// A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg was held on the 28th day of October, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Training Room, City Hall, Larry Taylor, President, presiding. The following Members were present:

Present: Larry Taylor, Curt Diemer, Chris Faraldi, Sterling A. Wilder, Martin Misjuns, Jacqueline Timmer 6

Absent: Stephanie Reed 1

// In the matter of Work Session Agenda Overview. City Manager Wynter Benda briefly discussed the recent expansion of air service to Chicago and D.C., and he acknowledged and thanked Airport Director Cedric Simon for his efforts in making the expansion possible.

Mr. Benda noted that the next Council meeting will be on Wednesday, November 12 since the normal meeting pattern falls on Veterans Day, a City recognized holiday.

// In the matter of Planning, Agenda Item #1, Council was briefed regarding the 3200 Carroll Avenue - Conditional Use Permit (CUP) - Pickleball Athletic Club. The matter will appear before Council for action at the November 12, 2025 meeting. City Planner Rachel Frischeisen provided the presentation to Council. Dantas Properties, LLC is petitioning for a CUP to allow the use of an existing structure as an athletic club for pickleball in an I-2, Light Industrial District at 3200 Carroll Avenue.

The property is zoned I-2, Light Industrial District. In this district, athletic clubs and recreational sports facilities are permitted upon approval of a CUP by Council. The Comprehensive Plan 2013- 2030 Future Land Use Map (FLUM) recommends an Employment 2 use for the subject property. The structure proposed to house the pickleball club was constructed as part of a by-right development. The pickleball club itself would be a tenant buildout and should have limited impact on the surrounding area. The structure could be converted back to industrial space as needed.

Councilmember Misjuns expressed support for the project, noting that pickleball would be a good buffer from other industrial uses. He commented on the Planning Commission meeting with only one public commenter who was in opposition because they were worried about this negatively affecting their property value.

// In the matter of Planning, Agenda Item #2, Council was briefed regarding the 2134 Westerly Drive - Conditional Use Permit (CUP) - Group Home. The matter will appear before Council for action at the November 12, 2025 meeting. City Planner Rachel Frischeisen provided the presentation to Council. Sobrius at Lynchburg, LLC is petitioning for a CUP to allow the use of an existing structure as a large group home for up to thirty-six (36) individuals in a program for substance use treatment services in a R-4, High Density Residential District at 2134 Westerly Drive.

The property is zoned R-4, High Density Residential District. In this district, large group homes are permitted upon approval of a CUP by City Council. The Comprehensive Plan 2013-2030 Future Land Use Map (FLUM) recommends Mixed Use for the subject property. The property was previously used as the Miller Home for Girls, which is a private, nonprofit group home. The use of the existing structure as a large group home should have limited impact on the surrounding area.

Mayor Taylor wanted to know what would happen to the current residents at the Miller Home. Ms. Frischeisen replied that the Miller Home for Girls is still there and will just move into a smaller space.

Councilmember Timmer expressed concern about the repeat licensing issues they had dealt with this petitioner.

Councilmember Wilder asked if residents had attended the Planning Commission meeting.

Ms. Frischeisen said two residents from the same household attended the meeting to express their opposition, but it appeared they had a productive conversation afterwards, potentially resolving their concerns. The petitioner had been cooperative in explaining their operations, and residents with remaining questions could reach out to the petitioner or staff.

Councilmember Misjuns emphasized the importance of considering the distance from schools when addressing the project.

Vice Mayor Diemer asked if the City had ever had a compliance liaison to help projects reach and maintain compliance.

Assistant City Manager Kent White replied that zoning was generally a complaint driven enforcement process.

// In the matter of Planning, Agenda Item #3, Council was briefed regarding the 1701 and 1703 Wards Ferry Road - Rezoning - Apartments. The item will appear before Council at the November 12, 2025 meeting. City Planner Rachel Frischeisen provided the presentation to Council. MUT82, LLC is petitioning to rezone approximately ninety-eight hundredths (0.98) of an acre from R-3, Medium Density Residential District to R-4C, High Density Residential District (Conditional) to allow for the construction of a ten (10) unit apartment development at 1701 and 1703 Wards Ferry Road.

Multi-household structures (apartments) are a permitted use in the R-4, High Density Residential District. The proposed density for the development is below that which is recommended by the Medium Density Residential use in the Comprehensive Plan 2013-2030 Future Land Use Map (FLUM). The voluntarily submitted proffers limit the development to no more than ten (10) apartments, which are to be constructed as townhouse-style units, per the proffered concept plan.

Councilmember Timmer asked about parking availability, specifically in relation to the number of units and bedrooms.

Ms. Frischeisen explained that the proposed development included 10 units and 17 parking spaces, meeting the minimum requirement of one parking space per dwelling unit. However, she noted that the ordinance was based on units, not individual residents, and that not everyone would have a parking space if there were multiple tenants per unit. She pointed out that the site was located half a mile from a commercial area, including a Walmart and restaurants, making it potentially suitable for students or residents without cars.

Councilmember Misjuns expressed opposition to the proposed development, citing concerns about parking and the potential for increased density in the neighborhood. He noted that the proposed development would target college students and lack sufficient parking spaces, which he believed would lead to problems. He suggested that the City revisit its Wards Ferry corridor study before moving forward with additional development.

Vice Mayor Diemer expressed concerns about parking. He also expressed interest in reviewing the final design from VDOT for the proposed roundabout at the intersection. He said he wanted to ensure they preserved the character of the neighborhood.

Ms. Frischeisen said that VDOT had completed the right-of-way acquisitions, so they were likely not expecting many changes.

Councilmember Misjuns said that pedestrian safety concerns were another reason he opposed the project.

// In the matter of City Council, Agenda Item #4, Council held a work session regarding Virginia Conflict of Interest Act Council Training. City Attorney Matthew Freedman introduced Sharon Pandak, former County Attorney for Prince William County, who would lead the training.

Ms. Pandak provided Council training on the Conflicts of Interest Act, encouraging councilmembers to read the act in its entirety.

// In the matter of Roll Call, Councilmember Faraldi announced that it was First Responders Day, and he wanted to highlight the importance of public safety, particularly for law enforcement, fire departments, and dispatch centers. He noted a VDOT project on Laxton Road that may impact city residents. He suggested that the finance committee explore ways to offset parking costs at the airport. He expressed opposition to a proposed change in the redistricting process in Virginia, which he believed was an attempt to circumvent a constitutional amendment passed a few years ago.

Councilmember Faraldi discussed a proposed resolution opposing the state's gerrymandering of congressional seats. He requested that the City express its opposition to the state's actions and to explore legal options to combat it, if the state moves forward. He requested to include the item under General Business, by consensus.

Councilmember Misjuns said that it was against the Rules of Procedure to take action during Roll Call.

City Attorney Matthew Freedman noted that debate was not permitted during Roll Call. He suggested that Council continue with Roll Call, then at the end determine whether they should consider adding the item to the agenda.

Councilmember Wilder met with the new director of the Lynchburg Downtown Association to gain a better understanding of her role and expectations. He expressed excitement for the future of the organization.

Councilmember Timmer expressed appreciation for various staff members. She suggested some form of student orientation regarding traffic patterns in the City. She acknowledged the City's efforts in addressing deer overpopulation. She thanked City staff for addressing her concerns about Magnolia Street, noting there would be a citizen outreach event. She suggested exploring shuttle opportunities for the downtown amphitheater to address potential parking concerns.

Councilmember Misjuns congratulated Lynchburg United football on a successful season. He thanked Councilmember Faraldi for bringing the redistricting discussion to Council's attention but stated that he wasn't sure this is the vehicle to do this. He urged drivers and residents to be careful during Halloween, and he encouraged people to wear reflective clothing or lights to increase visibility at night. He noted a football game was scheduled between Heritage High School and LCA, and he encouraged everyone to attend.

Vice Mayor Diemer requested that LPD provide directive radar patrols on Leesville Road to address ongoing motorcycle and car racing issues, which have resulted in accidents and fatalities. He also suggested adjusting the speed limit in the area. He highlighted two Liberty University events: the CEO Summit, which brought international leaders to Lynchburg, and the upcoming homecoming football game, inviting fellow alumni to attend the game.

Mayor Taylor gave a shout out to City staff and the EDA for their great work, highlighting the many good jobs that have come to Lynchburg in the last year.

// Councilmember Faraldi motioned to suspend the Rules of Procedure to add an item to the evening agenda to consider the redistricting resolution. Mayor Taylor seconded. The following vote was recorded:

Ayes: Taylor, Faraldi	2
Noes: Misjuns, Timmer, Wilder, Diemer	4
Absent: Reed	1

// The meeting recessed at 5:49 p.m.

// A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg was held on the 28th day of October, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Larry Taylor, President, presiding. The following Members were present:

Present: Larry Taylor, Curt Diemer, Chris Faraldi, Sterling A. Wilder, Martin Misjuns, Jacqueline Timmer 6

Absent: Stephanie Reed 1

// Councilmember Misjuns led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

// In the matter of Consent, Agenda Item #1, Council conducted a second reading and considered adopting Resolution #R-25-075 amending the FY 2026 City/Federal/State Aid Fund budget and appropriating $266,311 to address the damage from the opioid epidemic in the City of Lynchburg and amending the FY2026 General Fund Budget and appropriating $443,826 from the City/Federal/State Aid Fund to establish four new positions within the Lynchburg Department of Social Services.

Councilmember Misjuns motioned, seconded by Vice Mayor Diemer, to adopt Resolution #R-25-075.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Faraldi, Wilder, Misjuns, Timmer 6

Noes: 0

Absent: Reed 1

// In the matter of Consent, Agenda Item #2, Council conducted a second reading and considered adopting Resolution #R-25-076 amending the FY 2026 City/Federal/State Fund budget and appropriating $148,850 to purchase forensic and analytical technology for the Lynchburg Police Department.

Councilmember Misjuns motioned, seconded by Vice Mayor Diemer, to adopt Resolution #R-25-076.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Faraldi, Wilder, Misjuns, Timmer 6

Noes: 0

Absent: Reed 1

// In the matter of Consent, Agenda Item #3, Council conducted a second reading and considered adopting Resolution #R-25-077 amending the FY 2026 City/Federal/State Aid Fund budget and appropriating $30,000 to purchase a mobile device wellness application for the Lynchburg Police Department.

Councilmember Misjuns motioned, seconded by Vice Mayor Diemer, to adopt Resolution #R-25-077.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Faraldi, Wilder, Misjuns, Timmer	6
Noes:	0
Absent: Reed	1

// In the matter of Consent, Agenda Item #4, Council conducted a second reading and considered adopting Resolution #R-25-078 amending the FY 2026 City/Federal/State Aid Fund budget and appropriating $150,000 to purchase communication headsets and ergonomic office furniture and chairs for the Lynchburg Emergency Communications Center.

Councilmember Misjuns motioned, seconded by Vice Mayor Diemer, to adopt Resolution #R-25-075.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Faraldi, Wilder, Misjuns, Timmer	6
Noes:	0
Absent: Reed	1

// In the matter of Consent, Agenda Item #5, copies of the minutes of the August 26, 2025 City Council meeting were previously furnished to Council, and on the motion of Councilmember Misjuns motioned, seconded by Vice Mayor Diemer, Council, by the following vote was recorded, approved the minutes as presented:

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Faraldi, Wilder, Misjuns, Timmer	6
Noes:	0
Absent: Reed	1

// In the matter of Economic Development, Agenda Item #6, Council conducted a public hearing in consideration of adopting Resolution #R-25-080 supporting and endorsing an amendment to City of

Lynchburg, Virginia Enterprise Zones #2 and #46. Director of Economic Development and Tourism Marjette Upshur provided a summary of the request. The City of Lynchburg has two enterprise zones identified by the state as #2 and #46. Both zones were established by the state and provide incentives for businesses to locate, or to expand, thus stimulating economic development within the designated areas. Although the benefits of enterprise zone designation have changed over the years, two primary benefits for businesses are grants for job creation and real estate improvement.

The boundaries are eligible for amendment upon approval of the City Council and the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. Under the state's regulations, the zone size is limited to 7% of the locality's total land area. The areas proposed for deletion from the zone are ineligible public property where zone designation provides no benefit. In order to accomplish this amendment, City Council is required to conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed amendments. Enterprise zone designation has no impact on land use regulation.

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

Councilmember Timmer had questions about the unused 227 acres in Enterprise Zone #46 off of Wiggington Road specifically regarding the land use and how it could be used most effectively.

Ms. Upshur noted that the property in question was owned by the Economic Development Authority and had topography challenges, making it unsuitable for industrial use. A master plan had been done twice, and it was likely to be developed into residential areas, which could not take advantage of the enterprise zone.

Vice Mayor Diemer asked if there were tax benefits associated with the properties.

Ms. Upshur noted that a state law change about 5 years ago allowed nonprofit groups to take advantage of enterprise zone benefits, but otherwise there were none.

Councilmember Misjuns motioned, seconded by Councilmember Wilder, to adopt Resolution #R-25-080.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Faraldi, Wilder, Misjuns, Timmer 6

Noes: 0

Absent: Reed 1

// In the matter of Community Development, Agenda Item #7, Council conducted a public hearing in consideration of adopting Resolution #R-25-081 approving the reprogramming of Community Development Block Grant Funds. Grants Manager Melva Walker provided a summary of the request. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 (Program Year [PY] 2022) there were Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds allocated for the Diamond Hill Neighborhood Plan and Improvement Project on Pierce Street. These funds were allocated for the addition of a Tree Lawn on the 1200 Block of Pierce Street, with the installation of a new curb and gutter and the addition of accessible ramps. A bid has been received and, due to the increased costs of construction materials, the bid exceeds the amount of funds allocated for this project by $17,110.

In FY 2026 (PY 2025), there were CDBG funds allocated for the Diamond Hill Neighborhood Plan — Phase 2 Improvements (Dunbar Community Schoolyard) project. The Community Development staff has indicated that in order to complete the Diamond Hill Improvements Project on Pierce Street, the project scope for Phase 2 will be revised to accommodate the reprogramming of the CDBG funds to the Diamond Hill Neighborhood Plan and Improvement Project so that it can be completed as previously planned and to accept the bid received for the project.

The Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) was consulted regarding this matter. There was a unanimous concurrence from the Committee to recommend to the City Council for the approval of the reprogramming of these funds. A public notice was published in The News and Advance on September 25, 2025 for the 30-day public comment period.

The Community Development staff is requesting that $17,110 be reallocated from the FY 2026 (PY 2025) Diamond Hill Neighborhood Plan—Phase 2 project to the PY 2022 (FY 2023) Diamond Hill Neighborhood Plan and Improvement Project so that this project may be completed as originally planned.

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

Councilmember Wilder motioned, seconded by Councilmember Timmer, to adopting Resolution #R-25-081.

Councilmember Wilder highlighted the great community input and discussions with the Diamond Hill neighborhood, where residents provided valuable input on what they wanted to see in the neighborhood.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Faraldi, Wilder, Misjuns, Timmer	6
Noes:	0
Absent: Reed	1

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item #8, Citizen Jeffrey Robey, representing Central Virginia Alliance for Community Living, addressed Council regarding appreciation for supporting CVACL Nutrition programs for Lynchburg residents. He emphasized the critical role of local funding in matching federal dollars. He noted that last year, CVACL spent over half a million dollars in Lynchburg, providing essential services such as in-home needs assessments, home-delivered meals, medical support, and nutrition education.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item #9, Citizen Greg Berry, representing City Elders, addressed Council regarding justice. He said that people were afraid of God's power because they served lesser gods of chaos, death, and destruction. He said people had to decide which god to serve: the God of the Bible, or lesser gods. He said the right side will also use violence to protect our family, our loved ones, our homes, our city and our country. He said that following God's words and principles will lead to a peaceful and prosperous city and country.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item #10, Citizen Maegan Fallen, representing Friends of the Lynchburg Public Library, addressed Council regarding support of Lynchburg Public Library Bookmobile. She announced that the community had raised over $278,000 to fund the new Bookmobile, a project made possible through a public-private partnership between the Friends and the City of Lynchburg.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item #11, Citizen Michael Bremer addressed Council regarding Council's proposed legislative agenda. He expressed concerns about several Council proposals, including investing in cryptocurrency and eliminating the Treasurer's Office. He emphasized the importance of collective bargaining for public employees, particularly firefighters. He expressed opposition to elected school boards without a referendum, removal of school board members by Council, and school choice vouchers.

// In the matter of Public Comment, Agenda Item #12, Citizen David Levy addressed Council regarding proposed legislative agenda - ballot security. He expressed concerns about the legislative agenda proposal that the local governing bodies be inserted into the ballot security process and suggested that the proposal be eliminated.

// In the matter of Community Development, Agenda Item #13, Council considered adopting a resolution approving Lynchburg Redevelopment Housing Authority Revenue Bond issuance for 1300 Campbell Avenue. The item was previously discussed during the Finance Committee meeting. Astoria Housing Partners has requested the Lynchburg Redevelopment Housing Authority (LRHA) to issue $30,000,000 of its revenue bonds. The revenue bonds would be used to finance one hundred twenty-five (125) apartment units at 1300 Campbell Avenue (former Barker Jennings Building).

The project is a qualified rental project under the Internal Revenue Code and would be owned by Astoria Housing Partners. The issuance of the revenue bonds will not result in any financial obligation to LRHA or the City of Lynchburg. Although the bonds will be issued through LRHA, State Code requires the City Council adopt a resolution supporting the transaction.

Councilmember Misjuns asked about the number of projects the developer had completed and delivered on.

Mark Hall, Astoria Housing Partners, replied that even though the group hasn’t done many, the experience of the collective is significant.

Councilmember Timmer suggested tabling the matter to the next meeting so that Council could review it during a work session to gain more clarity on the information.

Councilmember Wilder motioned, seconded by Councilmember Faraldi, to adopt the resolution.

Councilmember Wilder noted that there was no financial obligation to the City, and he was glad to see the historic property renovated.

Councilmember Misjuns expressed a desire to see the project completed, but also emphasized the need for due diligence to ensure that the project was delivered as promised, given the lack of previous delivered projects and the need for additional time to review during a work session.

Councilmember Faraldi called a point of order. He said that if the Finance Committee made a recommendation, then Council had to consider the matter at the meeting.

City Attorney Matthew Freedman said that Councilmember Faraldi was correct. He said that a motion was required, and one was currently on the floor.

City Manager Wynter Benda stated that after consulting briefly with the developer, they determined that they could defer the matter to a work session without negatively impacting the project. He said that the matter could then be considered for approval at the November 12 meeting.

Councilmember Misjuns made a substitute motion to defer the item to the November 12th work session and to be considered under General Business at that regular meeting.

Councilmember Faraldi called a point of order. He said that Councilmember Misjuns' motion was out of order. He argued that the Finance Committee Chair could not make a motion against the recommendation of the committee, as the chair was obligated to make the recommendation of the committee.

Mr. Freedman clarified that the committee's recommendation to Council did not bind individual councilmembers to make a motion, but rather served as a guide. He suggested that while councilmembers may be inclined to follow the committee's direction, it did not prevent them from tabling a matter if more information was needed or if additional information arose during the meeting.

Mayor Taylor ruled against Councilmember Faraldi's point of order.

Vice Mayor Diemer seconded the substitute motion.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Misjuns, Timmer	4
Noes: Faraldi, Wilder	2
Absent: Reed	1

The motion passed and became the main motion on the floor.

Councilmember Faraldi reiterated his request that Councilmember Misjuns be removed as chair of the Finance Committee, stating that he believed the committee's operations had impeded progress on City business.

Councilmember Misjuns said that new information had been introduced, and it was relevant for Council to consider the fact that the developer had yet to deliver a completed project and tabling allows Council to do their due diligence.

Councilmember Timmer said she appreciated Council's willingness to discuss the matter at a work session.

Vice Mayor Diemer supported deferral because of the new information that had been introduced, and it seemed wise to slow down the process due to the $30 million amount.

Councilmember Wilder clarified that the project was vetted and approved by the Housing Authority Board. He said that any question should have been clarified before to the meeting, since Council was given information prior. He suggested that Council receive a presentation on the bond process, as well.

With no further discussion from the Council, the following vote was recorded on the motion to defer the matter:

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Misjuns, Timmer	4
Noes: Faraldi, Wilder	2
Absent: Reed	1

// In the matter of Community Development, Agenda Item #14, Council considered adopting Resolution #R-25-082 approving the naming of a private street located on 1700 Enterprise Drive and accessed from Grand Summit Drive as Waters Edge Circle. The item was previously discussed at the Physical Development Committee meeting on October 14, 2025. Virginia Baptist Homes, Inc. is petitioning to name a private street as Waters Edge Circle. The Summit retirement home is constructing a new street to serve nine (9) new hybrid homes. Access for the street will be off of Grand Summit Drive, an existing private street.

At its October 14, 2025 meeting, the Physical Development Committee recommended approval. As Chair of that committee, Councilmember Timmer 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: Taylor, Diemer, Faraldi, Wilder, Misjuns, Timmer	6
Noes:	0
Absent: Reed	1

// In the matter of the Library, Agenda Item #15, Council considered introducing Resolution #R-25-083 amending the FY 2026 City/Federal/State Aid Fund budget and appropriating $278,000 for the purchase of a Bookmobile for the Lynchburg Public Library. The item was previously discussed at the Finance Committee meeting. In celebration of their 60th anniversary, the Friends of the Lynchburg Public Library have launched a campaign to acquire a state-of-the-art Bookmobile. Generous support from corporate and foundation donors—including R.W. Baird, BWXT, Centra, Foster Fuels, the Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation, Schewels Home, and the Al Stroobants Foundation—along with over 50 individual contributors, has raised more than $278,000 toward the $300,000 goal. The Bookmobile will serve as a mobile educational hub, bringing books, materials, and library programs directly to neighborhoods, schools, senior centers, and community events throughout the City. The mobile library will expand access to vital library resources, fostering literacy, lifelong learning, and inclusive community engagement. The vehicle has a lead time of 4–6 months, with service anticipated to begin in summer 2026.

Councilmember Misjuns expressed appreciation for the community's efforts to raise funds for the book mobile, noting that the project was entirely funded by private donations and had no fiscal impact on taxpayers.

At its October 28, 2025 meeting, the Finance Committee recommended approval. As Chair of that committee, Councilmember Misjuns brought the Committee's recommendation for approval forward as a motion. No second was required.

Vice Mayor Diemer emphasized the importance of literacy.

Councilmember Wilder highlighted the caring aspect of Lynchburg and the importance of making reading accessible to all children by the third grade.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Faraldi, Wilder, Misjuns, Timmer	6
Noes:	0
Absent: Reed	1

// In the matter of the Police Department, Agenda Item #16, Council considered introducing Resolution #R-25-084 amending the FY 2026 City/Federal/State Aid Fund budget and appropriating $45,675 to fund speed enforcement activities and equipment. The item was previously discussed during the Finance Committee meeting. The DMV Highway Safety Grant Program has awarded the City $30,450 for speed enforcement activities, along with radar and LiDAR equipment. The grant agreement includes an in-kind match of $15,225 from the department's fuel and vehicle maintenance services budget. This grant excludes reimbursement of $1,121 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 2026 Police Department General Fund budget.

At its October 28, 2025 meeting, the Finance Committee recommended approval. As Chair of that committee, Councilmember Misjuns brought the committee's recommendation for approval forward as a motion. No second was required.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Faraldi, Wilder, Misjuns, Timmer	6
Noes:	0
Absent: Reed	1

// In the matter of the Police Department, Agenda Item #17, Council considered introducing Resolution #R-25-085 amending the FY 2026 City/Federal/State Aid Fund budget and appropriating $21,105 to fund DUI enforcement activities, equipment, and training. The item was previously discussed during the Finance Committee meeting. The DMV Highway Safety Grant Program has awarded the City $14,070 for DUI enforcement activities, alcohol testing equipment, and annual DMV grant-related training. The grant agreement includes an in-kind match of $7,035 from the department's fuel and vehicle maintenance services budget. The grant excludes reimbursement of $961 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 2026 Police Department General Fund budget.

At its October 28, 2025 meeting, the Finance Committee recommended approval. As Chair of that committee, Councilmember Misjuns brought the committee's recommendation for approval forward as a motion. No second was required.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Faraldi, Wilder, Misjuns, Timmer	6
Noes:	0
Absent: Reed	1

// In the matter of the Fire Department, Agenda Item #18, Council considered introducing Resolution #R-25-86 amending the FY 2026 City/Federal/State Aid Fund budget and appropriating $71,032 to fund equipment for the Fire Department. The item was previously discussed at the Finance Committee meeting. Fire Chief Gregory Wormser provided the presentation. 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 purchase one (1) MedaRamp MR2400 extension ramp system, including necessary mounting hardware and installation, and one (1) Lifepak 35 monitor/defibrillator.

The grant requires a local match. The Fire Department has been awarded the funds under a 50/50 match. With a total cost of $71,032, the required local match is $35,516. The local match will be funded from the FY 2026 General Fund Fire Department budget.

At its October 28, 2025 meeting, the Finance Committee recommended approval. As Chair of that committee, Councilmember Misjuns brought the committee's recommendation for approval forward as a motion. No second was required.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Faraldi, Wilder, Misjuns, Timmer	6
Noes:	0
Absent: Reed	1

// In the matter of Finance, Agenda Item #20, by consensus, Council chose to conduct a Second Reading in consideration of adopting Ordinance #O-25-073 approving the funding for the Central Virginia Alliance for Community Living (CVACL) in the amount of $25,000 ahead of Item #19 which addressed the Legislative Agenda. At the August 26, 2025, City Council meeting, City Council agreed to reconsider the request by Central Virginia Alliance for Community Living (CVACL) for funding in FY 2026.

Councilmember Misjuns motioned, seconded by Vice Mayor Diemer, to adopt Ordinance #O-25-073.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Wilder, Misjuns, Timmer	5
Noes: Faraldi	1
Absent: Reed	1

// In the matter of City Council, Agenda Item #19, Council considered adopting Resolution #R-25-087 approving the City of Lynchburg's 2026 Legislative Agenda. The item was previously discussed during a Business Item Briefing on October 14, 2025. Assistant to the City Manager Mercedes Braun provided the presentation. The 2026 Legislative Agenda was presented to City Council on October 14th. Incorporating edits and feedback, the final Agenda will be brought before City Council for an individual vote for each item. Ms. Braun reviewed Council's proposed amendments.

Council considered each item individually with a motion, second, and a vote.

Councilmember Misjuns motioned, seconded by Vice Mayor Diemer, to include expanded zoning authority.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Faraldi, Wilder, Misjuns, Timmer 6

Noes: 0

Absent: Reed 1

Councilmember Faraldi motioned, seconded by Councilmember Misjuns, to include investment in gold and cryptocurrency.

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

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

Noes: Diemer 1

Absent: Reed 1

Councilmember Faraldi motioned, seconded by Councilmember Misjuns, to include opposition to mandated collective bargaining.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Faraldi, Misjuns, Timmer 5

Noes: Wilder 1

Absent: Reed 1

Councilmember Faraldi clarified that the intent of the elected school board proposal was to allow localities to adopt an ordinance to hold a referendum to have an elected school board. He also proposed removing the charter change requirements.

Councilmember Faraldi motioned to include a local option for elected school boards, as amended.

The item did not receive a second, so it was removed from the Legislative Agenda.

Councilmember Faraldi motioned, seconded by Vice Mayor Diemer, to include transportation funding reforms.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Faraldi, Wilder, Misjuns, Timmer 6

Noes: 0

Absent: Reed 1

In regards to the voter support item, Councilmember Faraldi proposed striking "and governing body" 3/4s through the proposal, and "elected body" at the top.

Councilmember Faraldi motioned, seconded by Councilmember Misjuns, to include voter support, as amended.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Faraldi, Wilder, Misjuns, Timmer 6

Noes: 0

Absent: Reed 1

Councilmember Faraldi motioned, seconded by Councilmember Misjuns, to include opposition to mandated energy requirements.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Faraldi, Wilder, Misjuns, Timmer 6

Noes: 0

Absent: Reed 1

Councilmember Faraldi motioned, seconded by Councilmember Misjuns, to include reinstatement of mandatory minimums.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Faraldi, Misjuns, Timmer 5

Noes: Wilder 1

Absent: Reed 1

In terms of removing appointed school board members, Councilmember Faraldi proposed applying the legislation to any locality with an appointed school board, removing the need to amend the charter. He also proposed striking language requiring collaboration with the school board to determine a new process.

Councilmember Faraldi motioned to include removal of appointed school board members, as amended.

The item did not receive a second, so it was removed from the Legislative Agenda.

Councilmember Faraldi motioned to include the abolishment of the Office of the Treasurer.

The item did not receive a second, so it was removed from the Legislative Agenda.

Councilmember Faraldi motioned, seconded by Councilmember Timmer, to include mental health and wellness services and funding.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Faraldi, Wilder, Misjuns, Timmer	6
Noes:	0
Absent: Reed	1

Councilmember Misjuns motioned, seconded by Vice Mayor Diemer, to include revising the formula used to allocate of Human Services funding to localities.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Faraldi, Wilder, Misjuns, Timmer	6
Noes:	0
Absent: Reed	1

Councilmember Misjuns motioned, seconded by Councilmember Timmer, to include support for school choice funding.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Faraldi, Misjuns, Timmer	5
Noes: Wilder	1
Absent: Reed	1

Councilmember Misjuns motioned, seconded by Vice Mayor Diemer, to include modernization of Fire services funding structure.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Faraldi, Wilder, Misjuns, Timmer	6
Noes:	0
Absent: Reed	1

Vice Mayor Diemer motioned, seconded by Councilmember Misjuns, to include expanded residency restrictions for convicted sex offenders.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Faraldi, Wilder, Misjuns, Timmer	6
Noes:	0
Absent: Reed	1

In terms of the comprehensive pre-K and transitional Kindergarten literacy programs, Councilmember Misjuns proposed including language to readdress retention standards.

Councilmember Misjuns motioned, seconded by Councilmember Timmer, to include comprehensive Pre-K and transitional Kindergarten literacy programs, as amended.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Faraldi, Wilder, Misjuns, Timmer	6
Noes:	0
Absent: Reed	1

Councilmember Faraldi motioned, seconded by Councilmember Misjuns, to include introduction of a pilot literacy program.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Faraldi, Wilder, Misjuns, Timmer	6
Noes:	0
Absent: Reed	1

Councilmember Misjuns, seconded by Vice Mayor Diemer, to include closing gaps around the use of marijuana.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Faraldi, Wilder, Misjuns, Timmer	6
Noes:	0
Absent: Reed	1

Ms. Braun noted that the workforce development program item was not previously presented to Council.

Councilmember Misjuns motioned, seconded by Vice Mayor Diemer, to include support for a workforce development program.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Faraldi, Wilder, Misjuns, Timmer	6
Noes:	0
Absent: Reed	1

Councilmember Timmer motioned, seconded by Councilmember Misjuns, to include re-evalution of the SOQ school funding formula.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Faraldi, Wilder, Misjuns, Timmer	6
Noes:	0
Absent: Reed	1

In terms of zoning for transitional housing, Councilmember Timmer proposed removing the 10-mile radius from the request.

Councilmember Faraldi expressed concerns that the proposal would constitute discrimination based on a disability as currently proposed. He said that they should not include it.

Councilmember Timmer agreed with Councilmember Faraldi's concerns about the language of the proposal.

Ms. Braun said she could combine Councilmember Faraldi’s proposal to retain zoning authority, which would address any expressed concerns.

Councilmember Faraldi opposed combining them, since his proposal was intended to apply more broadly.

Ms. Braun suggested rewriting the proposal to keep the same intent of retaining local authority while addressed the concerns of Council.

Councilmember Misjuns suggested striking "restrictions", replacing it with "specific use standards".

Ms. Braun clarified the proposed language: "The Lynchburg City Council requests an addendum to the *Code of Virginia, Title 15.2 § 15.2-2291* allowing the locality to establish, by ordinance, specific use standards on neighborhood residential reentry centers, community reentry programs, transitional housing, recovery residence, sober living homes, and supportive housing regarding drug and alcohol abuse support."

Councilmember Timmer motioned, seconded by Councilmember Misjuns, to include re-evaluation of zoning for transitional housing, as amended.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Misjuns, Timmer	3
Noes: Diemer, Faraldi, Wilder	3
Absent: Reed	1

The motion failed, so it was removed from the Legislative Agenda.

Councilmember Timmer motioned, seconded by Councilmember Misjuns, to include re-evaluation of ECOs and TDOs.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Faraldi, Wilder, Misjuns, Timmer	6
Noes:	0
Absent: Reed	1

Councilmember Misjuns motioned, seconded by Councilmember Timmer, to adopt the 2026 Legislative Agenda, as amended.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Faraldi, Misjuns, Timmer	5
Noes: Wilder	1
Absent: Reed	1

// The meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

October 28, 2025

Clerk of Council