

// A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg was held on the 28th day of October, 2014, at 4:00 P.M. in the Jefferson Park Community Center at 405 York Street, Michael Gillette, President, presiding. Council Member Foster gave the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Members were present:

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

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Absent:

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// Director of Parks and Recreation Kay Frazier gave an overview of the Jefferson Park Community Center. Ms. Frazier provided information on Jefferson Park and the Dearington neighborhood which has a rich cultural and social history. The land was donated to the City by Thomas Randolph Jefferson to create a park for the African American community. Over the years the pool became the main summer gathering place for many children from the inner city neighborhoods. Ms. Frazier stated that a series of events and actions by the City had a significant impact on the park, center and neighborhood. The most significant of these events were closing the pool at Jefferson Park, and using the ravine in the neighborhood as a landfill. Ms. Frazier stated that the Jefferson Center was built in 1976, and more recently City investments through capital dollars were spent on the Center for renovation as follows:

- Interior of the Center was renovated (1989)
- New playground equipment installed (2005)
- Basketball (1979) and tennis courts (2003) were renovated

In conclusion, Ms. Frazier mentioned the different programs and partnerships at the Jefferson Center:

- After school program
- Summer Camp/Open Recreation Center
- Extended hours one night a week for teens
- Outreach into the neighborhood to seek input for adult programming interests
- Preschool program in partnership with Lynchburg City Schools (LCS)
- Randolph College – provides Work Study Program
- Neighborhood Volunteers
- LCS – preschool program
- Blue Ridge Food Bank – provides food for summer program
- Centra Health – in discussions

Parks and Recreation welcomes discussions with nonprofits, faith based communities and businesses to continue expanding programs to create centers as neighborhood hubs.

// City Manager Kimball Payne gave a briefing on the Old Jefferson Park Landfill Site. Mr. Payne stated after spotting erosion in a wooded area of Jefferson Park this spring, a plan was put in place to conduct gas monitoring and land evaluation in parts of the site where a former landfill closed in the late 1960s. Mr. Payne went on to say that severe erosion was found in May 2014 in the tree line near the Jefferson Park Community Center on York Street. The area is close to the Dearington apartments. Another section of the former landfill is at the playground of Dearington Elementary School for Innovation. The erosion is close

to the Blackwater Creek Trail and includes collapsed manholes. The City monitored gas in the area for the first time in 17 years and evaluated the landfill cap. Mr. Payne further stated that there are issues at Jefferson Park Community Center that need to be addressed. Mr. Payne stated that during the old landfill's last evaluation in 1997, there was an elevated level of methane gas in a few spots but there was no immediate threat to the public, though the City should monitor it.

In conclusion, Mr. Payne stated before crews come in with equipment to monitor for gas and other issues, citizens should be made aware. We know we need to have an outreach to the neighborhood residents. We want the neighborhood to understand we are paying attention to this and the neighborhood has a right to know about this. A public meeting will be held Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at Dearington Elementary School.

// City Manager Kimball Payne provided input for the development of the 2015 Legislative Agenda. Mr. Payne outlined the priorities and positions for the upcoming session of the Virginia General Assembly. After discussion, Council agreed to bring this item back for adoption at the November 11 Council Meeting. // During roll call Council Member Perrow asked if the Physical Development Committee (PDC) meeting could be changed from November 11 to November 6. Council agreed to change the date of the PDC meeting to be held on November 6, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. in the Council/Manager Offices conference room. // Council Member Helgeson addressed the issue of possibly installing a crosswalk on Odd Fellows Road in reference to the accident that happened with the Liberty University student.

// Mayor Gillette announced the following:

- Danville City Officials will visit Lynchburg on October 30, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in Council Chamber for a tour of downtown Lynchburg.
- Joint Council/School Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Administration Building.
- The Bluffwalk Art Project Ribbon Cutting will be held Friday, November 7, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at the 11th Street steps between Jefferson and Commerce Streets.
- Heritage High School Tour will be held on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at Heritage High School.

// Copies of the minutes of the October 14, 2014 meeting, having been previously furnished Council, reading was dispensed with, and on motion of Council Member Perrow, seconded by Council Member Nelson, Council by the following recorded vote approved the minutes as presented:

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

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Noes:

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// In the matter of Budget, Resolution #R-14-121 amending the FY 2015 General, City/Federal/State Aid, Asset Forfeiture, Technology, Fleet, Water and Sewer Operating Budgets, as well as the City Capital and School Capital Fund Budgets to reflect the carry forward of appropriations for ongoing activities not expended in FY 2014, and to appropriate funds for necessary expenditures since the FY 2015 budget was adopted, laid over from the October 14, 2014 meeting, was again presented and read, and on motion of

Council Member Perrow, seconded by Council Member Nelson, Council by the following recorded vote adopted the Resolution:

Ayes: Foster, Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Gillette 7

Noes: 0

// In the matter of Region 2000/Public Works – General, City Council Report #7 was considered. This item was reviewed by both Committees, Physical Development Committee (PDC) and Finance Committee (FC). Council Member Helgeson, Chair of the Finance Committee (FC), stated that this item came before FC and made a motion to approve the submittal of an application for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Funding. This motion did not require a second and Council by the following recorded vote adopted Resolution #R-14-123, as presented, to approve the submittal of an application for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding through the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for construction of a sidewalk on one side of Nationwide Drive:

Ayes: Foster, Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Gillette 7

Noes: 0

// In the matter of Parks and Recreation – General, City Council Report #8 was considered. Council Member Helgeson, Chair of the Finance Committee (FC), stated that this item came before FC and made a motion for approval. This motion did not require a second, and Council by the following recorded vote introduced and laid over to a later meeting for final action Resolution #R-14-124, as presented, amending the FY 2015 General Fund, Parks and Recreation, Recreation Programs budget and appropriating \$81,298 with resources from the United States Department of Agriculture Farmers' Market Promotion Grant to address food desert challenges in the City and to promote agriculture in the Region 2000 area:

Ayes: Foster, Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Gillette 7

Noes: 0

// On motion of Council Member Foster, seconded by Vice Mayor Johnson, Council by the following recorded vote elected to hold a closed meeting for discussion and consideration of the City Manager's performance, and for discussion and consideration of the disposition of publicly owned real property to a prospective business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the City, because discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the City, and to consider appointments to Council-appointed Boards and Commissions, i.e. Transit Company Board, Lynchburg Parking Authority and Lynchburg Business Development Centre pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A.)(1)(3) and (5) respectively, of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended:

Ayes: Foster, Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Gillette 7

Noes: 0

// The meeting was re-opened to the public.

// Vice Mayor Johnson made the following motion:

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Lynchburg has convened a closed meeting on this date,

pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by City Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Lynchburg certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by Council.

The Motion was seconded by Council Member Nelson, and Council by the following recorded vote adopted the motion:

Ayes: Foster, Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Gillette 7

Noes: 0

// In the matter of Appointments, and on nomination of Council Member Perrow, seconded by Council Member Foster, Council by the following recorded vote re-appointed Jennifer D. Martin, James H. Mundy and L. Kimball Payne, III to serve on the Transit Company Board for terms to expire October 30, 2017:

Ayes: Foster, Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Gillette 7

Noes: 0

On nomination of Council Member Perrow, seconded by Council Member Foster, Council by the following recorded vote re-appointed Urs Gabathuler to serve on the Lynchburg Parking Authority for a term to expire October 30, 2019:

Ayes: Foster, Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Gillette 7

Noes: 0

On nomination of Council Member Perrow, seconded by Council Member Foster, Council by the following recorded vote appointed Stephen M. Lamanna to serve on the Lynchburg Business Development Centre for a term to expire September 30, 2017:

Ayes: Foster, Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Gillette 7

Noes: 0

// The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Clerk of Council