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// A special meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg was held on the 3rd day of January, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Alicia L. Finney, Clerk of Council, presiding. The following Members were present:

Present: Curt Diemer, Chris Faraldi, Marty Misjuns, Stephanie Reed, Larry Taylor, Jacqueline Timmer, Sterling A. Wilder	7
Absent:	0

// In the matter of Mayoral Elections, Agenda Item #1, Council held elections for the position of Mayor for a term beginning January 3, 2025 and expiring December 31, 2026. Clerk of Council Ms. Alicia L. Finney reviewed the process and opened the floor for nominations.

Councilmember Faraldi nominated Councilmember Reed for Mayor.

Councilmember Misjuns nominated Councilmember Taylor for Mayor.

With no further nominations, Ms. Finney closed the nomination process and opened the floor for discussion.

Councilmember Wilder thanked Councilmember Taylor for his service on Council, professional service, and faith. He thanked Councilmember Reed for her work as Mayor in the last two years. He stated that he would support Councilmember Reed for Mayor for another term.

Councilmember Misjuns stated his support for Councilmember Taylor for Mayor.

Councilmember Faraldi expressed his support for Councilmember Reed serving another term as Mayor, citing her active service, strong engagement during her first term, and the impactful policies and actions implemented by Council during her time as Mayor.

Councilmember Timmer stated that she would support Councilmember Taylor, praising his consistency, love, and dedication to the City of Lynchburg.

Councilmember Diemer voiced his support for Councilmember Taylor as Mayor, highlighting his dedicated focus on serving the people of Lynchburg.

Councilmember Reed expressed her gratitude and love to the citizens of Lynchburg for the privilege of serving as Mayor over the past two years. She stated the importance of the Mayor providing fulltime attention to the responsibilities of the position.

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With no further discussion from the Council, Ms. Finney closed the discussion and instructed the Council to fill out the mayoral ballots. The following vote was recorded:

Councilmember Diemer voted for Councilmember Taylor.

Councilmember Faraldi voted for Councilmember Reed.

Councilmember Misjuns voted for Councilmember Taylor.

Councilmember Reed voted for herself.

Councilmember Taylor voted for himself.

Councilmember Timmer voted for Councilmember Taylor

Councilmember Wilder voted for Councilmember Reed.

Councilmember Reed received 3 votes; Councilmember Taylor received 4 votes and was elected Mayor and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

// In the matter of Vice Mayoral Elections, Agenda Item #2, Council held elections for the position of Vice Mayor for a term beginning January 3, 2025 and expiring December 31, 2026. Mayor Taylor thanked Councilmember Reed then opened the floor for nominations to the position of Vice Mayor.

Councilmember Timmer nominated Councilmember Diemer for Vice Mayor.

Mayor Taylor expressed his support for Councilmember Diemer as Vice Mayor.

Councilmember Reed nominated Councilmember Faraldi to serve another term as Vice Mayor.

With no further nominations, Mayor Taylor closed the nomination process and opened the floor for discussion.

Councilmember Reed stated she supported Councilmember Faraldi and his ability to assist the Mayor in his responsibilities because of his experience serving as Vice Mayor.

Councilmember Timmer expressed her support for Councilmember Diemer as Vice Mayor, highlighting his listening skills, dedication, and critical thinking abilities.

Councilmember Wilder stated his support for Councilmember Faraldi as Vice Mayor because of his work as Vice Mayor and his leadership in the community. Councilmember Wilder expressed his appreciation for Councilmember Faraldi not attacking him on Facebook unlike Councilmember Diemer.

Councilmember Misjuns stated he supported Councilmember Diemer as Vice Mayor because of his eagerness to be a servant-leader.

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Councilmember Faraldi stated his concern of the Council working as a body of four instead of seven.

With no further discussion from the Council, Mayor Taylor closed the discussion and instructed the Council to fill out the vice mayoral ballots. The following vote was announced:

Councilmember Diemer voted for himself.

Councilmember Faraldi voted for himself.

Councilmember Misjuns voted for Councilmember Diemer.

Councilmember Reed voted for Councilmember Faraldi.

Mayor Taylor voted for Councilmember Diemer.

Councilmember Timmer voted for Councilmember Diemer.

Councilmember Wilder voted for Councilmember Faraldi.

Councilmember Faraldi received 3 votes; Councilmember Diemer received 4 votes and was elected Vice Mayor.

// In the matter of Dais Seating Arrangement, Agenda Item #3, the Council selected seating arrangements on the dais in accordance to Lynchburg City Council Rules of Procedure § Section 2-8. From stage left to right, the seating arrangement is as follows: Councilmember Faraldi, Councilmember Reed, Councilmember Wilder, Mayor Taylor, Vice Mayor Diemer, Councilmember Misjuns, and Councilmember Timmer.

// The meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Clerk of Council