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// A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg was held on the 10th day of November, 2015, at 4:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Michael Gillette, President, presiding. The following Members were present:

Present: Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Gillette

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Absent: Foster, Johnson, Tweedy

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// Council Member Johnson arrive at 4:20 p.m.

// Council Member Tweedy arrived at 5:09 p.m.

// Director of Human Resources Margaret Schmitt provided a presentation on the 2016 Medical Benefits Program Costs and Funding. There are multiple options available to fund the increase including full City funding, full Employee funding and Employees and the City sharing the costs. Annual costs have increased at a slower rate than national trends since 2009 due to strong plan management, efficient use of the Health Management Program and positive claims experience. Additional plan costs have been funded entirely by the City and employee/retiree rates for family member coverage have not increased in 7 years. While the City cost-experience and the Medical Insurance landscape is changing, in 2016, costs are projected to increase by \$1.2 million over current year funding. City Medical Reserves total \$1,078,048. Ms. Schmitt further explained how our Plan is different because it is "Grandfathered" under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). It is affordable and relatively rich with the following:

- \$500 in-network Deductible
- \$2,000 in-network Out of Pocket Maximum
- City fully funds single coverage
- The City has created artificially low family member rates by funding 100% of increases with no change to employee contributions
- The City has a track record of cost savings through the Health Management Program/Clinic and Occupational Health

Ms. Schmitt further explained options to fund the increase which are:

- Cost Share Option 1 – Full increase funded by City
- Cost Share Option 2 – Full increase funded by Employees
- Cost Share Option 3 – Increase shared by City and Employees

Council discussed the three options with more concentration on Cost Share Option 3. The next steps to develop a final rate structure will be presented to Council at the November 24 work session.

// City Planner Tom Martin continued with an overview of the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite. First, Council conducted an initial work session concerning the proposed Zoning Ordinance on October 13, 2015. After that presentation on the proposed revisions, Council directed staff to advertise the Ordinance for a public hearing on November 10, 2015 and to develop a list of items for further discussion at a work session on October 27, 2015. A number of these items were not covered at the work session due to the time constraint. Michal Laurer with Planning Works continued with outlining the pending issues that were not discussed at the October 27, 2015 work session. These issues were questions raised by Council and by other stakeholders.

Council Issues:

- When are sidewalks required
- Recreational Vehicle Parking
- Residential Lighting
- Underground Utilities

Other Stakeholders Issues:

- Manufactured Homes in IN-2 Districts
- Drive-Through Uses in B-1 Districts
- Setback from Limited Access Highways
- Outdoor Recreational Facilities in IN Districts
- Outdoor Recreational Uses in the R-C District
- Cluster Commercial Development Standards
- Ammunition Reloading

After further discussion on the issues, Council stated more time was needed and would like to schedule further discussion at the November 24th work session.

// Vice Mayor Johnson left the meeting at 5:50 pm returning at 6:03 pm.

// Mayor Gillette left the meeting at 6:00 pm before this item was finished and asked Council Member Helgeson to proceed with the meeting.

// During roll call Council Member Tweedy recognized Deputy City Manager Bonnie Svrcek for her participation at the VML Conference, where she gave a presentation to the group for Women in Local Government.

// Council Member Perrow wished a happy birthday to Tom Martin and other Marines who work for the City and throughout the United States.

// City Council recessed the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

// City Council reconvened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The following Members were present:

Present: Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Gillette

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Absent: Foster

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Council Member Tweedy gave the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Boy Scout Pack 180 Den #7 – Boy Scout Leader Frank Bowman.

// Mayor Gillette and Council Member Tweedy presented a Certificate of Recognition for Nurse Practitioners Week.

// Mayor Gillette and Council Member Tweedy presented a plaque to Mike Goetz, Director of Information Technology for the City of Lynchburg for receiving 6th place in the Digital Cites Survey at the National League of Cities.

// Copies of the minutes of the October 13, 2015 meeting, having been previously furnished Council, reading was dispensed with, and on motion of Council Member Helgeson, seconded by Council Member

Johnson, Council by the following recorded vote approved the minutes as amended:

Ayes: Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Gillette 6

Noes: 0

Absent: Foster 1

// Copies of the minutes of the October 27, 2015 meeting, having been previously furnished Council, reading was dispensed with, and on motion of Council Member Helgeson, seconded by Vice Mayor Johnson, Council by the following recorded vote approved the minutes as presented:

Ayes: Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Gillette 6

Noes: 0

Absent: Foster 1

// In the matter of Police – Grants, Resolution #R-15-096 to amend the FY 2016 City/Federal/State Aid Fund budget and appropriate \$205,486 with resources from a Department of Justice-Bureau of Justice Assistance- Body-Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Program Grant and \$103,818 from Reserve for Contingencies Fund to purchase and implement a Body-Worn Camera program for the Police Department, laid over from the October 27, 2015 meeting, was again presented and read, and on motion of Council Member Helgeson, seconded by Vice Mayor Johnson, Council by the following recorded vote adopted the Resolution:

Ayes: Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Gillette 6

Noes: 0

Absent: Foster 1

// In the matter of Courts, City Council Report #7 was considered. On motion of Council Member Helgeson, seconded by Vice Mayor Johnson, Council by the following recorded vote introduced and laid over to a later meeting for final action Resolution #R-15-097, as presented, amending the FY 2016 City/Federal/State Aid Fund budget and appropriating \$20,250 with resources from a grant from the Library of Virginia to preserve seventy-five (75) Deed books at the Lynchburg Circuit Court Clerk's Office:

Ayes: Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Gillette 6

Noes: 0

Absent: Foster 1

// In the matter of Community Development – Zoning, a public hearing was held regarding City Council Report #8 regarding adopting an Ordinance to amend and reenact the Code of the City of Lynchburg, 1981, by repealing Chapter 35.1 Zoning Ordinance. City Planner Tom Martin provided history on the Zoning Ordinance, stating over the last four decades, parts of the Ordinance have been updated, deleted, and added, but until now there has been no comprehensive assessment or rewrite of the document. The update process began in 2012 when the City performed a Zoning Ordinance Diagnostic, a systematic review and assessment of the Ordinance. Mr. Martin further stated the proposed Zoning Ordinance reflects changes to make the Ordinance easier to use, streamlines City processes, implements many of the goals of the Comprehensive Plan 2013-2030, while addressing new issues and trends and enhancing

the City's built environment. Michael Lauer with Planning Works provided additional information on the rewrite of the Zoning Ordinance. There were 15 individuals who spoke on this item; 8 individuals spoke not to change the ordinance on poultry chicken and goats requirements; 1 individual spoke on Outdoor Lighting; 1 individual spoke on sidewalks and bike lane requirements; 2 individuals spoke on R-1 and R-2 homeowners and occupancy; 1 individual spoke on B-5 District; 1 individual spoke on duplex requirements; 1 individual spoke on the overall zoning policies and standards such as businesses and development. There was no one else present who wished to speak to this item, and the public hearing was closed. The public hearing was held but no action was taken. Council agreed to table this item and continue with a work session on November 24, 2015.

// In the matter of Schools, City Council Report #9 was considered. On motion of Council Member Tweedy, seconded by Council Member Nelson, Council by the following recorded vote introduced and laid over to a later meeting for final action Resolution #R-15-098, as presented, amending the FY 2016 General Fund budget and appropriating \$3,411,449 with resources from unexpended FY 2015 Schools Operating Fund to fund needs as approved by the School Board:

Ayes: Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Gillette	6
Noes:	0
Absent: Foster	1

// In the matter of Commonwealth Attorney, City Council Report #10 was considered. On motion of Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Perrow, Council by the following recorded vote adopted Resolution #R-15-099, as presented, approving the addition of a Legal Assistant in the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney:

Ayes: Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Gillette	6
Noes:	0
Absent: Foster	1

// In the matter of City Council, City Council Report #11 was considered. On motion of Council Member Perrow, seconded by Vice Mayor Johnson, Council by the following recorded vote adopted Resolution #R-15-100, as presented, adopting the 2016 Legislative Agenda:

Ayes: Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Gillette	6
Noes:	0
Absent: Foster	1

// In the matter of Public Works – General, City Council Report #12 was considered. Council Member Perrow, Chair of the Physical Development Committee (PDC) stated this matter came before PDC which recommended approval. This motion does not require a second. Council by the following recorded vote adopted Resolution #R-15-101, as presented, to support Campbell County in the participation of the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Revenue Sharing Program for a project in support of Liberty University:

Ayes: Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Gillette	6
Noes:	0
Absent: Foster	1

// In the matter of Public Works – General, City Council Report #13 was considered. Council Member Perrow, Chair of the Physical Development Committee (PDC) stated this matter came before PDC which recommended approval. This motion does not require a second. Council by the following recorded vote adopted Resolution #R-15-102, as presented, to approve the submittal of an application for \$168,244 in Transportation Alternatives Program funding through Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for construction of a sidewalk on one side of Stoneridge Street providing access to citizens and students:

Ayes: Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Gillette	6
Noes:	0
Absent: Foster	1

// In the matter of Public Works – General, City Council Report #14 was considered. Council Member Perrow, Chair of the Physical Development Committee (PDC) stated this matter came before PDC which recommended approval. This motion does not require a second. Council by the following recorded vote adopted Resolution #R-15-103, as presented, to submit an application for an allocation of funds of up to twenty million sixty thousand eight hundred thirty two dollars (\$20,060,832) through the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Revenue Sharing Program:

Ayes: Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Gillette	6
Noes:	0
Absent: Foster	1

// The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 P.M.

Clerk of Council