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October 30, 2007

// A special meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg, recessed from October 23, was held on the 30th day of October, 2007, at 7:00 P.M., School Administration Building, Joan F. Foster, President, presiding. The purpose of the meeting was to have a joint meeting with the School Board regarding several items. The following Members were present:

Present: Dodson, Garrett, Gillette, Helgeson, Johnson, Foster

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Absent: Seiffert

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// Mayor Joan Foster and School Board Chair Julie Doyle welcomed everyone to the joint meeting.

// Prior to the meeting, Council and School Board members were given a brief update regarding the Sandusky Middle School project.

// Ms. Doyle provided a brief summary regarding the School Board's top priorities from its October retreat, i.e., closing the achievement gap, attendance & graduation rates, capital improvement plan, alternative education, math achievement, marketing & communications, schools for innovation, and staff recruitment, retention and development. Ms. Doyle informed that the next large project in the Capital Improvements Plan will be Heritage High School and that the Schools have contracted for a feasibility study to determine the scope of the project.

// Council and School Board Members discussed the decline in school enrollment and the loss of state funding estimated at \$1 million due to less students. Ms. Doyle explained that after holding steady for three years, Lynchburg City Schools enrollment has dropped by about 200 students compared with last year's September 30 enrollment. Beverly Padgett, Lynchburg City Schools Chief Financial Officer, informed that local education officials will not know how much to count on from the state until March, when final enrollment numbers are tallied and the State budget is completed. Ms. Padgett did note that previously the state gave approximately \$3,400 per pupil, but last year the amount increased to about \$4,400 or \$4,500 per student.

// Council and School Board members spent the remainder of the evening discussing various collaborative efforts between the City and Schools and the importance of continued communications between City and Schools officials.

// The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Clerk of Council