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// A special called meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg was held on the 12th day of February, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Larry Taylor, President, presiding. The purpose of the meeting was to hold three public hearings that were rescheduled due to inclement weather: 1)

Consideration of adopting a resolution approving the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Program Goals for the Fiscal Year 2027 Annual Action Plan; 2) Consideration of adopting an ordinance amending and reenacting the Lynchburg City Code under its Zoning Ordinance to regulate abortion clinics in the City; and 3) Consideration of adopting an ordinance changing the polling place for the First Precinct of the Fourth Ward in the City from the St. Thomas More Catholic Church to the All Peoples Church. The following Members were present:

Present: Larry Taylor, Curt Diemer, Chris Faraldi, Sterling Wilder, Martin Misjuns, Jacqueline

Timmer 6

Absent: Stephanie Reed 1

// Mayor Taylor led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

// In the matter of the Agenda, Councilmember Faraldi requested to amend the agenda, switching the order of the agenda so that Agenda Item #3 *Consideration of adopting Ordinance #O-26-014 changing the polling place for the First Precinct of the Fourth Ward in the City from the St. Thomas More Catholic Church to the All Peoples Church* would come before Agenda Item #2 *Consideration of adopting Ordinance #O-26-015 amending and reenacting the Lynchburg City Code under its Zoning Ordinance to regulate abortion clinics in the City.*

Mayor Taylor noted there was consensus from Council to amend the agenda.

// In the matter of Community Development, Agenda Item #1, Council conducted a public hearing in consideration of adopting Resolution #R-26-013 approving the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Program Goals for the Fiscal Year 2027 Annual Action Plan. Grants Manager Melva Walker provided the presentation to Council. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires state and local governments, which receive federal community development funds, to prepare a Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan for the CDBG and HOME Program was approved in June 2025 and covers the period from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029. This plan outlines the City's needs,

goals, and objectives for community development (both housing and non-housing areas). HUD requires Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Program entitlement communities to review these goals on an annual basis. City Council is seeking the input of citizens and other interested parties regarding the approved goals. A 15-day public comment period to receive citizen input regarding these goals was initiated on January 9, 2026 through a legal notice published in The News and Advance and readvertized on January 29, 2026.

Mayor Taylor opened the hearing for comments from the public.

Kimbery Dyke-Harsley, speaking in favor, expressed her support for the housing and non-housing goals. She emphasized the need to consider the impact of substandard housing conditions on residents' health and well-being, noting the need for stronger housing codes and cross-agency coordination.

Consuela Mosley, speaking in favor, advocated for attention to be given to the ongoing issues with code enforcement in low-income housing, which were affecting working families, the elderly, and people with disabilities. She stated that tenants were being harassed, retaliated against, and blamed for issues that were not their responsibility.

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

Councilmember Misjuns motioned, seconded by Councilmember Timmer, to adopt Resolution #R-26-013.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Faraldi, Misjuns, Timmer	5
Noes:	0
Absent: Reed, Wilder	2

// In the matter of the General Registrar, Agenda Item #3, Council conducted a public hearing in consideration of adopting Ordinance #O-26-014 changing the polling place for the First Precinct of the Fourth Ward in the City from the St. Thomas More Catholic Church to the All Peoples Church. Registrar Daniel Pense provided the presentation to Council. The General Registrar has been notified that St. Thomas More Catholic Church, the polling place for the First Precinct of the Fourth Ward in the City, will

no longer be able to serve as a polling location. The Registrar has met with representatives of All Peoples Church and the Electoral Board has authorized this location as a replacement polling place for the upcoming elections.

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

Councilmember Faraldi motioned, seconded by Councilmember Timmer, to adopt Ordinance #O-26-014.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Misjuns, Timmer, Faraldi	5
Noes:	0
Absent: Reed, Wilder	2

// In the matter of Planning, Agenda Item #2, Council conducted a public hearing in consideration of adopting Ordinance #O-26-015 amending and reenacting the Lynchburg City Code under its Zoning Ordinance to regulate abortion clinics in the City. Director of Community Development Tom Martin provided the presentation to Council. On October 14, 2025, City Council directed staff (7-0) to initiate the process of amending the Zoning Ordinance to regulate abortion clinics. While there are currently no abortion clinics located within the City, the use is currently permitted by right as an "outpatient care clinic" in the B-1, Limited Business District, B-3, Community Business District, B-4, Urban Commercial District, B-5, General Business District, IN-1, Institutional District 1 and IN-2, Institutional District 2.

City staff were provided a draft ordinance on October 14, 2025, which was used as a starting point for the proposed amendments. City staff made adjustments to the draft ordinance to help with enforceability and defensibility. Such adjustments were made with the approval of the patron of the original draft ordinance and are not intended to circumvent the will of City Council.

Councilmember Misjuns proposed amending the rules of procedure due to the high number of voicemails they had received, which was over 4 hours of content. He explained that the rule would allow Council to not hear the voicemails at the public hearing; rather, they would be publicly presented at a later time. He said that the rule would promote efficiency of the meeting.

Councilmember Misjuns made a motion to adopt a temporary Special Rule of Procedure, applicable only to agenda item I.2 for the meeting, as follows:

1. That, pursuant to Section 8-5 of the Lynchburg City Council's Rules of Procedure ("ROP"), a Special Rule of Procedure is proposed and adopted to apply exclusively to agenda item I.2 (i.e. "Consideration of adopting Ordinance #O-26-___ amending and reenacting the Lynchburg City Code under its Zoning Ordinance to regulate abortion clinics in the City") at this February 12, 2026 meeting. This Special Rule of Procedure is intended to modify the public hearing procedures described under ROP Section 5-5(E) solely for the said agenda item. It shall have no effect on any other agenda item and shall expire upon conclusion of the public hearing associated with the said agenda item.

2. That the Special Rule of Procedure shall be as follows:

A. **Order of Proceedings and Purpose.** Except as otherwise stated provided this evening, the public hearing for item I.2 shall proceed in accordance with Section 5-5 of the ROP. The purpose of this Special Rule of Procedure is to ensure the public hearings and meeting this evening are conducted efficiently, to prioritize the large number of citizens who have appeared in person, and to allow the Council and the public to observe the full deliberation and vote on this matter in a timely manner. All other provisions of the Rules of Procedure, including those governing decorum (Section 5-4 of the ROP) and written submissions (Section 5-5(D) of the ROP), remain in full force and effect.

B. **Handling of Voicemails.** This evening, after the conclusion of all in-person public comments and any applicant rebuttal, and prior to the presiding officer closing the public hearing for agenda item I.2, the Clerk of Council, in lieu of following ROP Section 5-5(E), shall announce the following into the record:

1. The total number of voicemails received for this public hearing;
 2. The approximate total amount of continuous audio in number of hours for this public hearing;
- and

3. The number of voicemails in favor of the ordinance and the number of voicemails opposed to the ordinance. The Clerk shall further state that, due to the unprecedented volume, the voicemails will not be played during the public hearing.

C. Inclusion in the Record. The Clerk of Council shall include a prepared matrix summarizing the voicemails (including, where provided, each caller's name, locality of residence, and position) as part of the public records of this evening's meeting.

D. Public Access to Voicemails. The Clerk of Council, in coordination with the City's Department of Communications and Public Engagement, shall arrange for the voicemails to be made available to the public and the Council as soon as practicable after the meeting. A press release will be issued or public posting on the City's social media platforms will be made by the City's Department of Communications and Public Engagement when the voicemails are available.

Vice Mayor Diemer seconded the motion and expressed his appreciation for the time people took to leave messages. He said he valued the voices of both those who called and those in the room.

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

Ayes: Taylor, Diemer, Misjuns, Timmer, Faraldi	5
Noes:	0
Absent: Reed, Wilder	2

Mayor Taylor opened the hearing for comments from the public.

Mike Morisi, Pastor of Risen Life Ministries and Vice President of the Family Foundation, speaking on behalf of the Southern Baptist Convention of Virginia, spoke in favor of the petition. He argued that the proposed ordinance was reasonable and necessary to preserve the harmony and character of neighborhoods in the City.

Greg Berry, representing City Elders and speaking in favor, emphasized the importance of protecting life. He compared the current debate over abortion to the abolition of slavery in the United States, and he criticized the abortion industry for being racist, profiteering, and predatory.

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Shannon Morlock, representing Turning Point Action and the Virginia Gen Z Coalition, and speaking in favor, highlighted the importance of standing up for life and against abortion and a culture of death. She expressed concern about the culture of death that had overtaken her hometown of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and she emphasized how Council must stand up for her generation by adopting the ordinance.

Jesse Hughes, speaking in favor, emphasized the importance of protecting human life. He referenced Romans 13, stating that the government's role was to promote good and punish evil. He urged Council to make a decision that would benefit thousands of children at risk of abortion.

Wyatt Peters, speaking in favor, stressed the importance of protecting the rights of unborn children, stating that the current situation was worse than the Holocaust, and even worse than the Stalinists and Maoists. He implored the audience to pray for women considering abortion and to take action to save lives.

Alexis Stokely, speaking in favor, said that this issue was not about choice or access, but about recognizing the value of human life and investing in life-affirming solutions, rather than profiting from death.

Mayor Taylor stated that he would make an exception to the rules to allow clapping after public comment.

Jaden Rulipaw, speaking in favor, requested that Council adopt the zoning amendment. She emphasized its role in protecting the community, particularly by preventing abortion facilities near schools and churches.

Barbara Tevelev, speaking in favor, said the ordinance was a reasonable compromise that restricted abortion facilities from being located near schools, churches, parks, and other community areas, without banning them outright. She believed this approach ensured harmony and peace, while also being practical and financially reasonable.

Michaela Coleman, speaking in favor, emphasized the importance of protecting life in the City. She expressed concerns about security and public safety, and she highlighted the availability of a crisis

pregnancy resource center, the Blue Ridge Pregnancy Center, which was open to helping people spiritually and financially.

Joseph Petke, speaking in favor, noted that he was affiliated with Turning Point Action and the Gen Z Coalition. He said he was strongly opposed to clinics showing up near high schools, as young girls were not equipped to make those decisions, and they needed time to make one. He emphasized that abortion was wrong, and Council should adopt the ordinance.

Joshua Sullivan, speaking in favor, drew parallels between historical atrocities and the current crisis of abortion. He emphasized the vulnerability of unborn children and the need for Council to remember their role in serving the people, including those yet to be born.

Deborah Trefsgar, speaking in favor, shared a personal story about her experience in China, where a friend was advised by a doctor to abort her baby due to a perceived medical issue. She said her friend was instead helped by a pro-life network, resulting in the baby's safe delivery. She emphasized the importance of the principle of "first, do no harm" in medicine and strongly advised adopting the ordinance.

Susan Stoll, speaking in favor, shared a personal story about her mother's consideration of aborting her younger sister. She said her mom did not abort her sister, and she emphasized the ripple effects of such a choice on a community. She said that she wanted to ban abortion entirely in the community.

Janice Quattlebaum, speaking in favor, expressed hope for the future, praising young people for speaking up and taking action. She expressed concerns about Councilmember Faraldi's proposal, which she believed was a divisive and distracting action. She asked Council to adopt Councilmember Misjuns' original proposal.

Jamie Plank, speaking in favor, cited a potential state constitutional amendment securing statewide abortion access as a reason to protect women and their unborn children. She argued that zoning restrictions would discourage the potential entrance of an abortion clinic. She emphasized that this ordinance was not a threat to women's health, as Lynchburg already has access to adequate obstetric and gynecological care, and that the goal of healthcare was to preserve human life, not to deliver death.

Julia Duvall, speaking in favor, supported the adoption of reasonable zoning limits on abortion facilities. She expressed concerns about the proximity of these clinics to schools, parks, churches, and other family-friendly areas, which she believed could attract protests and negatively impact families and children.

Collin Plank, speaking in favor, argued that the ordinance would actually help keep vulnerable young people safe by making it more difficult for them to access abortion clinics near schools, which can pose a risk to their health and well-being. He said that the ordinance would ensure abortion remained accessible while making it rarer.

Jason Damiani, speaking in favor, referenced Psalm 127 and emphasized the importance of protecting children from violence and harm, both in and out of the womb. He also stated that science proves life began at conception and that preventing such facilities near schools, churches, and parks was necessary for the safety of children.

Lucas Acker, speaking in favor, spoke about the importance of protecting unborn children and ensuring they have the opportunity to hear the word of God and live their purpose on earth. He emphasized the need for a moral stance against abortion and encouraged the audience to seek guidance from God in making decisions.

Sarah Kalafian, speaking in favor, said that abortion clinics did not belong near schools or churches. She expressed concerns about abortion clinics increasing crime in the surrounding area, and the black market sale of body parts from abortion clinics. She asked Council to adopt the ordinance.

Jesse Damiani, speaking in favor, expressed his desire to see a safer and cleaner city, and encouraged Council to make the right choice in keeping the City free from filth and sin.

Joan Pence, speaking in favor, spoke about the importance of protecting women and unborn babies. She emphasized the need for an ordinance to prevent illegal third-trimester abortions and protect women and unborn babies.

Michael Korn, speaking in favor, advocated for restricting abortion clinic locations in the City. He said they should adopt the ordinance to protect those who regretted their abortions and the unborn who could not speak for themselves.

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John Vassar, representing the Lynchburg Republican City Committee, speaking in favor, advocated that limiting where abortion facilities may operate was not punishment, but prudence, and that Lynchburg should affirm life, protect children, and draw reasonable boundaries.

Andrew McKnight, representing Liberty University Students for Life representative, speaking in favor, cited the philosophical argument of St. Thomas Aquinas, who believed that life was the prerequisite to all other rights, including the right to life itself. He argued that abortion contradicted this fundamental principle. He asked Council to adopt the ordinance.

Anton Tevelev, speaking in favor, noted that the purpose of the ordinance was to ensure the efficient functioning of the City, allowing churches, schools, and businesses to operate without disruptions, while also protecting women's rights to have abortions undisturbed. He asked Council to adopt the ordinance.

Owen Beatty, speaking in favor, noted that the issue was about land use, and it aimed to regulate the location of abortion clinics to prevent incompatible uses and community tension. He argued that the amendment provided a reasonable and measured approach, requiring public notice, hearing, and case-by-case review, and that it strengthened the City's ability to protect community harmony.

Carly Van Skyke, speaking in favor, asked Council to adopt the ordinance to protect local mothers, babies, children, and families, and promote harmony in the community. She emphasized that a vote for the ordinance would be a vote for the well-being of the community, particularly for those who cannot speak for themselves.

Anaia Campbell, speaking in favor, asked Council to adopt the ordinance based on common sense and the City's strong faith-based community, which valued life from conception without exception. She said the proposed amendment required abortion clinics to follow a reasonable approval process similar to that of other potentially controversial businesses.

Mackenzie Doherty, speaking in favor, said that the amendment was a common-sense extension of existing protections and was essential to prevent the destruction of life in facilities. She emphasized the importance of prioritizing the stability and moral character of the City, and urged Council to vote in favor of the amendment.

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Jacob Stark, representing Liberty Students for Life, speaking in favor, said that the right to abortion was detrimental to society and contradicted God's command to be fruitful and multiply. He expressed concerns about population decline.

Benjamin Sane, representing Liberty Students for Life, speaking in favor, shared his personal experience of being born prematurely and being a high-risk pregnancy. He supported the proposed ordinance to keep clinics away from vulnerable populations, particularly in a City with diverse communities. He said that while it was not ideal, it was a step in the right direction.

Madeline Schlottman, speaking in favor, expressed concerns that if the ordinance were not approved, then a Planned Parenthood could open near schools or churches. She expressed concerns about the side effects from abortifacients and the \$900,000 annual salary of the CEO of Planned Parenthood.

Joel Beasley, speaking in favor, urged Council to adopt the ordinance to restrict abortion clinics from setting up near schools, churches, and neighborhoods.

Ryland Bassett, speaking in favor, referenced Ronald Reagan's quote about the morality of abortion. He advocated for allocating resources to the Blue Ridge Pregnancy Center.

David Fitzgerald, speaking in favor, stated that abortion facilities posed a threat to the harmony of any community. He said that Council should limit the level of conflict within neighborhoods by specifying where facilities could be located. He said that the ordinance created reasonable restrictions without prohibiting abortion.

Zach Melder, speaking in favor, urged Council to approve the ordinance, citing the need to stand for life and the most vulnerable.

Ryan Thomas, speaking in favor, argued that the current ordinance was a necessary measure to protect the most helpless and innocent among them, and that condemning murder and a culture of murder was important. He said the current proposal was a crucial step in that direction.

Beth Fox, Board President of Rehumanize International and speaking in favor, noted that the ordinance did not fully ban abortion in the City but placed limits on where abortion facilities could operate. She emphasized the importance of distinguishing between abortion care and family planning services.

She said that women should have a right to bodily autonomy, but when a child was conceived, the mother no longer became the only patient. She said she had a personal connection to the issue due to her own rare genetic disorders, emphasizing the need to protect vulnerable women and prevent the erasure of lives like hers.

Lauren Brown, representing Progressive Anti Abortion Uprising and Virginia for Preborn Justice, speaking in favor, expressed concern about the proximity of abortion facilities to family-friendly spaces. She argued that schools, churches, and community spaces were sacred and should be protected from the potential harm of abortion facilities, and that the industry's practices were a symptom of a broader societal issue.

Thomas Hill, representing Virginia for Preborn Justice and speaking in favor, emphasized that the ordinance was about protecting the lives of preborn people by re-zoning land to prevent the use of land for abortion facilities.

Kimberly Dyke-Harsley, speaking in favor, emphasized the importance of choosing life and spoke about the broader issue of a culture of death, including access to fresh produce and groceries, particularly in low-income areas.

Aidan Coleman, speaking in favor, mentioned that if the proposed ordinance was not passed, it would put Lynchburg's religious communities at risk of having these facilities located nearby.

Chris Quigg, speaking in favor, expressed his support for limiting and restricting abortion, stating that it went against the importance of family and can have devastating effects on individuals and families, particularly mothers.

Karen Quigg, speaking in favor, shared a story about having an abortion at 17. She spoke in support of pro-life efforts, encouraging others to get involved and volunteer at pregnancy centers, pray, and speak up against abortion. She asked Council to adopt the ordinance.

Peter Cefaratti, speaking in favor, emphasized that the ordinance was only a first step and that he hoped the Council would do everything in its power to prevent abortion in the City.

Dan Abbott, speaking in favor, lauded the actions of Council.

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Shane Bost, a pastor with the Family Foundation and speaking in favor, commended the Mayor for invoking the name of Jesus Christ and seeking wisdom, clarity, and direction. He emphasized that elected leaders had a responsibility to submit to a higher power and to uphold the principles of the founding of the United States.

Danellis Mangrade, speaking in favor, expressed appreciation for the zoning ordinance for clarifying abortion services and reducing the risk of lawsuits. She asked Council to adopt the ordinance.

Bill Hawkins, representing the Lynchburg Conservative Breakfast Club and speaking in favor, expressed strong support for the current zoning ordinance, believing it to be as strong as it could be. He emphasized the need to minimize "killing zones" and protect the City from potential harm.

William Carmack, speaking in favor, recited Luke 1:26-45, which had changed his perspective on abortion.

Tyler Turner, Political Director of the Lynchburg Republican Party and speaking in favor, emphasized the importance of protecting the unborn and advocated for the complete abolishment of abortion. He expressed concern about Virginia's potential vote to enshrine abortion up to birth in the state constitution.

Lon Thompson, speaking in favor, emphasized the importance of being ambassadors of Christ and representing God's stance on abortion. He asked Council to adopt the ordinance.

James Black, speaking in favor, spoke about the legacy of Charlie Kirk, whose death motivated him to advocate for the citizens of Lynchburg, particularly in the areas of abortion and the Second Amendment.

Jim Whitaker, speaking in favor, expressed gratitude for organizations like the Blue Ridge Pregnancy Center, which provided support to women considering abortion. He asked Council to support the ordinance.

Brandon Pickett, representing the Southern Baptist Convention of Virginia and speaking in favor, referenced biblical passages and quotes from notable figures, including Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Martin Luther King, Jr. He emphasized the importance of speaking out against evil.

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John McGuire, US representative for Virginia's 5th congressional district and speaking in favor, said that he believed in making policy decisions that saved as many babies and lives as possible. He encouraged Council to make thorough and distinct decisions when it came to policy.

Arusa, speaking in favor, expressed her desire for a better community. She shared her personal experience as a mother of premature babies and spoke out against the lack of support for women in poverty, advocating for community facilities that address their needs.

Veronica Bratton, speaking in favor, expressed gratitude for the consideration of the ordinance, which aimed to protect the unborn, schools, and churches from abortion centers. She shared her personal story of being an unplanned pregnancy before Roe v. Wade and the importance of access to healthcare.

Council recessed from 9:14 p.m. to 9:28 p.m.

Pat O'Hara, speaking in opposition, addressed the lack of transparency around the ordinance, as well as the lack of support from the Planning Commission. He suggested that Council focus on addressing poverty. He expressed concerns about the slippery slope of allowing religiously motivated law, which could lead to things such as coffee and alcohol bans if a Mormon majority made it onto Council.

Rise Hayes, interim president of the Central Virginia Young Democrats and speaking in opposition, spoke about the financial restrictions that will fall on the City when it is sued by various organizations over the ordinance.

Fable Forrest, speaking in opposition, expressed her disappointment at the people who brought up abortion and the Holocaust in the same sentence, and who claimed that the government should be guided by their personal religious beliefs. She argued that this was an affront to the First Amendment separation of church and state.

Chris Ferguson, representing the Lynchburg Workers Assembly and speaking in opposition, stated that the zoning ordinance was a waste of the City's time and resources. He argued that the ordinance was a thinly veiled attempt to ban abortion clinics. He cited Matthew 6:5-7.

Sarah Hagen, speaking in opposition, argued that the ordinance shifted zoning away from neutral principles and wasted taxpayer money on staff time, public hearings, and potential litigation. She said that

the clinics which provided abortion services also provided additional medical services, typically at a reduced cost, and the ordinance would further restrict access to this medical care.

Jeff Smith, speaking in opposition, said that he could not understand why the City was focusing on a non-existent problem when they had more pressing issues such as poverty, affordable housing, and poor public school performance. He asked Council to deny adoption of the ordinance.

Emmy McGee, speaking in opposition, asked Council to deny adoption of the ordinance and to use taxpayer money on more useful initiatives for the community.

Jen Staten, co-chair of Indivisible Lynchburg, speaking on behalf of Moms for Choice and speaking in opposition, clarified that the Planned Parenthood in Lynchburg never provided abortion services, only women's health services and referrals to other locations. She expressed opposition to the ordinance, citing concerns about government overreach and the importance of allowing citizens to decide the future of reproductive health care through a constitutional amendment.

Catherine Harris, speaking in opposition, suggested that the City consider relocating other businesses, such as gun stores and strip clubs, to the outskirts of town in order to be pro-life.

Xavier Story, speaking in opposition, said he hoped that people would bring the same passion they had for this issue to improving the material conditions in the City.

Clerk of Council Alicia Finney stated that they had received 368 voicemails, 350 of which were related to the public hearing. She said that 342 voicemails were in favor, 3 were opposed, and the rest did not make a clear statement of support or opposition. She said that the total time for all voicemails was about 4 hours and 10 minutes. **[ATTACHMENT A]**

Councilmember Misjuns read a letter from Pastor Jonathan Falwell of Thomas Road Baptist Church into the record.

Mayor Taylor closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Faraldi motioned to adopt the ordinance removing the exemption at the end of the clause regarding family planning services.

The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Councilmember Faraldi requested to speak on the matter.

Mayor Taylor gave Councilmember Faraldi the floor.

Councilmember Faraldi said he was concerned about the exemption for family planning services, which was not defined in the ordinance. He said that the VDH had its own list of family planning services, which included Planned Parenthood, and under the currently proposed ordinance, Planned Parenthood would still be able to operate in the City. He said he had received advice and recommendations from Jonathan Mitchell and Mark Dixon, which he distributed to Council.

Councilmember Misjuns motioned, seconded by Vice Mayor Diemer, to adopt Ordinance #O-26-015.

Councilmember Misjuns thanked the public for coming out to speak. He noted that they could not ban or prohibit abortion in the City, but they could limit where clinics could be located, which was what the ordinance did. He cited concerns about safety and the potential for unregulated facilities to perform dangerous procedures. He emphasized that the ordinance would not affect emergency care and would align with community values. He said that in addition to gun-free and drug-free zones, they should have abortion-free zones.

Vice Mayor Diemer emphasized the importance of hearing all voices and ensuring that no one was silenced. He believed the ordinance would protect neighborhoods and preserve the City's unique culture.

Councilmember Timmer noted that the City had full authority to regulate abortion clinics as long as the regulation was reasonable and for legitimate purposes such as health, safety, and welfare. She addressed concerns that Planned Parenthood could claim exemption from the ordinance due to its classification as a family planning provider, but she said that zoning was determined by the text of the ordinance, and the activities conducted at a facility, not by agency labels. She stated that she did not believe the family planning services exemption would allow abortion clinics to avoid regulation under the ordinance. She proposed adding a sentence to the ordinance to explicitly exclude facilities that performed abortions.

Councilmember Wilder said that while he did not personally support abortion, he supported an individual's choice regarding their own body. He emphasized the importance of individual autonomy and

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compassion. He spoke about the importance of living up to the values of love, compassion, and care. He expressed frustration about the lack of outcry from Christians when people struggled with basic needs, such as healthcare, or experienced gun violence. He questioned who they were serving, whether it was God or themselves, and he prayed for the community and Council.

Councilmember Faraldi noted that there was no definition of family planning service in the ordinance. He said that the lack of a definition was his main concern, and removing the exemption would assuage his apprehension for adopting the ordinance. He thanked Councilmember Misjuns for bringing the matter forward, but he requested to amend the ordinance to remove the exemption and made that as a substitute motion. The motion failed due to a lack of a second. He said that if Virginia passed a constitutional amendment protecting rights to abortion, then the zoning ordinance would be pointless; but tying the ordinance to the federal Comstock Act would create legally defensible legislation.

Councilmember Faraldi said he would vote no on the ordinance because he could never support allowing Planned Parenthood in the City.

Mayor Taylor called the question.

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

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

// The meeting adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

Clerk of Council



February 12, 2026 - Public Hearing Voicemails

Positions noted reflect the caller's statements when clearly expressed. Where a position was not explicitly identified, categorization reflects a good-faith administrative interpretation of the message content.

Caller	Lynchburg Resident?	In favor or Opposition to Petition
Perry Payne Milner	yes	opposition
Janice Quattlebaum	yes	favor
James Quattlebaum	yes	favor
Darlene Ouinet	yes	favor
Renee Tannian	no	favor
Susan Stowell	yes	favor
Cara Wilson	yes	favor
Sandra Guelzo	yes	favor
Gail Knight	yes	favor
Julie Mignard	yes	favor
Laura Berardi	yes	favor
Sharon Ream	yes	favor
Greg & Donna Eadie	no	favor
Mike Little	yes	opposition
Esther Brisson	yes	favor
Andrea Yesalis	yes	favor
Gloria Suttles	unknown	favor
Debra Trefzger	yes	favor
Cathy Wills	yes	favor
Debra Massie	yes	favor
Barbara Tevelev	yes	favor
Ms. Ghevich	yes	favor
Johnathan Hill	yes	favor
Eli Rogers	unknown	favor
Kelly Allen	no	favor
Larry Whitaker	no	favor
Elizabeth Hill	yes	favor
Antoinette Ferlise	yes	favor
Janet Coric	yes	favor

Caller	Lynchburg Resident?	In favor or Opposition to Petition
Ian McCaw	yes	favor
Tim Martin	unknown	favor
Theresa Henderson	unknown	favor
Tiffany Tilley	yes	favor
Henry Lee	yes	favor
Avery Miller	yes	favor
Dale Dillard	no	favor
Jane Shelton	yes	favor
Paul Edmunds	yes	favor
Rhoda Murray	no	favor
Nelly Smith	yes	favor
Carl Parra	yes	did not state
Christy Hutcherson	yes	favor
Jerry Murray	no	favor
Michelle Spain	unknown	favor
Terri Sipantzi	no	favor
Brian Becker	no	favor
Unknown	LU Student	favor
John Smith	yes	favor
Dr. Michael Hart	unknown	favor
Stuart Henderson	unknown	favor
Sandra Vance	yes	favor
Lynne Tolley	yes	favor
Phil Forsey	yes	favor
Comm. James Denmark	yes	favor
Ms. Zipperer	yes	favor
Harriet Mackard	yes	favor
Rebecca Schupp	no	favor
Jared Deeter	no	favor
Linda Freeman	no	favor
Heather Amberg	yes	favor
James Smith	yes	favor
Ann Smith	yes	favor
Justin Abler	yes	favor
Eric Fath	yes	favor
Michelle Westbrook	no	favor
Kristen Gerring	no	favor
Cristie Bowyer	yes	favor
Erica Reyes	yes	favor
Cindy Horn	no	favor
Shelley Jenkins	no	favor
Marta Hernandez	yes	favor
no name	unknown	favor
Camila Hernandez	yes	favor

Caller	Lynchburg Resident?	In favor or Opposition to Petition
Unknown	unknown	favor
LU Student	LU student	favor
Susan Bennett	unknown	favor
Donna Joy	no	favor
Jeff Jamerson	yes	favor
Crystal Polston	no	favor
Elizabeth Purdue	no	favor
Leslie Burgess	unknown	favor
David Hamel	unknown	favor
Jeffrey Marshall	yes	favor
unknown	yes	favor
Alexander Locke	yes	favor
unknown	unknown	favor
Tiama Conner	no	favor
Adrian Locke	yes	favor
unknown	unknown	favor
Fred Vine	yes	did not state
John Bollig	no	favor
Charles Crowder	unknown	favor
Carol Walker	no	favor
Jordan Bailey	yes	favor
Julia Baker	no	favor
Jody Walker	no	favor
Martha Hagner	unknown	favor
Ralph Hagner	unknown	favor
Gary Elder	unknown	favor
Sharon Helm	yes	favor
Christopher Lundy	yes	favor
Eric Helm	yes	favor
Alison Pettit	yes	favor
Penny Rogers	yes	favor
Daniel Rogers	yes	favor
Unknown	unknown	favor
Tara Clark	unkown	favor
Jason Reggero	LU Student	favor
Grace Nash	LU Student	favor
Tina	unknown	favor
Anastasia O'Donnell	LU Student	favor
Ava Stone	LU Student	favor
Arnold Jacinto	yes	favor
Alisa Jacinto	yes	favor
Pamela Knowles	no	favor
Richard Chuning	yes	favor
Sam Metts	yes	favor
Tim Hart	yes	favor
Brooke Anderson	yes	favor

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Janet Richardson	yes	favor
Steve Aiello	unknown	favor
Sarah Tripp	no	favor
David Aiello	unknown	favor
Tammy Glass	yes	favor
Betty Aiello	yes	favor
Kimberly Taylor	no	favor
David Hepburn	yes	favor
Donna Garrison	yes	favor
Dennis Milks	yes	favor
Johnathan Falwell Jr.	yes	favor
Veronica Faith	no	favor
Paige Falwell	yes	favor
Carol Denmark	yes	favor
Susan Rhodes	no	favor
Dianne Filliman	yes	favor
Susan Torell	yes	favor
Nathan Roberts	unknown	favor
Richard Garmin	yes	favor
Joan Garmin	yes	favor
Elias Moitinho	yes	favor
Mary Thomas	yes	favor
unknown	yes	favor
Patricia Davis	yes	favor
Denise Moitinho	yes	favor
Shannon Woodland	yes	favor
Unknown	unknown	favor
Unknown	unknown	favor
Unknown	unknown	favor
Unknown	yes	favor
Unknown	yes	favor
Christopher Webb	yes	favor
Cheryl Stinnett	no	favor
Gloria High	yes	favor
Seth Anderson	yes	favor
Gloria High's husband	yes	favor
Lydia Anderson	yes	favor
unknown	unknown	favor
Crystal Mays	unknown	favor
Azeen	unknown	favor
Shawn Gillespie	yes	favor
Joelle	unknown	favor
Marianne Gaver	yes	favor
Terry Hall	no	favor
Charles Yesalis	yes	favor

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McKayla Frankenberger	unknown	favor
Heather Allen	yes	favor
Drew Phillips	unknown	favor
Carol Cooper	yes	favor
Susan Cambeletta	yes	favor
Tristan Evans	yes	favor
Sally Hart	yes	favor
Tamara Raspberry	unknown	favor
Thomas Thomas	yes	favor
Patricia Toone	unknown	favor
Tina Winston	unknown	favor
Norma St. John	yes	favor
Gabriel Shuck	unknown	favor
Steve Allen	unknown	favor
Rhonda Becker	no	favor
Rhonda Davis	no	favor
Gail Wilkerson Saunders	yes	favor
unknown	unknown	did not state
Gwen Mills	unknown	favor
Cora Cefarrati	yes	favor
Beverly Whitaker	no	favor
Jackie Peake	unknown	favor
Wes Betcher	yes	favor
Dennis Burks	unknown	favor
Debra Owen	yes	favor
Nina Scott	no	favor
Robert Peake	yes	favor
Peggy Betcher	yes	favor
Jonathan Helm	yes	favor
Marvin Owen	yes	favor
Anise Pruitt	no	favor
Harry Coric	yes	favor
Luis Cambeletta	yes	favor
Janet Coric	yes	favor
Jody Snakemberg	no	favor
Amy Shuck	unknown	favor
Cindy Cook	yes	favor
Rory Shuck	unknown	favor
Megan	yes	favor
Irene Klamm	yes	favor
Bella Toucia	no	favor
Robert Everson	yes	favor
Marilyn Carpenter	yes	favor
Giavonna Fincher	yes	favor
Feilda May Phifer	unknown	favor

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Sue Kohout	yes	favor
Pearl Gross	no	favor
Harvey Klamm	yes	favor
Jay Gross	no	favor
Dondi Costin	yes	favor
Betty Pittman	unknown	favor
Tamara Hamm	yes	favor
Lauretta Zimmerman	yes	favor
Linda Edgeman	yes	favor
unknown	unknown	favor
unknown	unknown	favor
Keith Kohout	yes	favor
Patricia Vandergriff	unknown	favor
Judy Gafger	unknown	favor
John Phillips	unknown	favor
Shaun Dearden	unknown	favor
Christy Quinn	unknown	favor
Thomas Saunders	yes	favor
Tricia Edgar	yes	favor
Mark Sweeney	yes	favor
Suzanne Walker	yes	favor
Dave Stinnett	unknown	favor
Derik Idol	unknown	favor
Megan Idol	unknown	favor
Lillian Sweeney	unknown	favor
Tara Watkins	yes	favor
Unknown	unknown	favor
Jacob VanWingerdon	yes	favor
Doug Hales	yes	favor
Evangeline Hales	yes	favor
Jodi Mecklas	yes	favor
Lauren Hytte	unknown	favor
Reese Brooks	unknown	favor
Laurie Faulkner	yes	favor
Doug Faulkner	yes	favor
Charles Brooks	yes	favor
Marilyn Brooks	yes	favor
Sharon Bernard	yes	favor
Pam Sweeney	unknown	favor
Robert Schuck	no	favor
Andrew Mather	yes	favor
Kevin McCartney	yes	favor
Faye Whorley	no	favor
Mr. Gonzales	no	favor
Glynnis Walker	yes	favor

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Cathy Mosier	yes	favor
Cheryl Weider	yes	favor
Sherri Moorefield	no	favor
Bonnie Smith	no	favor
Carla Sloan	unknown	favor
Annie Maher	unknown	favor
Kim Epperson	unknown	favor
Randy Crestle	unknown	favor
Karen Fran Bath	yes	favor
Tiffany Walter	yes	favor
Colleen Zentz	no	favor
Laura Buschman	yes	favor
Bill Love	no	favor
Rachel Elder	yes	favor
Sarah Bennett	yes	favor
Mike	unknown	favor
Susan Moxley	yes	favor
Brett Dimmer	yes	favor
Jennifer Dimmer	yes	favor
Bradley Whittingstall	yes	favor
Laura McFleur	yes	favor
Gwen Foster	no	favor
Pam Bowers	unknown	favor
Terry Reinhart	unknown	favor
David Baltzer	unknown	favor
Zion Heaven	yes	favor
Brittany Whittingstall	yes	did not state
unknown	unknown	favor
Terri Love	no	favor
Unknown	unknown	favor
Logan Hardy	unknown	favor
unknown	unknown	favor
Garner Dillard	no	favor
Casey Play	yes	favor
Susan Chewning	yes	opposition
Chelsea Bowlser	unknown	favor
Emily Meyer	yes	favor
Sarah Bolser	unknown	favor
Nancy Tolsma	unknown	favor
McKinzie Bolser	yes	favor
unknown	yes	favor
unknown	unknown	favor
unknown	yes	favor
unknown	unknown	favor
Brenda Ross	yes	favor

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Roshonna Abraham	yes	favor
Jackie Phillips	unknown	favor
Daryl Phillips	unknown	favor
Kevin Williams	yes	favor
Courtney Roach	yes	favor
Ruth	yes	favor
Beatrice Dooley	no	favor
John & Joan Macafee	unknown	favor
Michelle Artise	yes	favor
Faith Roach	yes	favor
Cassandra Caldwell	unknown	favor
unknown	unknown	favor
Gayle Van Dyke	yes	favor
unknown	unknown	favor
Jane Maurice	yes	favor
Cathy Bowden	yes	favor
David Bennet	unknown	favor
Phyllis Thorton	yes	favor
Joe Deckrian	yes	favor
Diane Philadaira	yes	favor
Tyler Hill	unknown	favor
Susan Tipton	unknown	favor
Roland Aucktow	yes	favor
Daryl Gaylor	unknown	favor
unknown	unknown	favor
Carol Redmond	yes	favor
Sally Lane	yes	favor
unknown	unknown	favor
William Benton	yes	favor
unknown	yes	favor
unknown	yes	favor
Linda Atkinson	yes	favor
unknown	unknown	favor
unknown	yes	favor
Hannah Covington	yes	favor
Barbara Clair	yes	favor
Keith Todd	yes	favor
Gloria Havener	unknown	favor
Nathaniel Graview	yes	favor
Hannah Pense	yes	favor
Nicholas Graview	yes	favor
Mark Rivers	yes	favor
Rebecca Zinyard	yes	favor
Joshua Rains	yes	favor
Gabriel Lawson	yes	favor
Wanda Rivers	yes	favor
Jacob Salomon	yes	favor
Joe Segreti	yes	favor
Ellie Custer	yes	favor
Sherri Sparr	yes	favor
Armond Guerrez	yes	favor