

// A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg was held on the 12th day of September, 2017, at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Joan Foster, President, presiding. Council Member Dolan gave the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Members were present:

Present: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Tweedy, Wilder, Foster 6

Absent: Perrow 1

// City Manager Bonnie Svrcek provided the results of Lynchburg's 2017 Bonds sell. Ms. Svrcek went on to say the City of Lynchburg's General Obligation Public Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2017 was awarded to Robert W. Baird. Ms. Svrcek further stated that the City of Lynchburg received 7 competitive bids for the Series 2017 Bonds. Robert W. Baird provided the lowest bid of 2.586%. Due to favorable market movement over the last few months, the City was pleased to report that we were well above the minimum threshold. The final savings of the Series 2017 Bonds produced \$4.57 million over the life of the Bonds.

// Copies of the minutes of the August 8, 2017 meeting, having been previously furnished Council, reading was dispensed with, and on motion of Council Member Helgeson, seconded by Council Member Nelson, Council by the following recorded vote approved the minutes as amended:

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Tweedy, Wilder, Foster 6

Noes: 0

Absent: Perrow 1

// In the matter of Budget, Resolution #R-17-072, to amend the FY 2018 General, Water, and Sewer Funds' Adopted Budgets and appropriate \$169,000; \$130,000; and \$26,000 respectively with resources from the refunding bond proceeds for a total of \$325,000 for estimated issuance costs laid over from the August 8, 2017 meeting, was again presented and read, and on motion of Council Member Helgeson, seconded by Council Member Nelson, Council by the following recorded vote adopted the Resolution:

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Tweedy, Wilder, Foster 6

Noes: 0

Absent: Perrow 1

// In the matter of Community Development, a public hearing was held regarding City Council Report #3 to adopt an Ordinance vacating a portion of Right-of-Way known as Templeman Street. Rachel Frischeisen, Planner, provided a summary of the request. Mr. Trent Warner with Hurt and Proffitt asked for Council approval to vacate a portion of the Right-of-Way known as Templeman Street. Council discussed this item to make sure all the proper procedures were followed including:

- Proper notice given to the property owners
- Public sign posting

Ms. Frischeisen responded to Council Member Helgeson's question when he asked had the property owners been notified. She stated that alleys and a portion of a right-of-way are not required, only the adjoining property owners are notified. The property owner at 3610 Fort Avenue gave consent and was notified and the property owner at 3526 Fort Avenue is the petitioner for this property. City Attorney Walter Erwin stated the Zoning Ordinance amendment does not require posting of a sign if the property being vacated is unapproved or an unused alley, which explains why no sign was posted and written notices were sent to the owner and the adjacent owner. There was no one else present who wished to speak to this item, and the public hearing was closed. On motion of Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Dolan, Council by the following recorded vote adopted Resolution #R-17-074, as presented, to adopt an Ordinance vacating a portion of Right-of-Way known as Templeman Street:

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Tweedy, Wilder, Foster	6
Noes:	0
Absent: Perrow	1

// In the matter of Public Works, a public hearing was held regarding City Council Report #4 to adopt an Ordinance granting a Franchise Agreement between the Virginian Hotel, LLC and the City of Lynchburg. Public Works Director Gaynell Hart provided an overview of the Franchise Agreement between the Virginian Hotel, LLC and the City of Lynchburg. Mr. Blair Godsey with the Virginian Hotel, LLC gave a summary of the request for the purpose of installing twenty flush mount on-grade up lights in the City sidewalk on Church and 8th Streets, adjacent to the hotel and in conjunction with the downtown waterline and streetscape project. There was no one else present who wished to speak to this item, and the public hearing was closed. On motion of Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Wilder, Council

by the following recorded vote adopted Ordinance #O-17-075, as presented, granting a Franchise Agreement between the Virginian Hotel, LLC and the City of Lynchburg:

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Tweedy, Wilder, Foster 6

Noes: 0

Absent: Perrow 1

// In the matter of Airport, a public hearing was held regarding City Council Report #5 authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement by and between the City of Lynchburg and Banker Aviation, LLC for the use of a 12,000 square-foot hangar facility and attached 1,800 square-foot office/lounge area located at the Lynchburg Regional Airport. Airport Director Mark Courtney first introduced the new Deputy Airport Director, Marcelo Lima. Mr. Courtney asked Council to approve a lease agreement with Banker Aviation, LLC to occupy a 12,000 square-foot aircraft hangar with attached 1,800 square-foot office/lounge area at Lynchburg Regional Airport. There was no one else present who wished to speak to this item, and the public hearing was closed. On motion of Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Tweedy, Council by the following recorded vote adopted Resolution #R-17-076, as presented, to execute a lease agreement by and between the City of Lynchburg and Banker Aviation, LLC for the use of a 12,000 square-foot hangar facility and attached 1,800 square-foot office/lounge area located at the Lynchburg Regional Airport:

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Tweedy, Wilder, Foster 6

Noes: 0

Absent: Perrow 1

// In the matter of Community Development, City Council Report #6 was considered. On motion of Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Dolan, Council by the following recorded vote adopted Resolution #R-17-077, as presented, to approve the renaming of the portion of Peninsular Street located off of the 220th block of Peninsular Street to Moses Lane:

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Tweedy, Wilder, Foster 6

Noes: 0

Absent: Perrow 1

// In the matter of City Council, City Council Report #7 was considered. Assistant City Manager John Hughes provided an overview of the request. He explained the City initiative to reduce poverty, commonly referred to as "From Poverty to Progress," is proceeding forward. Since the Call to Action at the State of the City Address earlier this year, and the first large community event on May 4th, local agencies, community volunteers, and City staff have been moving toward creating a stronger Lynchburg. The Committees have focused on the primary barriers to overcoming poverty (Poverty 101, Education, Child Care, Transportation, Workforce Development, Health/Mental Health, Food Disparity, Housing, and the Legal System). These Committees have met with involved citizens over the summer to determine action items from the May 4th data. The representatives from these sessions will report out on October 5th and will begin the process of bringing action plans to fruition. A diverse citizenry as well as residents of contiguous counties, other regions in the State and even out of State, have been involved in some fashion. In addition, to the Facilitation Team group meetings, the City coordinated a collaborative information session with the United Way, Bridges Out of Poverty, and TechHire to cross-educate on each entity's mission. Also involved were LynCAG, Workforce Development, Humankind and Goodwill. There are 633 persons currently enrolled on our database, ready to help Lynchburg walk forward, as intended and appropriate, toward the mark of collaboration, community wealth building, and empowerment while creating sustainable opportunities for all.

Council discussed this item to expend \$15,000 of the \$50,000 in funding available to address poverty in the FY 2018 Adopted Budget. There were several questions raised regarding From Poverty to Progress:

- Had the other meetings been set for Poverty to Progress
- What are the next steps regarding this project
- What is Government involvement in the project
- What are the goals and objectives for these meetings
- Can a report be submitted in October
- What incentives can be given to continue to move forward
- Can notices be included in the water bill to raise awareness of this project

Council Member Helgeson mentioned three goals to success out of poverty To finish high school

- To finish high school
- Get married before having children
- Work 40 hours a week

On motion of Council Member Nelson seconded by Mayor Foster, Council by the following recorded vote adopted Resolution #R-17-078, as amended, to expend \$5,000 of the \$50,000 in funding available to address poverty in the FY 2018 Adopted Budget. This amount (\$5,000) is allocated to support one (1) From Poverty to Progress community engagement events during FY 2018 to be held at E.C. Glass High School (or similar venue) in the amount of \$5,000 for the October 5, 2017 meeting:

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Tweedy, Wilder, Foster	6
Noes:	0
Absent: Perrow	1

// In the matter of Public Works, City Council Report #8 was considered. Council Member Wilder, member 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-17-079, as presented, to enter into an agreement with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and Liberty University to specify the inspection and maintenance of a VDOT owned grade separation structure at Liberty University over US Route 460 within the City limits:

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Tweedy, Wilder, Foster	6
Noes:	0
Absent: Perrow	1

// In the matter of Police, City Council Report #9 was considered. On motion of Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Wilder, Council by the following recorded vote introduced and laid over to a later meeting for final action Resolution #R-17-080, as presented, to approve the submittal of an application for the 2017 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$41,936 with resources from an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant to purchase law enforcement equipment:

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Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Tweedy, Wilder, Foster

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Noes:

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Absent: Perrow

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// On motion of Council Member Helgeson, seconded by Council Member Wilder, Council by the following recorded vote elected to hold a closed meeting for discussion and consideration of the disposition of city-owned property located at 405 Cabell Street and 927 Church Street because discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the City, and for consultation with legal counsel concerning the case of Jacquelin Goard v. Crown Auto, Inc., and others, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A.)(3) and (7), respectively, of the Code of Virginia:

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Tweedy, Wilder, Foster

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Noes:

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Absent: Perrow

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

// Council Member Wilder 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 Dolan, and Council by the following recorded vote adopted the motion:

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Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Tweedy, Wilder, Foster

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Noes:

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Absent: Perrow

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// The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 P.M.

Clerk of Council