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// A special meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg was held on the 6th day of March, 2012, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Joan F. Foster, President, presiding. The purpose of this meeting was for the City Manager's Proposed FY 2013 Budget Presentation. The following Members were present:

Present: Cary, Gillette, Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Foster

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Absent:

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// City Manager Kimball Payne presented an overview regarding the Proposed FY 2013 Budget, stating this year's overall budget totaled \$290.7 million. Mr. Payne stated that this year's Budget is characterized by multiple choices and difficult decisions. It reflects a critical juncture in the financing of City services. Mr. Payne further stated that in the three years since the beginning of the "Great Recession" during FY 2009, budget development has been increasingly difficult.

Mr. Payne explained the proposed budget is crafted to provide considerable flexibility so that it can be modified to reflect the priorities of the community which includes proposed revenue increases, provides for the funding of important infrastructure projects, increases school funding to help close a larger deficit, addresses mandates such as stormwater management, funds increased costs for employee benefits, energy and materials, and eliminates thirty-one (31) positions in the General Fund. The Proposed FY 2013 Budget includes an increase in the Meals Tax from 6.5% to 7.5%. This increase is estimated to produce additional revenues of \$1.7 million which will be dedicated to debt service for Heritage High School. A ten cent (\$0.10) increase in Real Property Tax rate, generating \$4.98 million in revenue is included in the Proposed FY 2013 Budget.

Mr. Payne concluded by saying that the Proposed FY 2013 Budget is offered for City Council consideration, deliberation, amendment, and adoption, and that over the next several weeks, Council will have the opportunity to hear from and question the representatives of the various departments and agencies seeking funding in FY 2013.

// The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 P.M.

Clerk of Council