

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL
PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Tuesday, July 14, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m.

MEETING COMMENCED AT 3:00 PM IN THE 2ND FLOOR TRAINING ROOM.

ATTENDEES

Committee Members: Chair, Jacqueline Timmer; Councilman Dr. Sterling Wilder; Vice Mayor Curt Diemer; Mayor Larry Taylor, Ex-Officio.

Others: Greg Patrick, Deputy City Manager; Kent White, Assistant City Manager; Gaynelle Hart, Director of Public Works; Clay Simmons, Deputy Director of Public Works; Tim Mitchell, Director of Water Resources; Scott Parkins, Engineering Manager, Water Resources; Tom Martin, Director of Community Development; Susan Brown, Director of Communications and Public Engagement; Christopher Price, Public Works.

General Business

Greg Patrick and City staff presented a quarterly report on updates from a Planning perspective. Water Resources and Public Works presented Major Project Updates. Community Development presented a naming request for Odd Fellows Bridge. Public Works presented a License Agreement for Liberty University Fiber Optic.

A Minute for Planning – Tom Martin, Community Development

- a. **802 Court Street** A CUP application proposing to convert an existing building to 4 residential units (zoned B-1).
 - b. **2735 Wards Road** – A site plan proposing the construction of a 3180-sf car wash and parking improvements has been submitted.
 - c. **5206 Tyreanna Road**– A subdivision plat proposing the creation of 3 lots has been submitted.
 - d. **5153 Boonsboro Road**– A subdivision plat proposing the creation of 60 lots has been submitted for detached homes.
 - e. **101 Marigold Court (Rosedale)** –A building permit for the WaWa has been issued.
 - f. **212 Wyndhurst Drive** – A structure condemned due to a structure fire. All repairs have been completed. The structure is no longer condemned.
 - g. **2025 & 1107 Polk Street** – A condemned structure has completed renovations and is no longer condemned.
 - h. **1714 Monroe Street** – A condemned structure has completed renovations and is no longer condemned.
 - i. **3102 Memorial Avenue** – A permit for renovation has been issued. This structure was damaged by fire and condemned in April 2026.
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1. **Major Project Updates**– Gaynelle Hart, Public Works, Clay Simmons, Public Works, Tim Mitchell, Water Resources, Scott Parkins, Water Resources

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Public Works and Water Resources staff will provide a status report on major projects.

2. **Odd Fellows Road Bridge Naming Request** – *Tom Martin, Community Development*
City Council has received a request to consider naming the Odd Fellows Road Bridge in honor of Earl Brooks. The bridge is part of the Virginia Department of Transportation Road system. A request to rename the bridge would require a resolution from City Council, as well as funding to cover the VDOT costs to fabricate and install the signs. That cost is estimated at \$1,000 or less. At the request of Vice Mayor Diemer, through Chair Timmer, this item has been added to the Physical Development Committee agenda for review.
3. **License Agreement for Liberty University Fiber Optic** – *Tom Martin, Community Development*
Liberty University wants to bore under Candler Mountain Road for approximately 108 feet to provide fiber optic line for a new dormitory facility. This item will go to a public hearing at the August 25, 2026, Regular City Council meeting.

Questions

a. Vice Mayor Curt Diemer:

- What is 804 Court Street zoned currently? City staff explained it is B-1 limited business office. If approved by City Council, it could be residential.
- What is the impact to the citizens regarding the lead service line replacement project, and how has this been received by the community? City staff explained that some concerns have been raised, but overall, there has been positive feedback. When a line is identified as needing to be replaced, the funding will cover the costs of this project.
- Is there a map on GIS to identify pipes in the City? City staff explained that you can pull up any address in the City, and the lines that have been identified there are circles with two halves in them.
- Is there a way to design the Dreaming Creek project to be less expensive, in case a future City Council decides to convert it into a bike path? City staff explained that easement development is currently underway; however, the option will be investigated.

b. Chair, Jacqueline Timmer

- How are sidewalk improvements prioritized, and does revenue sharing have a contributing factor to the arrangement? City staff explained that the Breezewood Drive project was a three-phase project, and the last phase was eliminated. This will be a complete transportation project, not just re-pavement.
- Are there opportunities for lighting or increased visibility along Hollins Mill Bridge? City staff will pass the recommendation to Lee Newland, City Engineer, and consider adding to the project.

c. Dr. Sterling Wilder

- Are preliminary designs available for the Miller Park Pool project? A public notice was released showing the latest concept, but City staff will follow up on this request and send the designs to Dr. Wilder.

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d. *Mayor Larry Taylor*

-Why was there a switch from black polyline to blue polyline, regarding the water lines?
City staff explained that in years past copper has been used for water service lines and ductal lines for commercial, but the blue lines are more cost effective.

Roll Call

a. *Chair Jacqueline Timmer*

Requested to know where the recycling in the City is taken.

Requested an update regarding the status of data centers in the City.

b. *Dr. Sterling Wilder*

Complaint received on Taylor Street regarding some high brush on an abandoned property. Will follow up regarding the address.

c. *Vice Mayor Curt Diemer*

Received complaints regarding more street light outages. Are there any other ways to track these outages or potentially merge software with APCO? City staff explained that the City is pushing APCO for results and will investigate any other ways to make these issues more visible.

d. *Chair Jacqueline Timmer*

Requested follow-up on how we can highlight more history of Lynchburg as a City, specifically regarding the City cemetery.

Meeting Adjourned – 3:47 pm

pc: Wynter C. Benda, City Manager
Greg Patrick, Deputy City Manager
Council Members
Gaynelle Hart, Director of Public Works
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