// A special called meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg was held for the purposes of conducing a joint Work Session with the Lynchburg City School Board on the 18th day of February, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at the I.T. Conference Center, 3550 Young Place, Lynchburg, VA 24501. The following Councilmembers were present:

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

Absent: 0

The following School Board members were present:

Present: Atul Gupta, Martin Day, Anthony Andrews, Gloria Preston, Letitia Lowery, Farid Jalil, Daryl Conner, Mark Tinsley 8

Absent: Christian DePaul 1

Vice Mayor Diemer provided an invocation.

// In the matter of Introductions, Agenda Item #1, Mayor Taylor and School Board Chair Dr. Atul Gupta opened the joint work session. City Manager Wynter Benda and Interim Superintendent Dr. Ben Copeland provided opening remarks.

// In the matter of Budget, Agenda Item #2, Council held a joint work session with the School Board regarding the LCS FY26 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan Outlook. Interim Superintendent Dr. Ben Copeland provided a presentation on the budget. He provided an explanation on how enrollment figures were calculated and how those figures were used to calculate local and state funding. He reviewed past budget requests and ongoing obligations, and he provided an overview of the FY26 budget request.

School Board Vice Chair Dr. Martin Day provided statements related to funding for LCS and the need for a comprehensive facilities plan to address deteriorating infrastructure.

Vice Mayor Diemer said that Council and the School Board needed to make a commitment to continue joint communications.

School Board Member Letitia Lowery proposed the establishment of a facility where LCS could house alternative behavior education for K-12 and GED education. She said that this could consolidate facilities use. She requested five additional SSO positions to staff the facility, as well as a centralized office.

Councilmember Wilder asked if there was a plan to renovate Sandusky Elementary.

Dr. Copeland responded that it was dependent on City funding for the proposed options.

Councilmember Wilder asked how the City was planning to address debt capacity to assist school and facility construction.

Mr. Benda said that as they worked through the budget and CIP process, he would propose investment in the aging infrastructure, and he would seek direction from Council and the School Board on how to proceed.

Councilmember Reed stated that the City needed to invest in quality public education to provide the best value to tax payers.

Chair Gupta said that the statements calling for school support were often empty words, noting that last year, LCS received none of the City surplus. He said that they were seeking a shared contribution for a growing community.

Councilmember Misjuns disclosed that his wife was a teacher for LCS, and he was part of a group called Spouses of Lynchburg City Schools Teachers, but he was able to be objective and impartial. He expressed concerns about the decision to close schools during the COVID-19 pandemic because of the detrimental impact on students. He expressed concerns about increasing electricity costs. He said that they needed to consider the impact on single-family homeowners. He asked for clarification about why they were seeing reduced student capacity in school facilities. He suggested consolidating LCS and City government departments in order to increase efficiencies, such as IT, finance, HR, and fleet management. He suggested redirecting the downtown streetscaping funding to LCS. He said that they should consider consolidating schools.

Councilmember Faraldi expressed the need to develop a school funding formula. He said that they needed to form a joint working group that met regularly to review figures, plans, and funding sources to facilitate open communication and develop an infrastructure plan. He requested that the City Manager investigate tax relief for tax payers on fixed incomes in the upcoming budget. He said that Lynchburg education should be LCS, and every parent should be choosing LCS.

Vice Chair Day supported the call for a joint group to focus on long-term planning.

Chair Gupta proposed creating an ad hoc committee composed of two School Board members and two Council members to address short-term planning and infrastructure needs.

Councilmember Faraldi said they should have three members of each body so that meetings of the committee would constitute a public meeting.

Councilmember Misjuns said he supported the ad hoc committee if the meetings were open and accessible to the public.

Chair Gupta said he supported three members from each body. He proposed two members from each body to start, eventually expanding to three members. He submitted School Board Member Lowery and Vice Chair Day as the School Board representatives.

Mayor Taylor submitted Councilmember Faraldi and Councilmember Reed as the Council representatives.

Chair Gupta said that the plan was for the ad hoc committee to provide a joint report to the School Board and Council by mid-April.

// The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

// A special called meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg on the 18th day of February, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Larry Taylor, President, presiding. This meeting was held for the purpose of conducting its regularly scheduled business carried over from a canceled meeting (February 11, 2025) due to inclement weather. The following Members were present:

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

// Vice Mayor Diemer led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

// In the matter of the Consent Agenda, Agenda Item #1, copies of the minutes of the January 9, 2025 City Council Retreat meeting were previously furnished to Council, and on the motion of Councilmember Reed, seconded by Councilmember Wilder, Council, by the following recorded vote, approved the minutes as presented:

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Wilder, Faraldi, Reed, Misjuns, Timmer	7
Noes:	0

// In the matter of the Consent Agenda, Agenda Item #2, copies of the minutes of the January 14, 2025 City Council meeting were previously furnished to Council, and on the motion of Councilmember Reed, seconded by Councilmember Wilder, Council, by the following recorded vote, approved the minutes as presented:

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Wilder, Faraldi, Reed, Misjuns, Timmer	7
Noes:	0

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item #3, Citizen Catherine Bragg addressed Council regarding recognition of SOL scores being shared in the media, a request for future collaborative meetings between Council and the School Board, and highlighting student lives lost in the last year and the need for systemic change. She expressed the need to invest in Lynchburg City Schools.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item #4, Citizen Mary Dietrich addressed Council regarding public safety, animal control, and rabies. She expressed concerns about the lack of a response from animal control after a skunk attacked her and her dog. She requested that Council consider staffing and funding increases for animal control.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item #5, Citizen Tiona Wilson was not present to address Council.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item #6, Citizen Robert Flood, representing Rescuers of the Youth, addressed Council regarding the resignation of the School Board member and street lights in Ward 2. He said that adding streetlights in Ward 2 would increase the efficacy of security cameras. He encouraged the creation of a precinct in Ward 2. He expressed concerns about the recent actions of School Board Member Christian DePaul and called for his resignation.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item #7, Citizen Peter Cefaratti addressed Council regarding whether Lynchburg was listed as a Sanctuary City because of regional jail policies. He said it was important to get cooperation from all stakeholders for school funding.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item #8, Citizen Sarah Kalafian was not present to address Council.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item #9, Citizen Greg Berry, representing City Elders, was not present.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item #10, Citizen Charleta Mason was not present to address Council.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item #11, Citizen Aaron Reid addressed Council regarding the resignation of a School Board member. He expressed concerns about School Board Member Christian DePaul's actions and called for his resignation.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item #12, Citizen Colleen Larkins, representing Save Our Schools, addressed Council regarding the School Board and our kids. She expressed concerns about School Board Member Christian DePaul's actions, noting how it would negatively impact the search for a new superintendent.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item #13, Citizen Anthony Andrews was not present to address Council.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item #14, Citizen Jeff Rosner addressed Council regarding the Finance Committee and federal grant guidelines. He explained that the City's Equal Opportunity Plan, including the Diversity and Inclusion plan, did not violate any federal laws, so it did not violate the recent executive order on federal grant guidelines.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item #15, Citizen Sarah Bonner addressed Council regarding the need for more public housing in Lynchburg. She noted that between December and January, two community members were found frozen to death. She requested Council work with community partners to address the housing needs.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item #16, Citizen Rev. Joshua Pratt, representing Action Mission, addressed Council regarding items on the agenda. He called for a full audit of LCS to identify problems in the school system. He asked Council to consider school choice voucher funding.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item #17, Citizen Michael Bremer addressed Council regarding the Finance Committee's attempt to assert a line-item-veto power. He asked Council to reject the revisions to the Finance Committee guidelines.

// In the matter of Real Estate Assessments, Agenda Item #18, Councilmember Faraldi proposed deferring the item to the end of the meeting in consideration of the public's time and the impending inclement weather. Mayor Taylor stated that there was consensus to defer the item to the end of the meeting.

// In the matter of Planning, Agenda Item #19, Council considered adopting Resolution #R-25-010 amending Future Land Use Map (FLUM), and; adopting Ordinance #O-25-011 approving the rezoning, and; adopting Resolution #R-25-012 approving the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and allowing for 88 townhomes and associated parking at 750 Leesville Road. Mayor Taylor stated that the item was tabled at the December 10, 2024 meeting.

Maddox and Sons Construction, Inc. is petitioning to amend the FLUM, to rezone, and for a CUP to allow the construction of eighty-eight (88) townhomes, located at 750 Leesville Road. The FLUM currently recommends institutional use for majority of the property, with a small portion along the frontage recommended for Neighborhood Commercial. Institutional areas include the religious, educational, and other nonprofit entities in the City, such as churches, private schools and universities, private nonprofit hospitals, and other nonprofit institutions. The petition proposes to amend the FLUM to Medium Density Residential. These areas are characterized by small lot single- family detached housing, duplexes, and townhouses at densities up to twelve (12) units per acre. Where neighborhoods already exist, infill development should be at a compatible density and housing type.

The proposed density is below that which is recommended by the requested Medium Density Residential category on the FLUM and would be located adjacent to an existing townhome community. After the public hearing on December 10, 2024, City Council tabled this petition. The developer and engineer attended a Lakeland Homeowners Association meeting on January 21, 2025 to discuss the neighborhood's concerns. Additionally, the developer and the association are negotiating a private agreement to address stormwater concerns related to Lakeland Lake.

Councilmember Wilder motioned, seconded by Councilmember Reed, to amend the FLUM by adopting #R-25-010.

Councilmember Wilder stated that he believed the developer had made efforts to address the concerns of the nearby residents.

Councilmember Reed said that the developer had worked to address the concerns brought up by Council. She asked the petitioner to address the changes that had been proposed.

Andy Maddox, representing Maddox and Sons Construction, Inc., stated that after receiving feedback from Council and residents, he had entered into an agreement to help maintain the pond by addressing sediment and providing a siphon. He said that in regards to traffic, the City could evaluate reducing the posted speeds or reducing the number of lanes.

Vice Mayor Diemer stated that there are water runoff issues already in that area that have nothing to do with the developer. He thanked the developer for his offer to be part of the solution and recommended the need for additional police presence in the Leesville area, along with reduced speeds.

Councilmember Timmer stated her appreciation the developer's solution-based focus and his concern for preserving the views of the people who live in that area, highlighting his attention to detail.

Councilmember Faraldi suggested that if this project were approved, then the City should consider lighting the intersections at a future date.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Wilder, Reed, Misjuns, Timmer	6
Noes: Faraldi	1

Councilmember Misjuns motioned, seconded by Councilmember Wilder, to approve the rezoning by adopting #O-25-011.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Wilder, Faraldi, Reed, Misjuns, Timmer	7
Noes:	0

Vice Mayor Diemer motioned, seconded by Councilmember Wilder, to approve the CUP by adopting #R-25-012.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Wilder, Faraldi, Reed, Misjuns, Timmer	7
Noes:	0

// In the matter of the Physical Development Committee, Agenda Item #20, Council considered approving the City Council's Physical Development Committee (PDC) Guidelines. Mayor Taylor stated that the item was presented to the PDC on January 14, 2025. Every two years when the committee is reformed, the guidelines are reviewed to determine if changes are required.

At its January 14, 2025 meeting, the PDC recommended approval. As Chair of that committee, Councilmember Timmer brought the committee's recommendation for approval forward as a motion stating that there were no changes, and the proposed guidelines were unanimously recommended by the committee. No second was required, and Council, by the following recorded vote approved the motion:

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Wilder, Faraldi, Reed, Misjuns, Timmer	7
Noes:	0

// In the matter of Community Development, Agenda Item #21, Council conducted a second reading in consideration of adopting Resolution #R-25-005 amending the FY 2025 General Fund budget and appropriating $86,160 from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies to provide additional demolition funding. Community Development Director William Martin provided the presentation to Council. Since January 2024, there have been nine (9) city funded demolitions, fourteen (14) privately funded demolitions, and two (2) private/city demolitions of blighted properties. The City's goal is rehabilitation of blighted properties and there have been eight (8) renovations with an additional thirteen (13) renovations in progress. At the September 24, 2024, Work Session, city staff identified two (2) structures that needed to be demolished for which adequate funding is unavailable: 1106 Jackson Street and 808 Florida Avenue. Since that time, three additional structures have been identified that are in need of demolition: 2021 Campbell Avenue, 1013 Hemlock Street and 900 Florida Avenue. The Finance Committee recommended funding the demolition of all the properties except 1013 Hemlock Street.

The following is a brief description of each property with an estimated cost of demolition and land fill fees:

The structure at 1106 Jackson Street has been declared an Emergency. The stability of the structure is compromised. All paperwork and public notices were completed as of September 3, 2024. The owner does not have insurance to cover costs and no permit has been obtained to date. The quote for demolition is $25,910, not including landfill fees (estimated at $4,000).

The structure at 808 Florida Avenue is a fire case (January 2024). The original owner had fire insurance, and then sold the property in April 2024. The current owner received a Notice of Violation to demolish and appealed the decision. A demolition permit was applied for on October 9, 2024, but has not been approved. Staff are awaiting an asbestos report, contractor information, and payment for the permit.

This property is considered eligible for demolition as of October 25, 2024, unless there is action by the owner. The quote for demolition of the property is $17,630, not including landfill fees (estimated at $3,000).

The structure at 2021 Campbell Avenue was damaged by a recent fire. The owner does not have insurance and the structure/yard is in complete disarray. This property is not a case for the Derelict program since it has not been vacant for a period of one year. Awaiting a quote for demolition, estimated to be $20,000 for demolition, not including landfill fees (estimated at $5,000, including cleaning up the yard).

The property at 1013 Hemlock Street is in the Derelict Program. The owner is currently being billed $500 a month. A previous demolition order was on this property when the current owner purchased it in October 2023. The owner is out-of-state. No permits have been obtained, and no progress has been made to date. Awaiting a quote for demolition, estimated to be $25,000, not including landfill fees (estimated at $5,000). City Council voted not to fund demolition of this structure at its January 28, 2025 meeting.

Following staff's presentation to the City's Physical Development Committee, the structure at 900 Florida Avenue was added to this list. The structure was damaged by a recent fire and is adjacent to the structure at 808 Florida Avenue - such that the two structures bookend the White Rock Food Market. It has been condemned since 2008 and has been in the Derelict Program since April 2024. The quote for demolition of the property is $26,100, not including landfill fees (estimated at $5,000).

The City uses the funds for demolition to remove structures that are a hindrance to public safety and quality of life. For any funds spent, staff collaborate with the Billings and Collections Department in the collection process to bill owners for the City's expense to demolish and dispose of debris.

Councilmember Misjuns motioned, seconded by Councilmember Timmer, to adopt #R-25-005.

Councilmember Reed stated that since the first reading, where they unanimously approved funding for five homes, the Finance Committee reviewed the request and decided to remove one home and reduce the funding.

Councilmember Reed made a substitute motion, seconded by Councilmember Wilder, to restore the original allocation of $116,160 to demolish all five homes as recommended by PDC.

Councilmember Misjuns asked for clarification as to why the funding for the property on 1013 Hemlock Street was removed.

Ms. Frischeisen explained that the committee wanted to provide the property owner more time to respond.

Councilmember Misjuns stated his support for demolishing the other properties because they posed a threat to public safety. He stated that the property at 1013 Hemlock Street did not pose a threat, so the City should not allocate funds for its demolition.

Councilmember Faraldi said he supported the substitute motion because it was not the purview of the Finance Committee to decide which homes should be considered. He said the committee was asked whether to approve or deny the entire funding request.

Councilmember Wilder said that he seconded the substitute motion based on the recommendations of staff.

Councilmember Timmer asked for more information about why the property was proposed for demolition. In response, City staff projected images of the property that were included in the meeting materials packet.

Mayor Taylor offered that he had visited the property. He stated that the front and back of the house were sitting on dirt, indicating that the brick foundation was gone. He said that based on his construction experience, the house needed to be demolished. He provided more details on the history of the foundation of the house. He mentioned the danger of people entering the abandoned building to get warm, starting a fire and catching the whole place on fire.

Vice Mayor Diemer highlighted that the house stands out due to its condition and expressed concern about the permanence of demolishing the house, advocating for more time.

Councilmember Misjuns stated that they should not be using reserve for contingency funds to demolish structures. He said that if they wanted to provide funding for demolition, they should appropriate funds through the regular budget process.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Wilder, Faraldi, Reed, Timmer 5

Noes: Diemer, Misjuns 2

The substitute motion then became the main motion and the following vote was recorded to adopt the full allocation of $116,160:

Ayes: Taylor, Wilder, Reed, Timmer 4

Noes: Diemer, Faraldi, Misjuns 3

// In the matter of the Police Department, Agenda Item #22, Council conducted a second reading in consideration of adopting Resolution #R-25-006 amending the FY 2025 City/Federal/State Aid Fund budget and appropriating $200,380 to purchase night vision equipment for the Police Department.

The Police Department was awarded $200,380 through a competitive grant process from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, State Homeland Security Program to purchase night vision equipment. This funding will be used to replace equipment that is well beyond its usable lifespan. The total cost is $200,380 which is fully reimbursable by the grant; no local matching funds are required.

Councilmember Misjuns motioned, seconded by Councilmember Wilder, to adopt #R-25-006.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Wilder, Faraldi, Reed, Misjuns, Timmer 7

Noes: 0

// In the matter of the Police Department, Agenda Item #23, Council conducted a second reading in consideration of adopting Resolution #R-25-007 amending the FY 2025 City/Federal/State Aid Fund budget and appropriating $35,870 for DUI enforcement activities, equipment, and training.

The DMV Highway Safety Grant Program has awarded the City $23,056 for DUI enforcement activities, alcohol testing equipment, and annual DMV grant-related training. The grant agreement includes an in-kind match of $11,528 from the department’s fuel and vehicle maintenance services budget. The grant excludes reimbursement of $1,286 in Medicare and Social Security (collectively FICA) benefit costs associated with the allotted overtime. Both the in-kind match and FICA costs are available to transfer from the FY 2025 Police Department General Fund budget.

Councilmember Misjuns motioned, seconded by Councilmember Wilder, to adopt #R-25-007.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Wilder, Faraldi, Reed, Misjuns, Timmer 7

Noes: 0

// In the matter of the Police Department, Agenda Item #24, Council conducted a second reading in consideration of adopting Resolution #R-25-008 amending the FY 2025 City/Federal/State Aid Fund budget and appropriating $58,885 for speed enforcement activities and equipment.

The DMV Highway Safety Grant Program has awarded the City $38,400.00 for speed enforcement activities, along with radar and LiDAR equipment. The grant agreement includes an in-kind match of $19,200 from the department's fuel and vehicle maintenance services budget. This grant excludes reimbursement of $1,285 in Medicare and Social Security (collectively FICA) benefit costs associated with the allotted overtime. Both the in-kind match and FICA costs are available to transfer from the FY 2025 Police Department General Fund budget.

Councilmember Misjuns motioned, seconded by Vice Mayor Diemer, to adopt #R-25-008.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Wilder, Faraldi, Reed, Misjuns, Timmer 7

Noes: 0

// In the matter of the Police Department, Agenda Item #25, Council conducted a second reading in consideration of adopting Resolution #R-25-009 amending the FY 2025 City/Federal/State Aid Fund budget and appropriating $89,004 to purchase 79 replacement bulletproof vests for law enforcement officers.

The Police Department applies annually for the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant through the Office of Justice Programs. For the 2024 Police Bulletproof Vest Partnership, the City was awarded funding that covers the cost of replacement ballistic vests for both the Lynchburg Police Department and the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office. The vests provide protection to officers in the line of duty and the life of the vest is five years from the manufacturing date. The total replacement cost for 79 vests is $89,004. The grant requires a 50% local match; these funds are available in the FY 2025 General Fund Police ($40,827) and Sheriff's Office ($3,675) operating budgets.

Councilmember Misjuns motioned, seconded by Councilmember Wilder, to adopt #R-25-009.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Wilder, Faraldi, Reed, Misjuns, Timmer 7

Noes: 0

// In the matter of Real Estate Assessments, Agenda Item #18, Council received an overview of Real Estate Projections for Fiscal Year 2026. City Assessor Jeffrey Bandy provided the presentation to Council. He provided the following summary:

• Real Estate Market remains strong

• Townhouses are the product of choice for the residential market

• Price points are moving up (significantly for most property types)

• Multi-family appears to remain strong (even with many new projects coming on-line)

• Existing industrial owners are experiencing a building expansion cycle (due to increased demand for products)

• Unknowns- Additional Fed Rate Cuts, Federal & State policy changes due to changes in leadership, construction costs stabilize, potential recession on the horizon.

Councilmember Misjuns expressed concerns about increases in assessment values.

Councilmember Faraldi stated that the assessments matched his observations from his work experience.

Vice Mayor Diemer shared his experience purchasing a home with foundational issues and was able to fix the issues and resell the house for a profit. He asked the City Assessor if that is something that the assessment would be able to determine. Mr. Bandy replied that the assessment would not be able to make that determination and used that as an example as a factual error that a citizen could bring before the Assessor’s Office to be challenged as the assessment is based on the outside of the home.

Councilmember Misjuns asked Mr. Bandy to explain the difference in percentages in different parts of the city. Mr. Bandy explained that the differences are due to the greater rates of return when flipping a house at a lower starting value verses somewhere else in the City where the starting value of the home is more.

Councilmember Timmer asked when the new assessment data goes into Parcel Viewer. Mr. Bandy noted that the information will go live once the notices go out.

// On the motion of Councilmember Wilder, seconded by Councilmember Timmer, by the following recorded vote, Council elected to hold a closed meeting to discuss the disposition of publicly held real property, namely property owned by the City that may sold for economic development purposes, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the City, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended; and

to discuss the investment of public funds in connection with a project with a private party, where competition or bargaining will be involved, where if made public initially, the financial interest of the City would be adversely affected, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(6) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended; and

to discuss the possible resolution of two pending City lawsuits pursuant to Section(s) 2.2-3711(A)(7) and -(A)(8) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended; and

to discuss appointment for Council representation to a Board or Commission: Central Virginia Transportation Planning Organization pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A.)(1) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Wilder, Faraldi, Reed, Misjuns, Timmer	7
Noes:	0

// The meeting was reopened to the public.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Wilder, Faraldi, Reed, Timmer	6
Noes: Misjuns	1

// On motion of Councilmember Wilder, seconded by Councilmember Timmer, Council by the following recorded vote appointed Councilmember Martin Misjuns to serve as its liaison on the Central Virginia Transportation Planning Organization.

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Wilder, Faraldi, Reed, Misjuns, Timmer	7
Noes:	0

// The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

____

Clerk of Council