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// A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg was held on the 11th day of September, 2018, at 4:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Treney Tweedy, President, presiding. The following Members were present:

Present: MaryJane Dolan, J. Randolph Nelson, E. J. Turner Perrow, Sterling A. Wilder, Beau Wright, Treney Tweedy

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Absent: Jeff S. Helgeson

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// Council Member Helgeson arrived at 4:06 p.m.

// Mayor Tweedy and Vice Mayor Dolan recognized the City of Lynchburg Disaster Recovery Group (CLDRG). Melissa Foster, Director of the Emergency Communications Department introduced group members and expressed appreciation for their efforts. The CLDRG is a cooperative body made up of representatives from faith-based, non-profit, government, business and other organizations working within the City of Lynchburg to assist individuals and families as they recover from community disasters. The group's goal is to unite recovery resources with community needs in order to ensure that even the most vulnerable in the community recover from disasters. The group was formed after the April 15, 2018, tornado that occurred in Lynchburg. Joan Phelps of the United Way of Central Virginia serves as chair of the group along with an executive committee.

// Mayor Tweedy and Vice Mayor Dolan recognized the Police Department for a third place finish in the 2018 Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge Recognition Award for localities with 126-225 Officers. Lieutenant Mark Jamison spoke on behalf of the Lynchburg Police Department.

// Mayor Tweedy and Vice Mayor Dolan recognized the Templeton Senior Center, winner of the Our Health Magazine Gold Award for Senior Community Centers. The Templeton Center has been an award-winning location for eight years. Lynn Fox, Senior Recreation Specialist at the Templeton Senior Center spoke on behalf of the Center. Parks and Recreation Department Director Jenny Jones acknowledged.
// In the matter of Community Development, Keith Wright provided a Code Compliance Programs Update, which included information on:

- Property Maintenance Program: Provides for the inspection of residential and commercial structures throughout the City to insure compliance with minimum standards of the building code. Inspections are conducted in response to complaints or as a follow up to an emergency event.
- Vacant Property Registration Program: Property owners annually register their derelict buildings, which are vacant for at least twelve (12) months, boarded (or required to be secured) and not

connected to public utilities. The program provides resources to help proactively monitor and address exterior issues on the vacant properties, freeing staff to focus on occupied housing issues.

- Residential Rental Property Inspection Program: Provides for the systematic inspection of rental units located within the City's six (6) rental inspections districts to insure they meet basic building code requirements. The rental inspection program area includes the highest ratio of rentals in some of oldest housing units in the City.
- Neighborhood Services Program: Includes the inspection and enforcement of nuisance issues such as overgrown yards, illegal dumping and abandoned vehicles. Council members asked questions and commended the team for the work done following the tornado in April.

// In the matter of Community Development, City Planner Tom Martin introduced the Downtown 2040 Master Plan. Mr. Martin stated that the Plan was prepared in partnership with Hill Studio, Arnett Muldrow and Associates, Alta Planning and Design, Hurt and Proffitt, Cella Molnar and Associates, a vast amount of citizen input and input from other City departments: Economic Development, Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Communications and Marketing, Police Department, as well as the Downtown Lynchburg Association. Mr. Martin asked City Council to reimagine Downtown Lynchburg revitalization and to think about what has and can be accomplished through good planning and establishing a vision. Rachel Frischeisen, Planner II, discussed components of the Downtown 2040 Master Plan such as parking, mobility, and creating a welcoming entry into the City. Ms. Frischeisen introduced G. Wade Walker, P.E., of Alta Planning and Design, who gave a presentation on One Way Street Restorations and answered questions from Council members. Council Member Perrow asked City Manager Bonnie Svrcek to clarify the goal for this agenda item. Ms. Svrcek advised that the goal for today is to have a conversation about the content of the Downtown 2040 Master Plan, then conduct a public hearing in October.

// Council Member Wilder left the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

// During roll call there were no items from Council Members Nelson, Perrow, Helgeson, Wright or Dolan. Mayor Tweedy announced that a press conference on Hurricane Florence was held earlier in the day. She reiterated that emergency teams are prepared and continuing to meet in the event that services are needed. She advised residents get prepared and to take heed to all emergency advice and warnings and to sign up for Lynchburg Alerts. Mayor Tweedy also acknowledged the recent grand opening of the Virginian Hotel.

// City Council recessed the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

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

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The following Members were present:

Present: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Wright, Tweedy	6
Absent: Wilder	1

// Council Member Perrow gave the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was held in remembrance of the events of September 11, 2001.

// Copies of the minutes of the August 14, 2018 meeting, having been previously furnished to Council, reading was dispensed with, and on motion of Vice Mayor Dolan, seconded by Council Member Perrow, Council by the following recorded vote approved the minutes as presented:

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

// Copies of the minutes of the August 28, 2018 meeting, having been previously furnished to Council, reading was dispensed with, and on motion of Vice Mayor Dolan, seconded by Council Member Perrow, Council by the following recorded vote approved the minutes as presented:

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

// In the matter of Police, Resolution #R-18-065, to amend the FY 2019 City/Federal/State Aid Fund budget and appropriate \$41,936 with resources from the 2017 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) to purchase law enforcement equipment for the Lynchburg Police Department, Lynchburg Sheriff's Office and the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, laid over from the August 14, 2018 meeting, was again presented and read, and on motion of Vice Mayor Dolan, seconded by Council Member Perrow, Council by the following recorded vote adopted the Resolution:

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

// In the matter of Human Services, Resolution #R-18-066 to amend the FY 2019 General Fund budget and appropriate \$196,031 with resources of \$178,531 from the State Department of Social Services and \$17,500 from Horizon Behavioral Health Services to the Division of Social Services for staff and operations in preparation for the expansion of Medicaid benefits and to approve the addition of three full-time positions for the Lynchburg Division of Social Services, laid over from the August 14, 2018 meeting,

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was again presented and read, and on motion of Vice Mayor Dolan, seconded by Council Member Perrow, Council by the following recorded vote adopted the Resolution:

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

// In the matter of Parking, Consideration of adopting Resolution #R-18-068 to amend the FY 2019 General Fund budget and appropriate \$40,500 from the Assigned Fund Balance Reserve for Parking to purchase four (4) parking payment stations laid over from the August 14, 2018 meeting, was again presented and read, and on motion of Vice Mayor Dolan, seconded by Council Member Perrow, Council by the following recorded vote adopted the Resolution:

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

// In the matter of Parks and Recreation, Consideration of adopting Resolution #R-18-069 to amend the FY 2019 General Fund budget and appropriate \$15,000 to the Parks and Recreation Fees budget to provide a benefit match that incentivizes the purchase of fruits and vegetables for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participants laid over from the August 14, 2018 meeting, was again presented and read, and on motion of Vice Mayor Dolan, seconded by Council Member Perrow, Council by the following recorded vote adopted the Resolution:

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

// In the matter of Community Development, a public hearing was held in reference to City Council Report #11 regarding the petition of the City of Lynchburg to adopt the Graves Mill Corridor Improvement Study as part of the City's Comprehensive Plan 2013-2030. Mr. Scott Smith, Transportation Planning Director for Region 2000 Local Government Council, gave a brief summary and introduced Bill Wuensch, Transportation Engineer from EPR Consulting, who gave a presentation on the Graves Mill Corridor Improvement Study. Projects proposed within the City are as follows:

Short Term Recommendations

- Convert the protected westbound left turn lane to a protected-permissive left using a flashing yellow arrow from Graves Mill Road to Old Graves Mill Road.
- Implement coordinated and adaptive control measures for all signals.
- Extend eastbound and westbound left turn lanes for the 501 ramp intersections by 75'.

Priority 1 Projects

- Widen Graves Mill Road to accommodate a single westbound turn lane with protected-permissive left using a flashing yellow arrow.
- Improved 501 southbound ramps with lane widening, lane reconfiguration and study implementation of flashing yellow arrows to mitigate angle crashes.

Priority II Projects

- Widen the connector at Creekside Drive to accommodate dual northbound right turn lanes and install pedestrian crossings.
- Install a single-lane roundabout with eastbound slip lane, sidewalks and pedestrian crossings at McConville Road.
- Provide eastbound right turn lane and modify access points at Millrace Drive.
- Provide landscaped median with left turn lanes at key intersections from Millrace Drive to City limits. Include multi-use path or sidewalk.

Priority III Projects

- Provide an additional eastbound thru lane and sidewalks from Old Graves Mill Road to Creekside Drive.
- Widen Graves Mill Road at Graves Mill Road to accommodate dual westbound left turn lanes.
- Construct a "Diverging Diamond Interchange" (DDI) at Graves Mill Road and 501.

Development Driven Projects

- Complete sidewalks along Graves Mill Road as part of the Rosedale mixed use development.
- As an alternative to sidewalks consider (with public input) a multi-use path that would extend to each end of Graves Mill Road.
- Improve roadway lighting from Millside Drive to McConville Road.
- Prioritize transit stops along Graves Mill Road.
- Rosedale site entrance should consist of dual eastbound left turn lanes and dual southbound left turn lanes, with single westbound and southbound right turn lanes. Install pedestrian crossings.
- Roundabout at McConville Road could be programmed as additional development occurs along Nationwide Drive.

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

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recorded vote adopted Resolution #R-18-070, as presented, approving Graves Mill Road Corridor Improvement Study as part of the Comprehensive Plan 2013-2030:

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

// Council Member Wilder arrived to the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

// In the matter of City Council, Dr. Thomas Shahady, representing several groups, spoke about concerns regarding College Lake.

// In the matter of City Council, Melinda Tennis, a downtown resident and business owner spoke in opposition to the two-way traffic and on-street paid parking proposal in the Downtown 2040 Master Plan.

// In the matter of Finance, City Council Report #14 was considered to review and reaffirm the City's Finance Committee Guidelines. Donna Witt, Director of Financial Services, provided a summary. After review of the guidelines at its August 14, 2018, meeting the Finance Committee had no recommended changes and voted unanimously to move the item to City Council for vote. On motion from Council Member Helgeson, Chair of the Finance Committee, this item requiring no second, Council by the following recorded vote reaffirmed the Finance Committee Guidelines:

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

// In the matter of Public Works, City Council Report #15 was considered to review and reaffirm the City's Physical Development Committee Guidelines. Lee Newland, City Engineer, advised that the Physical Development Committee met on August 14, 2018, and discussed the guidelines. He deferred to Council Member Perrow, Chair of the Physical Development Committee, who confirmed that after review of the guidelines, there were no changes to the existing guidelines and the Physical Development Committee recommends moving the item to City Council for consideration with unanimous consent. Council by the following recorded vote reaffirmed the guidelines for the Physical Development Committee:

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

// In the matter of Region 2000, City Council Report #16 was considered for adopting a Resolution to approve the renaming of the Region 2000 Local Government Council to the Central Virginia Planning District Commission; the Region 2000 Workforce Development Area Council to the Central Virginia Workforce Development Area Council; the Region 2000 Workforce Development Board to the Central

Virginia Workforce Development Board; and the Region 2000 Radio Communications Board to the Central Virginia Radio Communications Board and approving the changes or amendment to the documents that govern each of these organizations. Gary Christie, Region 2000 Local Government Council Executive Director, gave a summary of the request along with a brief annual report for the Region 2000 Local Government Council. Mr. Christie introduced Ben Bowman who provided an annual report for the Region 2000 Workforce Development Board and discussed the name change.

On motion of Council Member Perrow, seconded by Council Member Wilder, Council by the following recorded vote adopted Resolution #R-18-071, approving the request to change the names of the Region 2000 Local Government Council, Region 2000 Workforce Development Area Council, the Region 2000 Workforce Development Board and Region 2000 Radio Communications Board:

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

// In the matter of Public Works, City Council Report #17 was considered to amend and reenact Section 25-188.3 of the Code of the City of Lynchburg relating to the operation of Golf Carts and Utility Vehicles on the Public Streets in the area of Springhill Cemetery as follows:

- (a) Wythe Road (sidewalk only; must yield to pedestrians), from Fort Avenue to Rives Street;
- (b) Rives Street, from Wythe Road to James Street;
- (c) Blackburn Street, from Rives Street to Stadium Road;
- (d) James Street, from Rives Street to Stadium Road;
- (e) Gordon Street, from Stadium Road to Rives Street;
- (f) Rives Street, from Gordon Street to Lancaster Street;
- (g) Lancaster Street, from Rives Street to Fort Avenue; and
- (h) Fort Avenue (sidewalk only; must yield to pedestrians), from Wythe Road to Lancaster Street.

On motion of Council Member Perrow, this motion requiring no second as a unanimous recommendation from the Physical Development Committee on August 14, 2018, Council by the following recorded vote approved Ordinance #O-18-072, as presented, to amend and reenact Section 25-188.3 of the Code of the City of Lynchburg relating to the operation of Golf Carts and Utility Vehicles on the Public Streets:

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

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// In the matter of Budget, City Council Report #18 was considered, introducing A) Resolution #R-18-073 to amend the FY 2018 Adopted Budget to reflect the Fourth Quarter Adjustments in the General, City/Federal/State Aid and Detention Operating Budgets, and B) Resolution #R-18-074 to amend the FY 2019 Operating and Capital Budgets and appropriate or rescinding funds to reflect the FY 2019 First Quarter Adjustments. Donna Witt, Director of Financial Services, provided a summary of the request and noted that each fiscal year requires a separate resolution. On motion of Council Member Helgeson and seconded by Council Member Perrow, Council by the following recorded vote introduced and laid over to a later meeting for final action Resolution #R-18-073, as presented, amending the FY 2018 Adopted Budget to reflect the Fourth Quarter Adjustments in the General, City/Federal/State Aid and Detention Operating Budgets:

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

Noes: 0

Council Member Nelson began discussion regarding the performance agreement between The Virginian Hotel and the City of Lynchburg, with financial reports indicating significantly positive results to date. Following discussion, on motion from Council Member Perrow, seconded by Council Member Wilder, Council by the following recorded vote introduced and laid over to a later meeting for final action Resolution #R-18-074, as presented, amending the FY 2019 Operating and Capital Budgets and appropriating or rescinding funds to reflect the FY 2019 First Quarter Adjustments:

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

Noes: 0

// On motion of Council Member Wilder, seconded by Council Member Wright, Council by the following recorded vote elected to hold a closed meeting for consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff concerning a specific legal matter requiring the provision of legal advice, specifically the discussion of the August 28, 2018, decision of the Lynchburg Board of Zoning Appeals involving the lighting of the Liberty University Monogram, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia.

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

Noes: 0

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

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

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

// The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 P.M.