stephanie Reed, Chris Faraldi, Jeff Helgeson, Larry Taylor, Marty Misjuns, MaryJane Dolan, Sterling Wilder 7

Noes: 0

// In the matter of the Consent Agenda, Item 3, copies of the minutes of the March 14, 2023 meeting have been previously furnished to Council. Councilmember Misjuns he was absent for a portion of the meeting on March 14th, and that he would be abstaining from voting on the item. Vice Mayor Faraldi made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Wilder, to approve the minutes

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

Ayes: Stephanie Reed, Chris Faraldi, Jeff Helgeson, Larry Taylor, MaryJane Dolan, Sterling Wilder 6

Noes: 0

Abstain: Marty Misjuns 1

// In the matter of Community Development, Agenda Item 4, a public hearing was held and Council considered adopting Resolution #R-23-056 approving the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Program. Grants Manager Ms. Melva Walker provided a summary of the staff report. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires local governments, which receive federal Community Planning and Development (CPD) formula block grant funds, to prepare an Annual Action Plan as a component of the approved 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The plan outlines the City's needs, goals, and objectives for community development (both housing and non-housing areas). The plan has been prepared and is comprised of the required components, as well as the CDBG and HOME projects that will be implemented during the program year to address the identified needs and objectives. On May 11, 2023, a public notice was published in The News and Advance stating that a draft of the proposed Program Year 2023 (FY 2024) Annual Action Plan was available for public review for a 30-day public comment period and that City Council would be conducting a public hearing on June 13 to receive public comments regarding the Program Year 2023 (FY 2024) Annual Action Plan. The advertisement for the Annual Action Plan included the projects recommended by City Council at their April 25, 2023 meeting. City staff has not yet received any public comments regarding the draft plan. City Council and citizen comments received at the public hearing regarding the contents of the Annual Action Plan will be incorporated into the final document and submitted to HUD for approval.

There was no one to speak in favor or opposition, either in person or by phone, email, or voicemail. Mayor Reed closed the public hearing and brought the matter back before the Council.

Councilmember Wilder made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, to approve the Resolution #R-23-056. Councilmember Wilder thanked the agencies which applied for funding that provide wrap-around services.

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

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| Ayes: Stephanie Reed, Chris Faraldi, Jeff Helgeson, Larry Taylor, Marty Misjuns, MaryJane Dolan, Sterling Wilder | 7 |
| Noes: | 0 |

// In the matter of Centra Health, Agenda Item 5, a public hearing was held and Council considered adopting Ordinances #O-23-057 and #O-23-058 approving the rezoning of certain parcels in the Tate Springs and Langhorne Road area for the expansion of Centra Health Medical Campus. A summary of the staff report was provided by Senior Planner Ms. Rachel Frischeisen. Centra Health Inc. (Centra Health Foundation, Inc. and General Business Concerns, Inc.) are petitioning to rezone nineteen (19) parcels, which comprise approximately one hundred (100) acres, in the Tate Springs and Langhorne Road area. The proposed rezoning to IN-2, Institutional District 2 and IN-2C, Institutional District 2 (Conditional) would allow for expansion of the medical campus and its related uses without the need for conditional use permit approvals. The submitted concept plan shows a new emergency tower addition to the existing Lynchburg General Hospital building at 1901 Tate Springs Road and a new medical office building (known as the "MOB") at 2125 Langhorne Road. In response to a potential traffic issue for left-turn movements between the intersections of Tate Springs Road and Langhorne Road, the petitioner submitted the following revised proffer after the Planning Commission meeting:

"As a condition to site plan approval for construction of a medical office building (MOB) on the property (Parcel 15), to accommodate the recommendations of Centra's engaged traffic consultant, Jeanie Alexander, P.E., of EPR PC, in the report titled "Centra Health Holy Cross Property Traffic Impact Study Final Report", dated May 19, 2003, Centra will:

(1) construct a 100-foot eastbound right turn lane with a 100-foot taper on Langhorne Road at the proposed entrance to the Property, to jointly serve the Property and 2121 Langhorne Road;

(2) restripe the traffic lanes along Langhorne Road in the vicinity of the entrance tothe Property from Langhorne Road, to extend the two-way left-turn lane for 125 feet of storage for traffic entering the site; and

(3) provide for traffic signal optimization at the intersection of the western Tate Springs Road and Langhorne Road.

The proffer would only apply to 2125 Langhorne Road, making the proposed zoning IN-2C, Institutional District 2 (Conditional). The other eighteen (18) parcels would be zoned IN-2, Institutional District 2. Since the City Council Business Item Briefing on May 23, 2023, Centra Health has submitted additional information to differentiate the parcels proposed for rezoning from all parcels under their ownership.

Subject Parcels:

| **ID** | **Address** | **Owner** | **Zoning** | **Acreage** | **Parcel ID** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1901 TATE SPRINGS ROAD | Centra Health, Inc. | B-1 | 29.7 AC | 00101004 |
| 2 | 1815 THOMSON DRIVE | Centra Health, Inc. | B-1 | 6.6 AC | 00101005 |
| 3 | 1901 THOMSON DRIVE | Centra Health, Inc. | B-1 | 1.7 AC | 00605001 |
| 4 | 1701 THOMSON DRIVE | Centra Health, Inc. | B-3 | 9.8 AC | 00124010 |

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| 4A | 2010 TATE SPRINGS ROAD | Centra Health, Inc. | B-3 | 0.7 AC | 00124009 |
| 4B | 1715 THOMSON DRIVE | Centra Health, Inc. | B-3 | 0.2 AC | 00124023 |
| 5 | 2010 ATHERHOLT ROAD | Centra Health, Inc. | B-3 | 2.8 AC | 00110001 |
| 6 | 98 MORGAN STREET | Centra Health, Inc. | B-3 | 0.8 AC | 00110018 |
| 7 | 50 PAGE STREET | Centra Health Foundation | R-3 | 3.9 AC | 00109003 |
| 8 | 1920 ATHERHOLT ROAD | Centra Health, Inc. | B-1/R-3 | 5.0 AC | 00109001 |
| 9 | 1900 TATE SPRINGS ROAD | General Business Concerns, Inc. | B-1 | 4.4 AC | 00123001 |
| 10 | 1800 TATE SPRINGS ROAD | Centra Health, Inc. | B-1 | 9.1 AC | 00108003 |
| 11 | 1906 THOMSON DRIVE | Centra Health, Inc. | B-1 | 0.6 AC | 00605044 |
| 12 | 1911 THOMSON DRIVE | Centra Health, Inc. | B-1 | 0.9 AC | 00605005 |
| 13 | 2310 LANGHORNE ROAD | Centra Health, Inc. | B-3 | 1.1 AC | 00111008 |
| 14 | 2301 LANGHORNE ROAD | Centra Health, Inc. | B-1 | 0.7 AC | 00503002 |
| 16 | 100 MORGAN STREET | Centra Health, Inc. | B-1 | 0.84 AC | 00113001 |
| 17 | 17 PAGE STREET | Centra Health, Inc. | B-3 | 0.023 AC | 00110040 |

Councilmember Helgeson disclosed that he was a member of a group since he was a spouse of an employee of Centra Health, but he was able to consider the matter objectively, fairly, and impartially.

Councilmember Dolan disclosed that she was a member of the board of the Centra Foundation, but she was able to review the matter with an unbiased opinion.

Mr. Hank Creasy, Woods Rogers Vandeventer Black, presented on behalf of Centra Health.

There was no one to speak in favor or opposition, either in person or by phone, email, or voicemail. Mayor Reed closed the public hearing and brought the matter before the Council.

Vice Mayor Faraldi made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Wilder, to approve the Ordinances #O-23-057 and #O-23-058. Vice Mayor Faraldi noted that the project would bring additional jobs to the region and development would positively impact the City.

Councilmember Wilder disclosed that he was a member of board which received support from Centra, but he was able to impartially deliberate on the matter because he did not receive funding from Centra. He stated his support for the health care community in the City.

Councilmember Helgeson noted that there were neighborhood meetings and asked how the feedback had been incorporated. Mr. Creasy responded that a parking lot was proposed for some of the parcels, but neighbors rejected the concept. He explained that Centra abandoned the parking lot plan for an alternative parking-deck approach, which was more expensive. He explained that the current plan was dependent on being able to develop a MOB on the former Holy Cross site which would require additional property purchases. He said that the residential lots by Hillsdale and Overbrook would remain untouched. Councilmember Helgeson asked whether there were anticipated negative impacts to surrounding residents. Mr. Creasy responded that the plan adopted zoning consistent with the uses in the area, and they did not receive opposition from neighboring residents at the Planning Commission hearing. Councilmember Helgeson asked whether there were height restrictions on the development. Ms. Frischeisen explained that the City's IN-2 zoning was excluded from the height requirements. She stated that Centra had chosen not to rezone specific parcels so that residential uses were not adjacent to the IN-2 zoning. Councilmember Helgeson asked how tall the buildings were planned to be constructed. Mr. Creasy responded that Lynchburg General Hospital and the medical office building were planned to be five-stories. Mr. Creasy noted that there were practical limitations to the height of the buildings, such as construction costs.

Councilmember Misjuns asked what the plan was for Parcel 7. Mr. Creasy responded that there was no plan for Parcel 7 because it had a difficult topography. He noted that if the parcel were developed, it would be developed for onsite water detention.

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

Ayes: Stephanie Reed, Chris Faraldi, Jeff Helgeson, Larry Taylor, Marty Misjuns, MaryJane Dolan, Sterling Wilder 7

Noes: 0

// In the matter of Water Resources, Agenda Item 6, a public hearing was held and Council considered adopting Resolution #R-23-059 and introducing Resolution #R-23-060 approving the Virginia Department of Health Drinking Water State Revolving Fund FY 2022 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Lead Service Line Inventory Funding. A summary of the staff report was provided by Special Projects Manager Mr. Jim Talian. On December 16, 2021, the Environmental Protection Agency issued the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) which includes but is not limited to the requirement to conduct a lead service line inventory by October 16, 2024. This involves identifying and making publicly available the both public and private water service line materials for all water connections in the City. Additional requirements also include lead sampling at all schools and day care facilities, new consumer notification requirements, and ultimate removal of all lead service lines. The City was awarded this funding opportunity by the Virginia Department of Health through the Virginia Drinking Water State Revolving Fund FY 2022 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Lead Service Line Inventory program.

There was no one to speak in favor or opposition, either in person or by phone, email, or voicemail. Mayor Reed closed the public hearing and brought the matter back before the Council.

Councilmember Helgeson asked where the fiscal impact was generated. Mr. Talian responded that the impact was from repaying the loans. Councilmember Helgeson asked for clarification about the replacement process. Mr. Talian responded that they would first conduct an inventory, then depending on the results, they would have to enter into a testing program, and depending upon those results, they would enter into a replacement program. He said that it was difficult to predict the final cost of the project, and the proposed funding would address the inventory and information gathering process.

Councilmember Misjuns asked what the liability would be if the City did not approve the proposal. Mr. Freedman clarified that the regulations were not part of the CSO consent order, but it was pursuant to EPA regulation, so they would be subject to enforcement action. Mr. Talian responded that they did not want citizens to be drinking lead-contaminated water, and the goal was to increase public health and safety. He stated that the inventory process would require a review and transcription of 150 years of handwritten records because the lead lines were buried. He said that they would review the ordinance and start testing programs to further identify lead lines.

Councilmember Helgeson noted that residents could test their own water or use filters. Mr. Talian responded that filters could be part of the program, but the program details had not been addressed because they did not know the magnitude of the problem.

Councilmember Wilder made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Dolan, to approve the Resolutions #R-23-059 and #R-23-060. Councilmember Wilder noted the importance of a safe water system.

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

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| Ayes: Stephanie Reed, Jeff Helgeson, Larry Taylor, MaryJane Dolan, Sterling Wilder | 5 |
| Noes: Chris Faraldi, Marty Misjuns | 2 |

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item 7, Citizen Brandon Jones spoke about problems related to drug use and solicitation within the City and the negative impacts on residents. He said that the problems could be solved with corrective action, increased law enforcement presence, and more treatment services.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item 8, Citizen Robert Flood, representing Rescues of the Youth, spoke about installing surveillance cameras in crime hotspots. He expressed concerns about people who were over 18 but still young adults being stopped because of the curfew. He suggested installing a precinct in high-crime neighborhoods.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item 9, Citizen William Richards, representing Standing Up for Youth, was not present.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item 10, Citizen FJ Jalil spoke about the implementation of the curfew imposed for people under 18 and potential pitfalls and best practices for interactions between youth gatherings and police during curfew time. He noted that according to studies, police exposure was associated with multiple health outcomes for youth, so police interactions should be positive.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item 11, Citizen Yuille Holt III discussed shortages of candidates for the police department, fire department and school system. He expressed concerns about the decision to increase funding for the police and fire departments and decrease funding for the schools.

// In the matter of School Board Appointments, Agenda Item 12, Council considered approving candidates to interview for School Board appointments for terms beginning July 1, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2025. Clerk of Council Alicia L. Finney provided a summary of the request.

Mayor Reed requested the addition of Mr. Christian DePaul for consideration for School District I, who would be confirmed at the June 20 meeting.

Ms. Finney stated that the interviews would be conducted on June 20 and June 21, 2023.

// In the matter of Public Schools, Agenda Item 13, Council considered introducing Resolution #R-23-061 amending Lynchburg City Schools Major Classification Funding for FY 2024. During the June 6, 2023 School Board meeting, the Lynchburg City School Board discussed the need to amend the allocation of categorical funds as approved by the City Council on May 23, 2023. The reason for this request is to increase the amount of funds in the instruction category which are needed to support salaries and benefits for teachers, school counselors, instructional assistants, and other student services and school-based personnel. This request does not change the total operating revenues appropriated by Council but rather moves $705,385 from administration and $629,471 from technology to instruction.

Councilmember Misjuns disclosed that he was the spouse of an LCS employee, but he was able to vote on the matter impartially and without bias.

Vice Mayor Faraldi made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Wilder, to approve the Resolution #R-23-061. Vice Mayor Faraldi noted that this was the largest investment in the classroom by the City. Councilmember Wilder said he did not approve of categorical funding, but he supported increased funding for the school system.

Councilmember Helgeson asked whether the proposal had been approved or authorized by the School Board. Mr. Benda responded that there was a letter from Dr. Edwards in the packet requesting the funding, and the matter had been presented to the School Board.

Councilmember Dolan clarified that the proposal did not allocate additional funds to the schools, it only reclassified funding.

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

Ayes: Stephanie Reed, Jeff Helgeson, Larry Taylor, Chris Faraldi, Marty Misjuns, MaryJane Dolan, Sterling Wilder 7

Noes: 0

// In the matter of the Budget, Agenda Item 14, Council had a second reading on the adoption of the FY 2024 Budget and considered approving Resolution #R-23-050 adopting the FY 2024–2028 Capital Improvement Program and appropriating the FY 2024 Capital Budget Following the April 4, 2023 Public Hearing and further discussions during City Council work sessions, including staff adjustments, the Proposed FY 2024 General Fund Budget was reconciled as follows:

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| **Revenues and Use of Fund Balance** | | | |
| Revenues | $226,722,378 | ($11,979,116) | $214,743,262 |
| Use of (Additions to) Committed/Assigned Fund Balance Reserves | 315,509 | | 315,509 |
| Use of Fund Balance | 21,331,576 | 1,827,078 | 23,158,654 |
| **Total Revenues and Use of Fund Balance** | **$248,369,463** | **($10,152,038)** | **$238,217,425** |
| **Expenditures, Reserves, and Transfers** | | | |

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| Operations | $155,419,983 | ($3,493,153) | $151,926,830 |
| Debt Service | 18,472,661 | | 18,472,661 |
| Schools Operations | 43,794,923 | (4,434,568) | 39,360,355 |
| Greater Lynchburg Transit Company (GLTC) - City Operating | 1,974,463 | | 1,974,463 |
| Transfers to Other Funds | 4,058,096 | | 4,058,096 |
| External Service Providers | 8,296,240 | (407,186) | 7,889,054 |
| Addition to Reserve: General Fund Reserve for Contingencies | 1,200.000 | | 1,200,000 |
| Addition to Reserve: Law Library | 5,000 | | 5,000 |
| Addition to Reserve: Public Safety Building Reserve (one-time funds) | 69,560 | 2,268,698 | 2,338,258 |
| Addition to Reserve: Debt Service Reserve (ongoing funds) | 1,378,829 | (1,378,829) | 0 |
| Addition to Reserve: Community Corrections and Pretrial Services Reserve | 10,000 | (2,000) | 8,000 |
| Addition to Reserve: Refuse Collection Fee Waiver (Year 2) | 2,705,000 | (2,705,000) | 0 |
| Capital Improvements | 10,984,708 | | 10,984,708 |
| **Total Expenditures, Reserves, and Transfers** | **$248,369,463** | **($10, 152,038)** | **$238,217,425** |

Fund Balance

With the adjustments noted above, the General Fund undesignated fund balance as of June 30, 2024 was projected to be $25,339,705 or 11.8% of revenues. City Council's target for undesignated fund balance is a minimum of 10% of General Fund revenues with a goal of 15% as the City strives to grow incrementally each year subject to revenues available.

Councilmember Taylor made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Dolan, to approve Option A, approving the CIP budget as-is.

Councilmember Misjuns stated that he would not support the motion because of the project costs.

Councilmember Helgeson made a substitute motion, seconded by Councilmember Misjuns, to approve the CIP with the following changes: From July 1, 2023 to July 30, 2024, amend the allocation from $38,735,000 to $28,066,784, removing the items identified by the Chief Financial Officer which were necessary projects but able to be deferred.

With no further discussion from the Council, the following vote was recorded on the substitute motion by Councilmember Helgeson:

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| Ayes: Jeff Helgeson, Marty Misjuns | 2 |
| Noes: Stephanie Reed, Larry Taylor, MaryJane Dolan, Sterling Wilder, Chris Faraldi | 5 |

With no further discussion from the Council, the following vote was recorded on the original motion by Councilmember Taylor:

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| Ayes: Stephanie Reed, Larry Taylor, MaryJane Dolan, Sterling Wilder | 4 |
| Noes: Jeff Helgeson, Chris Faraldi, Marty Misjuns | 3 |

// The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Clerk of Council