// A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg was held on the 9th day of October, 2018, at 4:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Treney Tweedy, President, presiding. The following Members were present:

Present: MaryJane Dolan, Jeff S. Helgeson, J. Randy Nelson, E. J. Turner Perrow,

Sterling A. Wilder, Beau Wright, Treney Tweedy 7

Absent: 0

// City Manager Bonnie Svrcek mentioned prior to development of the FY 2020 Operating and Capital Budgets, issues have been presented to City Council for information. Council recently heard information reports on Re-engineering Trash Collection and Recycling, Recruitment, Retention and Rightsizing the Lynchburg Police Department, Code Compliance and the City-wide Salary Study. Ms. Svrcek went on to say given the City's investment in Lynchburg City Schools, Superintendent Dr. Crystal Edwards will provide an overview of various data points and issues projected to impact the FY 2020 Operating and Capital budgets. Superintendent of Lynchburg City Schools (LCS), Dr. Crystal Edwards provided a presentation on #Reinvest LCS. Dr. Edwards began with "Every Child, by Name and by Need, to Graduation….and beyond."

By Name and By Need:

- Literacy Specialist
- Special Education Teacher
- Instructional Assistant
- Behavioral Specialist
- Social Worker

To Graduation….and Beyond

- Content Knowledge (achieve and apply appropriate academic and technical knowledge)
- Career Planning (align knowledge, skill, and personal interests with career opportunities)
- Community and Civic Responsibility (build connections and value for interactions with diverse communities)
- Work Place Skills (attain and demonstrate productive workplace skills, qualities and behaviors)

Fully Accredited Schools

Accredited (10) Using old Standard

- Dearington Elementary School
- Paul Munro Elementary School
- Sandusky Elementary School
- TC Miller Elementary School
- Dunbar Middle School
- E. C. Glass High School

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- Bedford Hills Elementary School
- Heritage Elementary School
- R.S. Payne Elementary School

Accredited (9) Using New Standard
- Dearington Elementary School
- Paul Munro Elementary School
- Sandusky Elementary School
- Sheffield Elementary School
- TC Miller Elementary School
- Dunbar Middle School
- E. C. Glass High School
- William Bass Elementary School
- Perrymont Elementary School

Accredited (12) 2018-19
- Dearington Elementary School
- Paul Munro Elementary School
- Sandusky Elementary School
- Sheffield Elementary School
- TC Miller Elementary School
- Dunbar Middle School
- E. C. Glass High School
- Bedford Hills Elementary School
- Heritage Elementary School
- R.S. Payne Elementary School
- William Bass Elementary School
- Perrymont Elementary School

Several schools Accredited with Conditions 2018-19
- Linkhorne Elementary School (subgroup deficits in Math and Reading)
- Linkhorne Middle School (subgroup deficits in English)
- Sandusky Middle School (subgroup deficits in English)
- Heritage High School (subgroup deficits in Math)

How is LCS Reinvesting in Itself?
Strategy (Personnel Management)
- Eliminated some central office positions and provided more support at schools
- Re-evaluated Tier 1 personnel requests
- Re-evaluated how we use Title Funds
- Reflected and reviewed personnel replacement requests
- Collapsed classes and reassigned personnel
- Capped elementary class size and reassigned students

<u>We Need Your Help… #Reinvest LCS</u>

- Building Maintenance
- Renovation
- Replacement

Council thanked the Superintendent, School Board Members and Staff for being present at the meeting and commended the Superintendent on the presentation stating it was a very thorough and informative report. The following are questions and comments that were asked by Council Members:

- 1 to 1 Technology
- Accreditation
- Collapsed Classes and Capped Classes
- State Funding and Title Funds
- Rezoning School Districts
- Four Schools that were Accredited with Conditions in English and Math
- Budget issues
- How much has the personnel management strategy netted for the Schools
- Fiscal Impact with our tax payers (property value and how you are running the school system)
- Enrollment – Average Daily Membership (ADM)
- Focus on Community Engagement
- Pre-K Ambassadors Program and Pre-School partnership to address the gap
- Expand on the Vision of Alternative Education

Council Member Perrow asked the following:

A few technical questions: Expand on the 1:1 goal for technology (Dr. Edwards response: Students have a 1:1 device (ex. laptops, netbooks and chrome books) for technology in the high schools. As a result more technicians are needed to service such technology.) How long will the two accrediting standards be combined? (Dr. Edwards staff mentioned it was only for this year.) When schools aren't accredited, it gets shown on real estate websites (such as Zillow) and it is potentially depressing the real estate values in that area. Yet the City is looking for higher real estate demand, which increases the value of our real estate, which means more tax revenue and the City's hands will not be tied as tightly as they are currently when it comes to funding. (Dr. Edwards mentioned that it is important to her office to reach out quickly, as part of the strategic goal under community engagement and involvement is to reach out to the real estate agencies and agents bringing them into the schools to make them more aware of our school statuses, as they are selling homes and businesses in the communities. How does class size function? (Dr. Edwards works with principals and teachers to reduce class size elsewhere in the school or the division. The children in the class will be spread out to other classes in the building to ensure children and their families transition smoothly.) Council Member Perrow asked if only the students were being moved. (Dr. Edwards mentioned there are two strategies: move teachers and move students to other classrooms or another class.)

How do you decide which classes are capped? (Dr. Edwards responded that her office caps the 1st or 2nd week of school.) Council Member Perrow commended Dr. Edwards for the collapsed and capped classes as it took real leadership to make this move. Council Member Perrow mentioned the State has a revenue influx this year and he hopes the State would get back to the normal rate at which they should fund the schools. He did offer the School Superintendent a warning: The City has been increasing their funding level and it would be prudent for the City to decrease funding if the State funding for schools increases. Lastly, he mentioned the School Superintendent is brave to take on re-zoning as it is a long process, but a necessary one.

Council Member Wilder thanked Dr. Edwards for the presentation and her staff for making the schools the best that they can be. He commended Dr. Edwards work on accreditation and inquired about the four schools without accreditation. (Dr. Edwards stated that two of the schools are under new leadership, which made a world of difference. We are also looking at consistency across programs, such as reading. In addition, Dr. Edwards and her staff are working on curriculum, with building leaders, and instructions.)

Council Member Wright thanked Dr. Edwards for the wonderful presentation. He asked how much has the personnel management strategy she implemented netted the schools? (Dr. Edwards responded that $300,000 - $400,000 and an additional $300,000 for Tier 1.)

Council Member Nelson thanked Dr. Edwards and school board members for explaining a very salient issue and data, which was very helpful.

Council Member Dolan thanked Dr. Edwards and she likes her focus on community engagement. She then asked Dr. Edwards to expand her vision for expanding alternative education. (Dr. Edwards stated some students come with a degree of trauma. She is looking to see what she can do with community resources to better serve our children. Some students need smaller class sizes, which could be possible for short periods of time.) Council Member Dolan agreed with Dr. Edwards that mentoring students is one way to combat the traumas impacting the students.

Council Member Helgeson commended Dr. Edwards on how she is looking at the fiscal impact, property values, and how she is operating and running the school system. He then asked for enrollment and Average Daily Membership (ADM) numbers, and information about locally staffed positions. Council Member Helgeson also asked about pre-school. The Superintendent also said she is working with community pre-school partners to address the gaps.

Mayor Tweedy thanked Dr. Edwards for the presentation and information. She commented on the role of innovation for the next generation, aligning the school with the economic development plan, meeting the needs of students who are not in the traditional setting, and how have we used public and private partnerships in the past and the future to address some of the City schools needs.

// Chief Executive of Horizon Behavioral Health Damien Cabezas presented the Horizon Behavioral Health Services Annual Report. Mr. Cabezas stated that Horizon's Vision is to provide behavioral healthcare services that are accessible, consumer centered, cost effective, and outcome-based. The Mission is to support and promote the health, independence and self-worth of individuals and families in Central Virginia by providing a continuum of Community-based prevention, early intervention, aftercare and psychosocial rehabilitation services for persons affected by mental health, intellectual disabilities, substance use and co-occurring disorders. Horizon was established in 1969 and in FY 2018 it served a total of 17,262 individuals and families with a total of 750 employees and 51 different locations throughout Central Virginia. The following are services that Horizon provides in the Lynchburg area:

- Outpatient Services
- Case Management
- Outpatient Therapy
- Psychiatric Services/Medication Management
- Residential
- Foster Care
- Mental Health and Residential Substance Use Services
- Emergency Services
- School-Based Services
- Housing Services
- Ambulatory Crisis Stabilization

Mr. Cabezas mentioned "What's on the Horizon" for Horizon Behavioral Health:

- Johnson Health Center (Wellness Center Lynchburg)
- Expansion in Appomattox and Concord
- Genoa
- Sweet Briar College Collaboration
- Medicaid Expansion
- Just in Time Scheduling
- Credible Client Portal & Direct Messaging

In conclusion, Mr. Cabezas stated Horizon Behavioral Health continues with Consumer Engagement, Enhanced Integration and Care Coordination, Prevention, Technology and Social Media.

// City Planner Tom Martin provided information regarding the Automobile Sales in B-4, Urban Commercial District.

On June 12, 2018, Mr. Rodney Hubbard addressed City Council concerning the sale of automobiles at 420 Monroe Street. The property is zoned B-4, Urban Commercial District, which does not permit automobile sales. On June 25, 2018, Mr. Kevin Henry, Zoning Administrator, forwarded City Council a memorandum providing background concerning the property and the determination that automobile sales are not permitted in the B-4, Urban Commercial District.

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On July 9, 2018, Council Member Nelson requested that discussion concerning amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to allow automobile sales in the B-4, Urban Commercial District be placed on a future Council agenda. Mr. Martin went on to say City staff does not recommend amendments to the B-4, Urban Commercial District for the following reasons:

- Automobile sales are not compatible with the intended purpose of the B-4, Urban Commercial District, which is to encourage a mix of multi-household, business, and related activities of relatively high densities.
- Automobile sales are not compatible with the 5th Street Corridor Master Plan adopted by Council on March 23, 2006.
- Automobile sales are not compatible with the *Downtown &* Riverfront Master Plan 2000 adopted by Council on May 22, 2001, or the Draft *Downtown 2040* Master Plan*.*
- Mr. Hubbard could petition to rezone the property at 420 Monroe Street.

Mr. Martin stated that City Staff does not initiate amendments to the *Zoning Ordinance* that would allow automobile sales in the B-4, Urban Commercial District. Timeline of Zoning Ordinance:

- 1960 – Central Business District zoned B-4
- 1994 – Area around Central Business District zoned B-6
- 2001 – Downtown and Riverfront Master Plan Adopted
- 2006 – 5th Street Master Plan Adopted
- 2007 – 5th Street zoned B-6
- 2016 – B-4 and B-6 District combined to B-4
- 2018 – Downtown 2040 Master Plan

Council Members asked questions and commented on this item. Council Member Perrow asked about the opening and closing of Adams Motor Company? Council Member Nelson stated he was not questioning the process but the concern of the neighborhood from Harrison Street to Taylor Street which includes parts of Park Avenue and 5th Street. There were many auto related businesses in these areas such as 5 service stations and 4 auto repair businesses, which was an integral part of the neighborhood. Council Member Nelson continued to say if the Zoning Ordinance could be tweaked to the nonconforming uses in that area then the business owner who is repairing the vehicles and servicing the vehicle could sell the vehicle if for some reason the owner of the vehicle does not pay for the services. He referenced Mr. Henry's letter that the Plan identified the then-existing B5, General Business District zoning as "inappropriate" as being the least restrictive zoning district in the City and producing substantial nuisance effects. He could not see how this would be a nuisance in this area. How could selling a vehicle be a nuisance?

After Council discussion, a motion was made by Council Member Nelson and seconded by Council Member Wilder to delay acting on this item until further information is obtained and ask the City Attorney to attend the work session.

Council Member Nelson made a motion for the zoning ordinance to allow for nonconforming use in automobile sales and repairs to be able to sell a vehicle that was serviced on that property. That motion was seconded by Council Member Wilder. Further discussions would benefit by having the City Attorney present to weigh in on this issue. A motion was made by Council Member Nelson and seconded by Council Member Perrow to table this item until additional information can be received and have the City Attorney present at the meeting. This item has been tabled until October 23, 2018. Council by the following recorded vote agreed to delay action on this item regarding the Automobile Sales in B-4, Urban Commercial District:

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Wilder, Wright, Tweedy	7
Noes:	0

// City Manager Bonnie Svrcek stated this item on City of Lynchburg Medical Coverage is being presented to Council for informational purposes only and no action is required of Council. Human Resources Director James Lowe provided the City of Lynchburg Medical Coverage January – December 2019. Mr. Lowe provided a presentation concerning the City's Health Plan and rate increases effective January 1, 2019. This item requires no action by Council. Mr. Lowe stated the following is for the Plan year beginning January 2019. The presentation consists of the following:

Content

- Trends in Medical Costs
- Budget vs Actual
- Why Rate Increase is Needed
- Cost-sharing Model
- Monthly Rates
- Same Rate for Last Three Years
- Going Forward

Trends in Medical Costs is Anthem's projection of increases in claims cost for the following year. There were no contribution increases in 2017 and 2018. However, there will be a considerable increase in Medical Costs for 2019.

Budget vs. Actual	2016	2017	2018 (projected)
Actual Expenses	$11,074,533	$11,398,600	$12,609,126
Contributions	$11,399,052	$11,141,316	$11,141,316
Variance	$ 324,519	($257,284)	($1,467,810)

Why Rate Increase is Needed

- Increase in claims experience
  - o Number of claims reaching stop-loss limit
  - o Number of claims nearing but not reaching stop-loss limit
- National Trends
- No rate increase in three years

(The stop-loss limit is $300,000 per claim per calendar year.)

Cost-Sharing Model (implemented in January 2016 and no rate increase since January 2016)

Tier	City Contribution	Employee Contribution
Employee	95%	5%
Employee & Child	68%	32%
Employee & Children	68%	32%
Employee & Spouse	68%	32%
Family	68%	32%
Family (Married City Employees)	91%	9%

Mr. Lowe explained the monthly rates for the current plan in 2018 and then explained the increases of rates for January 2019.

Same Rate for Last Three Years

The most recent rate increase took effect January 1, 2016

Prior to 2016, employees paid no premium for single coverage

Going Forward

Provide cost-effective, high-quality health plan
Smooth future increases
Build a margin for adverse experience
Fund at Anthem projection plus 2.5% until a 8%-10% fund is established

In conclusion, Mr. Lowe stated that this presentation was for informational purposes only and no action is required of Council.

// During roll call Council Member Perrow mentioned the salary study. He recalled asking two weeks ago for the source data from the salary study. He asked Ms. Svrcek if her office would be providing access to the data in the near future. Ms. Svrcek stated her office is in contact with the firm that conducted the study and they have a conference call later this week to provide information available for Council later in the week.

// Council Member Wright mentioned the congestion and speed on Rivermont Avenue and asked if Public Works could look into this matter.

// Mayor Tweedy made the following announcement – “Read for the Record” will be held on Thursday, October 25, 2018 for our Pre-K, Kindergarten and First Grade classes at 9:00 a.m. The book title is “Baby Something Beautiful”. She encouraged everyone to support education, and those interested should contact Karen Westly with Smart Beginnings.

// City Council recessed the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

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

The following Members were present:

Present: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Wilder, Wright, Tweedy	7
Absent:	0

Council Member Wilder gave the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cub Scout Pack 180, Den 1 and Leader Frank Bowman.

// Mayor Tweedy and Vice Mayor Dolan presented to the Lynchburg Police Department and the Community Action Team (CAT) an award from Virginia Municipal League (VML).

// Copies of the minutes of the September 25, 2018 meeting, having been previously furnished Council, reading was dispensed with, and on motion of Council Member Helgeson, seconded by Council Member Wilder, Council by the following recorded vote approved the minutes as presented:

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Wilder, Wright, Tweedy	7
Noes:	0

// In the matter of Circuit Court, Resolution #R-18-078 to amend the FY 2019 City/Federal/State Aid Fund budget and appropriate $10,780 with resources from a grant from the Library of Virginia to preserve Marriage Bonds M-Z, 1805 – 1824 and Marriage Bonds A-I, 1825-1834 at the Lynchburg Circuit Court Clerk’s Office, laid over from the September 25, 2018 meeting, was again presented and read, and on motion of Council Member Helgeson, seconded by Council Member Wilder, Council by the following recorded vote adopted the Resolution:

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Wilder, Wright, Tweedy	7
Noes:	0

// In the matter of Police, Resolution #R-18-079 to amend the FY 2019 City/Federal/State Aid Fund budget and appropriate $27,225 with resources of $18,150 from the Department of Motor Vehicles Highway Safety Grant, an in-kind service and equipment match of $7,924 and $1,151 transferred from the FY 2019 General Fund Police Department budget to provide funds for speed enforcement activities, laid over from the September 25, 2018 meeting, was again presented and read, and on motion of Council Member Helgeson, seconded by Council Member Wilder, Council by the following recorded vote adopted the Resolution:

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Wilder, Wright, Tweedy 7

Noes: 0

// In the matter of Police, Resolution #R-18-081 to amend the FY 2019 City/Federal/State Aid Fund budget and appropriate $61,928 with resources of $41,285 from the Department of Motor Vehicles the FY 2018 General Fund Police Department budget to provide selective enforcement activities, alcohol testing equipment and attend related training, laid over from the September 25 2018 meeting, was again presented and read, and on motion of Council Member Helgeson, seconded by Council Member Wilder, Council by the following recorded vote adopted the Resolution:

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Wilder, Wright, Tweedy 7

Noes: 0

// In the matter of Community Development - Zoning, a public hearing was held regarding City Council Report #10 outlining the petition of Michael Dillard for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) at 3600 Campbell Avenue to allow the conversion of an existing dwelling into a duplex in a B-3, Community Business District. Planner Rachel Frischeisen provided an overview of the request. The petition is consistent with the Zoning Ordinance*, which* permits standalone duplexes upon approval of a CUP in B-3, Community Business Districts. The petition is consistent with the *Comprehensive* Plan 2013-2030's Future Land Use Map (FLUM), which recommends mixed use for the area. Approval of the CUP would not change the underlying B-3 zoning, which would allow the property to redevelop as a commercial property in the future. Ms. Frischeisen stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the CUP. The petitioner Michael Dillard made presentation asking to approval the CUP at 3600 Campbell Avenue. There was no one else present who wished to speak to this item and the public hearing was closed. On motion of Council Member Perrow, seconded by Council Member Wright, Council by the following recorded vote adopted Resolution #R-18-083, as presented, granting the Conditional Use Permit at 3600 Campbell Avenue to allow the conversion of an existing dwelling into a duplex in a B-3, Community Business District:

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Wilder, Wright, Tweedy 7

Noes: 0

// In the matter of Public Works, a public hearing was held regarding City Council Report #11 to outlining a lease agreement with Meanwhile Back At The Farm, LLC for the occupation and use of the City-owned property located at 3815 Old Forest Road, Public Works Deputy Director Clay Simmons provided an overview of the request. Mr. George Harris asked Council to approve the least agreement for Meanwhile Back At The Farm, LLC. There was no one else present who wished to speak to this item, and the public hearing was closed. Council Member Perrow, Chair of the Physical Development Committee (PDC) stated that the request was considered by the PDC and made a motion to approve the request. The motion did not require a second, and Council by the following recorded vote adopted Resolution #R-18-084, as presented, for a lease agreement with Meanwhile Back at The Farm, LLC for the occupation and use of the City-owned property located at 3815 Old Forest Road:

Ayes:	Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Wilder, Wright, Tweedy	7
Noes:		0

// In the matter of Community Development, a public hearing was held regarding City Council Report #12 to adopt the Downtown 2040 Master Plan. City Planner Tom Martin provided information on the Downtown 2040 Master Plan. Mr. Martin stated the Master Plan is a 20-year blueprint for the next phase of revitalization in downtown and includes recommendations for local historic districts, eight new parks and outdoor spaces, as well as utility and streetscape improvement.

On April 26, 2017, the Planning Commission initiated revisions to the Downtown & Riverfront Master Plan 2000 to provide a clear path and direction forward for the next twenty years of Downtown development. The Downtown 2040 Master Plan builds upon the successes of the previous plan, and if adopted, would replace the Downtown & Riverfront Master Plan *2000*.

After significant community outreach and participation, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing and recommended adoption of the Downtown 2040 Master Plan on August 22, 2018. The following edits were recommended by the Planning Commission and are included in the Master Plan:

- Temporary road closures to create pedestrian only streets at certain times of the week/year as a tool to create additional public space in Downtown streets.
- Narrowing of Rivermont Avenue on the northwest side of the bridge to match the bridge road diet, particularly on the inbound route**.**
- Amending City Code to require deliveries to be made in loading zones, not travel lanes, regardless of street direction.

At the September 11, 2018 City Council work session, staff and consultants provided an overview of the Downtown 2040 Master Plan with emphasis on the recommendation of restoring two-way traffic on

Main and Church Streets. Mr. Martin also stated "What is a Downtown Plan: It is a detailed Plan - A Program of Action and a 20-year Blueprint for Downtown. The Vision for the 2040 Downtown Lynchburg will be a bustling, thriving urban core; economic, social, and cultural hub, a destination, livable neighborhood, diverse offerings, historic, unique, vibrant public spaces, exciting atmosphere and most important it will be the heart of the region. The Basics of the Plan cover 5th Street to the Carter Glass Bridge and the James River up to Court Street, the Plan includes local Historic Districts to protect the resources beyond five years; and design guidelines that are specific to Downtown and prevent inappropriate demolition. The Plan includes over eight spaces for Parks and Gathering Spaces such as: Destination Amphitheater, Riverfront Park, Canal Park, Foundry Park, Clay Street Reservoir, Dog Park, City Hall Plaza, and Community Market Arrival Pad. In the Plan, Parking is addressed in these areas Park Once, Parking Wayfinding, On-Street Paid Parking, Market Driven Parking Approach, Mixed Use Parking Development, Mobility Hubs, Transit-Oriented Housing, Park and Ride and Bike Share. In conclusion, Mr. Martin stated the Plan had been approved by the Planning Commission and endorsed by Business Alliance and the Downtown Lynchburg Association. Individuals who spoke in favor and in opposition of the Master Plan were most concerned with the implementation of two-way traffic on Church and Main Streets and paid on-street Parking.

Sixteen individuals spoke in favor of the Master Plan that included the following comments:

- Supportive of the two-way traffic
- Master Plan will facilitate sustainable growth for the City's urban core
- Downtown would be a more pedestrian-friendly environment
- Support the Plan if they implement loading zones and enforce them.

Six individuals spoke in opposition, which included the following comments:

- Not supportive of the two-way traffic
- The Master Plan did not adequately plan for potential gentrification effects on those who have lived in the area for decades. There has to be intentional action to go into these neighborhoods and talk to the people who are impacted.
- The Master Plan showed a lack of inclusion and diversity. There are individuals in this community that may not be represented and we need to take another look at the Master Plan.

After the public hearing was closed the item was referred to Council for discussion.

Following the discussion from Council, Council Member Wilder made a motion, seconded by Council Member Wright to approve the Downtown 2040 Master Plan in its entirety.

Council Member Helgeson made a substitute motion, seconded by Council Member Nelson to have additional discussion and bring back to a work session with Council Members' questions and concerns. Council took a vote on the substitute motion to make the substitute motion the main motion by the following recorded vote:

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow	4
Noes: Wilder, Wright, Tweedy	3

Council Member Wilder mentioned the forums to gauge citizens about the City Master Plan and it will take some time to implement the changes in the Master Plan. He also thanked local business owners who came to speak tonight.

Council Member Wright mentioned two-way traffic to revitalize downtown Lynchburg. He also mentioned the Master Plan is only a Plan. He mentioned the changes Lynchburg has coming and he looks forward to supporting the adoption of the Master Plan.

Council Member Helgeson proposed Council take the Master Plan to a work session to better understand both sides of the issue before making a decision.

Council Member Nelson suggested Council need to address equity in the Master Plan. In addition, he wants Council to explore the interpretations of the Master Plan by examining more about two-way traffic on Main Street between 9^{th} and 12^{th} Streets. He wants more empirical results on the implementation of two-way traffic specifically in Lynchburg and its impact.

Council Member Perrow mentioned he thinks it would be wise to table the current vote and return to a work session to discuss the Master Plan further before voting to approve it. He disputes the benefits of two-way traffic because they are overstated in the Plan; there are negatives Council needs to explore further. He stated that if we are going to support expanding downtown, we must consider the property values and rent rates increase; we need to be weary of the impact. He also would like to know more about the implementation plan (5 year, 10 year, etc.). We need to also consider the loading dock issue. Most importantly, he wants proof of concept.

Vice Mayor Dolan mentioned she does not believe Council is ready to make a decision tonight. She stated that Council needs to think more about this plan including the implementation timeline.

Council Member Wilder also mentioned that there has been a Plan in place since 2000 for many of these same changes. The forums were held to get feedback and make comments about the Master Plan.

He further stated that we will hear the same comments and prolong the process and ultimately vote on the Master Plan.

Council Member Wright says Council should not prolong the process any further. He is in favor of moving the Master Plan forward. Council Member Nelson stated he did not mind voting on the Master Plan, but he wants some of the language changed. Mayor Tweedy mentioned the vote was delayed so that the Master Plan can come forward to allow more opportunity for feedback, not simply due to two-way traffic. She mentioned that a decision had to be made in 2001-2002 to get to the point we are at now. We must also consider the surveys reported and act on this information. She mentioned this is not a time to delay. Council took a vote on the substitute motion, to move discussion of the Downtown 2040 Master Plan to a work session for October 23, 2018. Council by the following recorded vote moved discussion of the Downtown 2040 Master Plan to the October 23, 2018 work session:

Ayes:	Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow	4
Noes:	Wilder, Wright, Tweedy	3

Several Council Members voted in favor of a substitute motion to table the Master Plan to explore more options during a work session. Mayor Tweedy mentioned she would like more information and research related to gentrification, marginalized voices, and research on ideas and implementation submitted to the Planning Commission for Council's review to ensure equity. She then asked for examples of additional information to be included in work session discussion on the Master Plan. Council Member Perrow commented on the following suggestions: an implementation plan for two-way traffic, more details about loading zone enforcement, and plans for future downtown construction projects. Council Member Helgeson stated it would be wise for Council to slow down, take this to a work session, and think about how we can make this better. Council Members Wilder, Wright and Mayor Tweedy disagreed with the proposal of delaying the vote on Downtown 2040 Master Plan. Mayor Tweedy mentioned that Council and the Public have had a year to come forward and discuss the Plan, and to stop delaying the issue on two-way traffic. Mayor Tweedy went on to say "I don't want to delay a Plan because not everyone feels their voice has been heard over a year,"… "the Plan can be a phased-in approach as this is a vision for 20 years out."

// In the matter of Economic Development, City Council Report #13 was considered for the issuance of up to $15,000,000 in Bonds for Randolph College through the Economic Development Authority. Economic Development Assistant Director Anna Bentson gave an overview of the request. Ms. Bentson stated that Randolph College filed its application for assistance of revenue bond financing with the Economic Development Authority. Randolph College is proposing to refinance existing debt, which financed existing college facilities, including athletics and student housing. The bonds requested will not exceed $15,000,000. On motion of Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Perrow, Council by the following recorded vote adopted Resolution #R-18-085, as presented, for the issuance of up to $15,000,000 in Bonds for Randolph College through the Economic Development Authority:

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Wilder, Wright, Tweedy	7
Noes:	0

// In the matter of Fire, City Council Report #14 was considered to amend the FY 2019 City/Federal/State Aid Fund budget and appropriate $239,695 with resources of $217,905 from the Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency - Assistance to Firefighter's (AFG) and $21,790 appropriated from the Fire Department General Fund Budget to purchase (179) firefighter self-rescue devices, more commonly referred to as Bail-out devices. Fire Chief Wormser provided an overview of the request. Council Member Helgeson, Chair of the Finance Committee (FC) stated that the request was considered by the FC and made a motion to approve the request. The 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-18-086 as presented, to purchase (179) firefighter self-rescue devices, more commonly referred to as Bail-out devices for the Fire Department:

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Wilder, Wright, Tweedy	7
Noes:	0

// The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 P.M.