

**LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL
PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, August 11, 2015
9:00 a.m.**

Information Items

Recent/Pending Contract Awards: – There were no new contracts awarded.

Update on priority projects – see attached report.

General Business

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| 1. | Citizen Request Route 460 / Tyreeanna | Lee Newland |
| 2. | Golf Carts and Utility Vehicles on Certain City Streets | Lee Newland |
| 3 | Roll Call | |

Pc: Kimball Payne, City Manager
Bonnie Svrcek, Deputy City Manager
Council Members
Gaynelle Hart, Director of Public Works
News & Advance

Next Meeting: September 8, 2015

Lynchburg Capital Projects Greater Than \$1 Million(General Fund)

August 11, 2015

Projects of Interest		Status		Notes
Timberlake / Logan's Lane Intersection		Right of Way	November 2015	Right of Way Discussions - On going
Midtown Connector		Construction	December 2015	Under Construction - Working on Langhorne 99% complete & Kemper 70% Complete -
Greenview Drive Phase 2		Construction	July 2017	Construction Proposed to Start March 2016.
Kemper Street Bridge / Interchange		Construction	September 2016	Bridge Construction and Grading
One Way Pairs @ 501/221		Preliminary	August 2014	Preliminary Design Completed to Determine Available R/W for Development - On Hold
Lower Bluffwalk Phase 2		Construction	July 2015	Closeout in Progress
Memorial - Park - Lakeside Intersection	*	Construction	September 2017	Project to be re-advertised - Projected Start is October/November
Odd Fellows Road - P3		Construction	August 2018	Construction Proposed to Start January 2016.
Lakeside Drive Improvements @ L.C.		Design	September 2014	30% Design - On Hold.
Juvenile Services Group Home		Construction	April 2016	On-going
Downtown Streetscapes	*	Design	January 2016	RFP for Construction Manager at Risk & PR Firm
LU Intramural Field Road	*	Construction	September 2016	Negotiations to Award

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL
Physical Development Committee
Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **August 11, 2015**

AGENDA ITEM NO.:

CONSENT: REGULAR: **X**

WORK SESSION:

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION:

INFORMATION: **X**

ITEM TITLE: **Citizen Request Route 460 / Tyreeanna**

RECOMMENDATION: Hear a request from a citizen.

SUMMARY: Mr. Megginson met with the City Manager and the City Engineer to discuss his concerns with the VDOT Phase 2 Safety Improvements to Route 460 / Richmond Highway. While this project is a VDOT Project, it is within the City Limits and impacts citizens in Ward 2. Council has been briefed twice before by Mr. Rob Cary, the previous VDOT Lynchburg District Administrator. This Phase 2 Project is scheduled to be advertised by VDOT on October 13th.

Mr. Megginson is here to request that the Tyreeanna right out onto Richmond Highway remain and not be closed in the future, and that to make this movement safer, flashing lights be installed and an acceleration lane be considered for this location.

Mr. Brian Casto, VDOT Location and Design Engineer, is here to address these requests and answer any questions.

PRIOR ACTION(S): March 9, 2010 - City Council Work Session
 September 13, 2011 - City Council Work Session

FISCAL IMPACT: None

CONTACT(S): Lee Newland – City Engineer – 455-3947
 Gaynelle Hart – Public Works Director – 455-4469

ATTACHMENT(S): None.

REVIEWED BY:

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL
Physical Development Committee
Agenda Item Summary

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WORK SESSION:

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ACTION:

INFORMATION: **X**

ITEM TITLE: **Golf Carts and Utility Vehicles on Certain City Streets**

RECOMMENDATION: For discussion only.

SUMMARY: City staff has received requests from Liberty University, Lynchburg College, and Central Virginia Community College for City Council to adopt an ordinance allowing for the operation of golf carts and utility vehicles on certain streets near the respective institutions. In response, an ordinance has been drafted that would establish the criteria for such operations. Nevertheless, staff has some misgivings about allowing the operation of such vehicles on City streets and would like to discuss this matter with the Physical Development Committee prior to moving forward to full Council.

PRIOR ACTION(S): None

FISCAL IMPACT: None

CONTACT(S): Lee Newland, City Engineer, 455-3947

ATTACHMENT(S): Draft Ordinance, Maps of City Streets

REVIEWED BY: lkp

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG, 1981, BY ADDING THERETO NEW SECTIONS NUMBERED 25-200 through 25-200.8, RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS AND UTILITY VEHICLES ON THE PUBLIC STREETS .

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG:

1. That the Code of the City of Lynchburg, 1981, be and the same is hereby amended and reenacted by adding thereto Sections 25-200 through 25-200.8 as follows:

DIVISION 5. OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS AND UTILITY VEHICLES

Sec. 25-200. Definitions.

"Golf cart" for the purposes of this article means a self-propelled vehicle that is designed to transport persons playing golf and their equipment on a golf course.

"Utility vehicle" for the purposes of this article means a motor vehicle that is (i) designed for off-road use, (ii) powered by an engine of no more than 25 horsepower, and (iii) used for general maintenance, security, agricultural, or horticultural purposes. "Utility vehicle" does not include all-terrain vehicles as defined in Section 46.2-100 of the Code of Virginia, riding lawn mowers, or any other vehicle whose definition is included in Section 46.2-100 of the Code of Virginia.

Sec. 25-200.1. Use of golf carts or utility vehicles on public highways.

No person shall operate a golf cart or utility vehicle on or over any public highway in the city except as provided in this division.

Sec. 25-200.2. Designation of public highways for golf cart and utility vehicle operations.

(a) No portion of the public highways may be designated for use by golf carts and utility vehicles unless the city council has reviewed and approved such highway usage.

(b) The city council may by ordinance authorize the operation of golf carts and utility vehicles on designated public highways within the city after (i) considering the speed, volume, and character of motor vehicle traffic using such highways, and (ii) determining that the operation of golf carts and utility vehicles on particular highways is compatible with state and local transportation plans and consistent with the Commonwealth's Statewide Pedestrian Policy.

(c) No public highway shall be designated for use by golf carts and utility vehicles if such golf cart and utility vehicle operations will impede the safe and efficient flow of motor vehicle traffic.

(d) Signs, approved by the city traffic engineer, alerting motorists that golf carts and utility vehicles may be in operation shall be erected along all roads designated for golf cart and utility vehicle operation in such locations as determined by the city traffic engineer. The city shall be responsible for the installation and maintenance of any signs pertaining to the operation of golf carts or utility vehicles. The cost of the installation and continued maintenance of the signs on streets and highways designated for the use of golf carts and utility vehicles shall be the responsibility of the organizations, individuals, homeowners associations or other entities requesting the designations. All costs incurred by the city for the installation and maintenance of the signs shall be assessed to and recovered from the organization, individual, or entity that requested the designation.

(e) If such signage is not in place at all times, the operation of golf carts and utility vehicles shall be illegal and must immediately cease until the signs are repaired or replaced.

Sec. Sec. 25-200.3. public highways designated for golf cart and utility vehicle operations.

(a) The city council hereby designates the following public highways within the city upon which golf carts and utility vehicles may be operated in accordance with the provisions of this article.

(1)

(2)

(3)

(4)

(b) With regard to each of the public highways listed in subsection (a) above, the city council has considered the factors set forth in subsection 25-200.2(b) above, as required by Section 46.2-916.2 of the Code of Virginia.

Sec. Sec. 25-200.4. Limitations on golf cart and utility vehicle operations on designated public highways.

(a) Golf cart and utility vehicle operations on designated public highways shall be in accordance with the following limitations:

(1) A golf cart or utility vehicle may be operated only on designated public highways where the posted speed limit is 25 miles per hour or less. A golf cart or utility vehicle

may cross a highway at an intersection controlled by a traffic light if the highway has a posted speed limit of no more than 35 miles per hour;

(2) No person shall operate any golf cart or utility vehicle on any designated public highway unless the signage required by Section 25-200.2(d) of this division is installed at the time of said operation; if such signage is not in place, the operation of golf carts and utility vehicles shall be illegal and must immediately cease until the signs are repaired or replaced;

(3) No person shall operate any golf cart or utility vehicle on any public highway unless he has in his possession a valid driver's license;

(4) Every golf cart or utility vehicle, whenever operated on a public highway, shall display a slow-moving vehicle emblem in conformity with Section 4 6.2-1081 of the Code of Virginia;

(5) Golf carts and utility vehicles shall be operated upon the public highways only between sunrise and sunset, unless equipped with such lights as are required in Section 46.2-1010 *et seq.* of the Code of Virginia, for different classes of vehicles;

(6) Golf carts and utility vehicles operating on designated public highways pursuant to this section shall be covered by an insurance policy. Such policy shall meet the minimum liability amounts contained in Section 46.2-472 of Code of Virginia and provide coverage during the operation of the golf cart or utility vehicle on public highways; proof of such insurance shall be maintained in such golf cart or utility vehicle at all times such golf cart or utility vehicle is in operation on a designated public highway;

(7) Golf carts and utility vehicles must be operated in accordance with all applicable state and local laws and ordinances, including all laws, regulations, and ordinances pertaining to the possession and use of alcoholic beverages;

(8) Only the number of people the golf cart or utility vehicle is designed to seat may ride on a golf cart or utility vehicle. Additionally, passengers shall not be carried on the part of a golf cart or utility vehicle designed to carry golf bags or other cargo;

(9) Golf carts and utility vehicles must be operated to the extreme right of the roadway and must yield to all vehicular and pedestrian traffic;

(10) Golf carts and utility vehicles should not be operated during inclement weather, nor when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog, or other conditions; and

(11) The police chief or his designee may prohibit the operation of golf carts or utility vehicles on any highway if the police chief determines that the prohibition is necessary in the interest of public safety.

(b) The limitations of subsection (a) above shall not apply to golf carts and utility vehicles being operated as follows:

(1) To the extent necessary for local government employees, operating only upon highways located within the locality, to fulfill a governmental purpose, provided the golf cart or utility vehicle is being operated on highways with speed limits of 35 miles per hour or less; and

(2) As necessary by employees of public or private two-year or four-year institutions of higher education if operating on highways within the property limits of such institutions, provided the golf cart or utility vehicle is being operated on highways with speed limits of 35 miles per hour or less.

Sec. 25-200.5. Application or nomination procedure.

(a) Any individual, organization, or entity may apply to the City Manager to have a qualifying public highway in the city designated for golf cart or utility vehicle use, provided, however, that if the public highway is located within a neighborhood with a homeowners association, whether mandatory or not, the application shall be in the name of the homeowners association and shall be signed by a duly-authorized representative of the homeowners association.

(b) At a minimum, each application shall include the following:

(1) The full legal name of the individual, organization, or entity making the application;

(2) The name and route number, if any, of each public highway to be designated;

(3) An application fee of \$250.00.

(c) Upon receipt and acceptance of the application by the City Manager, it shall be considered by the chief of police and the city traffic engineer, who shall make a recommendation to the City Manager.

(c) The City Manager shall review the recommendations of the Chief of Police and City Traffic Engineer and shall make a recommendation to the City Council.

(d) The city council shall consider the recommendation of the City Manager, the factors set forth in Section 25-200.2(d) of this division, and the general merits of the application before making a determination.

(e) Any costs associated with the application, including advertising costs, shall be the responsibility of the individual, organization, or entity making the application. All such costs incurred by the city shall be assessed to and recovered from the individual, organization, or entity making the application.

Sec. Sec. 25-200.6. Penalty.

Except as otherwise specifically provided, any person who violates any provision of this article shall be guilty of a traffic infraction punishable by a fine of not more than \$250.00.

Sec. Sec. 25-200.7. Revocation of designation.

The city council may, at its sole discretion and upon recommendations of the City Manager, suspend the designation of any public highway for golf cart or utility vehicle use at any time.

Sec. Sec. 25-200.8. Liability disclaimer.

All persons who operate or ride upon golf carts or utility vehicles on public highways do so at their own risk and peril, and must be observant of and attentive to the safety of themselves and others, including their passengers, other motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. The city shall have no liability under any theory of liability and assumes no such liability for permitting golf carts and utility vehicles to be operated on designated public highways.

2. That this ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

Adopted:

Certified: _____
Clerk of Council

**Proposed Utility Vehicle Routes
On Central Virginia Community College Campus**

— Proposed Utility Route

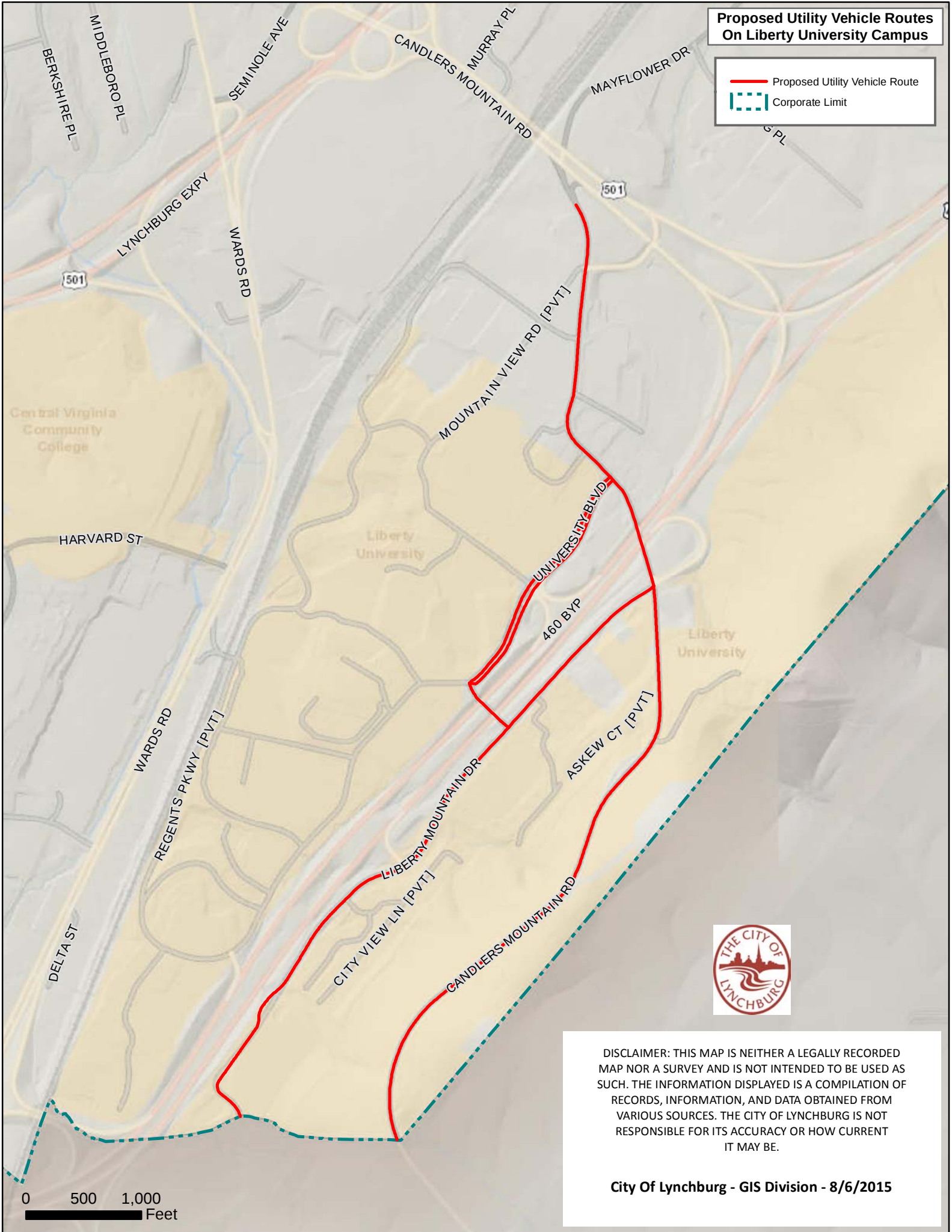


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Proposed Utility Vehicle Routes On Liberty University Campus

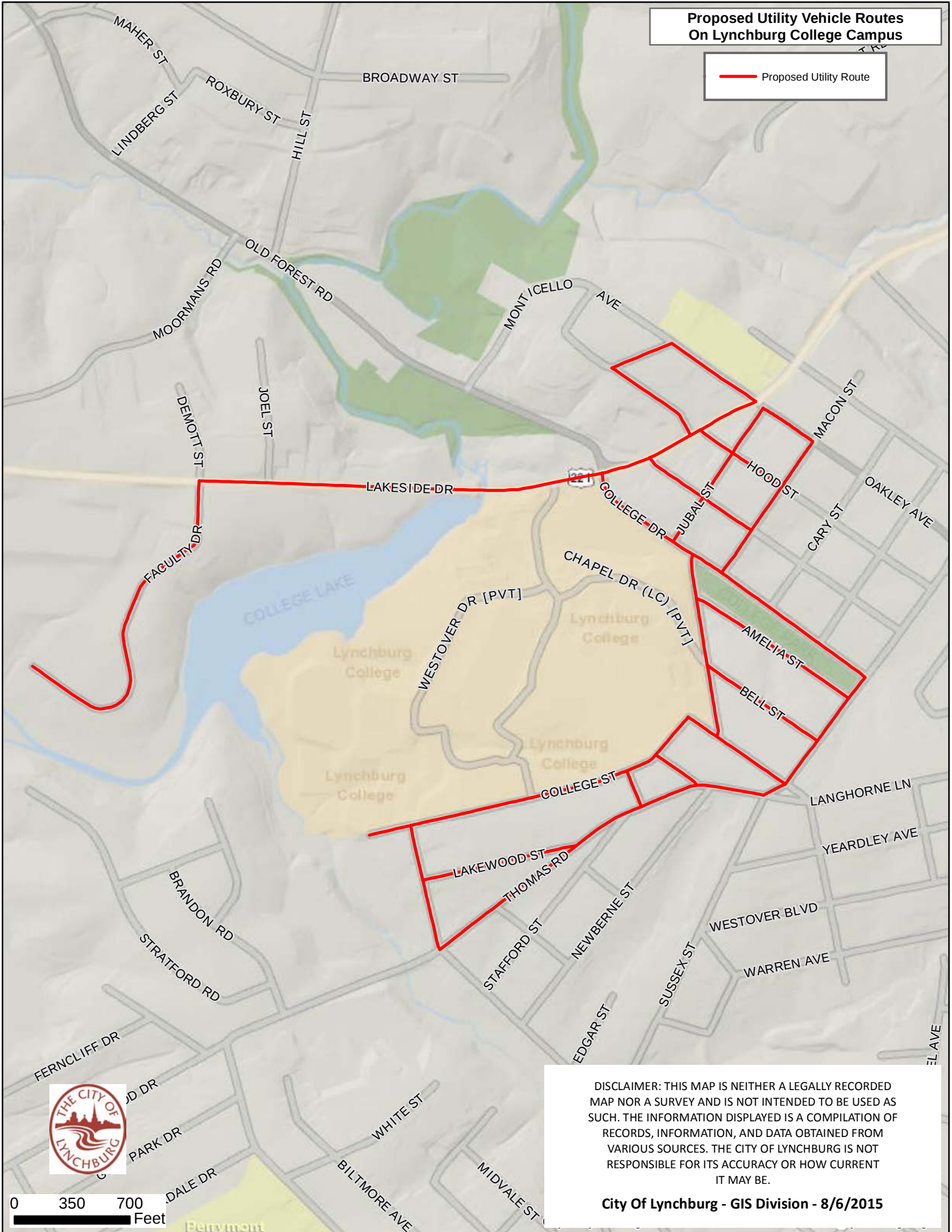
- Proposed Utility Vehicle Route
- Corporate Limit



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Proposed Utility Vehicle Routes On Lynchburg College Campus

Proposed Utility Route



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City Of Lynchburg - GIS Division - 8/6/2015

FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA
Tuesday, August 11, 2015
11:30 a.m.

GENERAL BUSINESS

11:30 a.m.

1. Report on the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies

Contact: Donna Witt, Director of Financial Services

455-3968

11:35 a.m.

2. Consider a request to adopt a resolution to amend the FY 2016 City/Federal/State Aid Fund budget and appropriate \$67,246 with resources of \$49,238 from the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services – Rescue Squad Assistance Fund (RSAF) and \$18,008 transferred from the FY 2016 General Fund Fire Department budget to purchase one (1) Physio LifePak 15 cardiac monitor/defibrillator, one (1) Lucas 2 chest compression device, one (1) Panasonic H2 reporting tablet, and one (1) Stryker Power Pro XT stretcher for the Fire Department.

Contact: Fire Chief Brad Ferguson

455-6340

11:40 a.m.

3. Consider a request to adopt a resolution to amend the FY 2016 City/Federal/State Aid Fund budget and appropriate \$25,750 with resources of \$8,397 from the 2015 Byrne/JAG Crisis Intervention Team Grant and \$17,353 is transferred from the General Fund Police Department FY 2016 Budget to continue the Crisis Intervention program.

Contact: Police Chief Parks Snead

455-6104

11:45 a.m.

4. Consider a request to adopt a resolution to amend the FY 2015 General Fund budget and appropriate \$76,304 to the Parks and Recreation Department with resources of \$65,817 from Debt Service Payments from the Economic Development Authority of the City of Lynchburg for Miller Center and \$10,487 from the FY 2015 Unassigned Fund Balance to make lease payments to Miller Center Building, LLC as required by the Miller Center Project Lease Agreement.

Contact: Donna Witt, Director of Financial Services

455-3968

11:50 a.m.

5. Review collections received from five of the City's largest revenue sources.

Contact: Donna Witt, Director of Financial Services

455-3968

12:00 p.m.

6. Roll Call

The next Finance Committee meeting is Tuesday, September 22, 2015, at 11:30 a.m.

FY 2016 GENERAL FUND RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCIES

BEGINNING BALANCE, JULY 1, 2015

Carryforward to FY 2016 Reserve for Contingencies - 05/26/15 Council Meeting

BALANCE

Reserve for Contingencies	City Manager's Discretionary Funding
\$565,917	\$50,000
584,083	
\$1,150,000	\$50,000

APPROPRIATIONS (Second Reading)

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS

\$0	\$0
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REMAINING BALANCE

\$1,150,000	\$50,000
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ITEMS INTRODUCED

TOTAL INTRODUCED ITEMS

\$0	\$0
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REMAINING BALANCE

\$1,150,000	\$50,000
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PENDING ITEMS

TOTAL PENDING ITEMS

\$0	\$0
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PROJECTED BALANCE

\$1,150,000	\$50,000
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LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **September 8, 2015**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **2**

CONSENT:

REGULAR:

WORK SESSION:

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services – Rescue Squad Assistance Fund Grant to purchase cardiac equipment, reporting tablet, and stretcher

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a resolution to amend the FY 2016 City/Federal/State Aid Fund budget and appropriate \$67,246 with resources of \$49,238 from the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services – Rescue Squad Assistance Fund (RSAF) and \$18,008 transferred from the FY 2016 General Fund Fire Department budget to purchase one (1) Physio LifePak 15 cardiac monitor/defibrillator, one (1) Lucas 2 chest compression device, one (1) Panasonic H2 reporting tablet, and one (1) Stryker Power Pro XT stretcher for the Fire Department.

SUMMARY: The Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) periodically awards grant funding to assist career and volunteer EMS agencies in obtaining/maintaining emergency vehicles and equipment; providing EMS management, leadership, and advanced life support training; and achieving other goals that support the enhancement of citizen and community EMS services.

The Fire Department has been awarded RSAF grant funds to purchase cardiac equipment, a reporting tablet, and a stretcher.

The requested equipment will be for use on the second Power Shift medic unit. Equipping an additional medic unit to provide EMS services during peak times required removing some equipment from the EMS Supervisor vehicle and has depleted any reserves used while repairing broken or malfunctioning equipment.

The grant requires a local match; the department was awarded funds for three of the four items with a 20 percent local match. The Panasonic H2 was awarded with a 50 percent local match. The itemized cost: one LifePak 15 cardiac monitor / defibrillator-\$33,022; one Lucas 2 device-\$13,508; one Panasonic H2 tablet-\$4,370; and one Stryker Power Pro XT stretcher-\$16,346. The total funding from the State is limited to \$49,238. With a total cost of \$67,246, the required local match is \$18,008, which is available for transfer from the FY 2016 General Fund Fire Department budget.

PRIOR ACTION(S): Finance Committee April 28, 2015
Finance Committee August 11, 2015

FISCAL IMPACT: Matching funds of \$18,008 are available for transfer from the Fire Department's FY 2016 budget; no additional appropriation is required. Future funds will be needed for periodic maintenance of the equipment purchased.

CONTACT(S): Fire Chief Steven B. Ferguson, 455-6340
Battalion Chief Heather Childress, 455-6360
Ellen Davidson-Martin, Fire Administrative Manager, 455-6368

ATTACHMENT(S): Resolution

REVIEWED BY:

RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED that the FY 2016 City/Federal/State Aid Fund budget is amended and \$67,246 is appropriated with resources of \$49,238 from the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services – Rescue Squad Assistance Fund (RSAF) grant and \$18,008 transferred from the FY 2016 General Fund Fire Department budget to purchase one (1) Physio LifePak 15 cardiac monitor/defibrillator, one (1) Lucas 2 chest compression device, one (1) Panasonic H2 reporting tablet, and one (1) Stryker Power Pro XT stretcher for the Fire Department.

Introduced:

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **September 8, 2015**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **3**

CONSENT:

REGULAR:

WORK SESSION:

CLOSED SESSION:

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ACTION:

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **Byrne/JAG – Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Grant**

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a resolution to amend the FY 2016 City/Federal/State Aid Fund budget and appropriate \$25,750 with resources of \$8,397 from the 2015 Byrne/JAG Crisis Intervention Team Grant and \$17,353 is transferred from the General Fund Police Department FY 2016 Budget to continue the Crisis Intervention program.

SUMMARY: The Lynchburg Police Department is eligible to receive \$8,397 in Byrne/JAG grant funding. This grant requires a 75% local match in the amount of \$25,191 for a total award of \$33,588. The Lynchburg Police Department already has budgeted \$7,838 to put towards the grant match of \$25,191 and is requesting the remaining match come from the Reserve for Contingency Funds. Funding will be utilized to continue CIT training and coalition activities within Lynchburg and Region 2000 through continuing to employ a CIT Program Coordinator (a contracted, temporary employee).

Since the final year of grant program funding requires a significantly higher locality match, the Police Department recommends requesting a lower grant amount and using non-grant funding to maintain the full scope of our CIT program through the fourth year. Toward that end, the Police Department has allocated \$10,000 within its FY16 budget to cover costs associated with CIT training program operation and supplies.

Over three years, the Byrne/Justice Assistance CIT Program has provided \$148,103 in grant funding for a total of \$57,123 in required locality match funding: LPD and CIT partner agency contributions of \$23,345 have lowered the City's total local match contribution over three years to \$33,778. The LPD has also received \$59,147 in CIT Program support funding from the Attorney General's Office (with no funding match required). Overall, we have received \$207,250 in CIT Program funding to date at a cost to the City of \$33,778 – this equates to a 16% City match. The Police Department is now requesting that the City provide \$17,353 toward meeting the locality match requirement for the fourth and final year of the Byrne/JAG CIT Grant Program.

PRIOR ACTION(S): Finance Committee April 28, 2015
Finance Committee August 11, 2015

FISCAL IMPACT: Transfer of \$17,353 from the Police Department Budget for the locality match portion of the grant.

CONTACT(S): Police Chief Parks Snead, 455-6104
Captain M.L. Jamison, 455-6168

ATTACHMENT(S): Resolution

REVIEWED BY:

RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED that the FY 2016 City/Federal/State Aid Fund budget is amended and \$25,750 is appropriated with resources of \$8,397 from the 2015 Byrne/JAG Crisis Intervention Team Grant and \$17,353 is transferred from the General Fund Police Department FY 2016 Budget to continue the Crisis Intervention program.

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Introduced:

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **September 8, 2015**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **4**

CONSENT: REGULAR: **X**

WORK SESSION:

CLOSED SESSION:
(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **Miller Center Lease Payments in regard to Historic Tax Credits**

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a resolution to amend the FY 2015 General Fund budget and appropriate \$76,304 to the Parks and Recreation Department with resources of \$65,817 from Debt Service Payments from the Economic Development Authority of the City of Lynchburg for Miller Center and \$10,487 from the FY 2015 Unassigned Fund Balance to make lease payments to Miller Center Building, LLC as required by the Miller Center Project Lease Agreement.

Also, adopt a resolution to amend the FY 2016 General Fund budget and appropriate \$120,120 to the Parks and Recreation Department with resources of \$103,548 from Debt Service Payments from the Economic Development Authority of the City of Lynchburg for Miller Center and \$16,572 is transferred from the City Capital Projects Fund Miller Center Project to make lease payments to Miller Center Building, LLC as required by the Miller Center Project Lease Agreement.

SUMMARY: June 1, 2013 legal agreements were signed to initiate the use of State Historic Tax Credits for the renovation of the Miller Center. Once renovations were completed and the Certificate of Occupancy was issued, the City is required to make quarterly lease payments of \$30,000 to Miller Center Building, LLC. In turn, Miller Center Building, LLC is required to make quarterly debt service payments of \$25,887 to the Economic Development Authority of the City of Lynchburg for Miller Center, which are then transferred back to the City until the tax credit provisions are satisfied in three years.

PRIOR ACTION(S): Finance Committee, August 11, 2015

FISCAL IMPACT: Net \$10,487 additional expenses for FY 2015 and \$16,572 for FY 2016

CONTACT(S): Donna S. Witt, Director of Financial Services, 455-3968
John Ramsey, Jr., Support Services Supervisor, 455-5869

ATTACHMENT(S): Miller Center Project-Operating Diagram
Resolutions

REVIEWED BY:

RESOLUTION:

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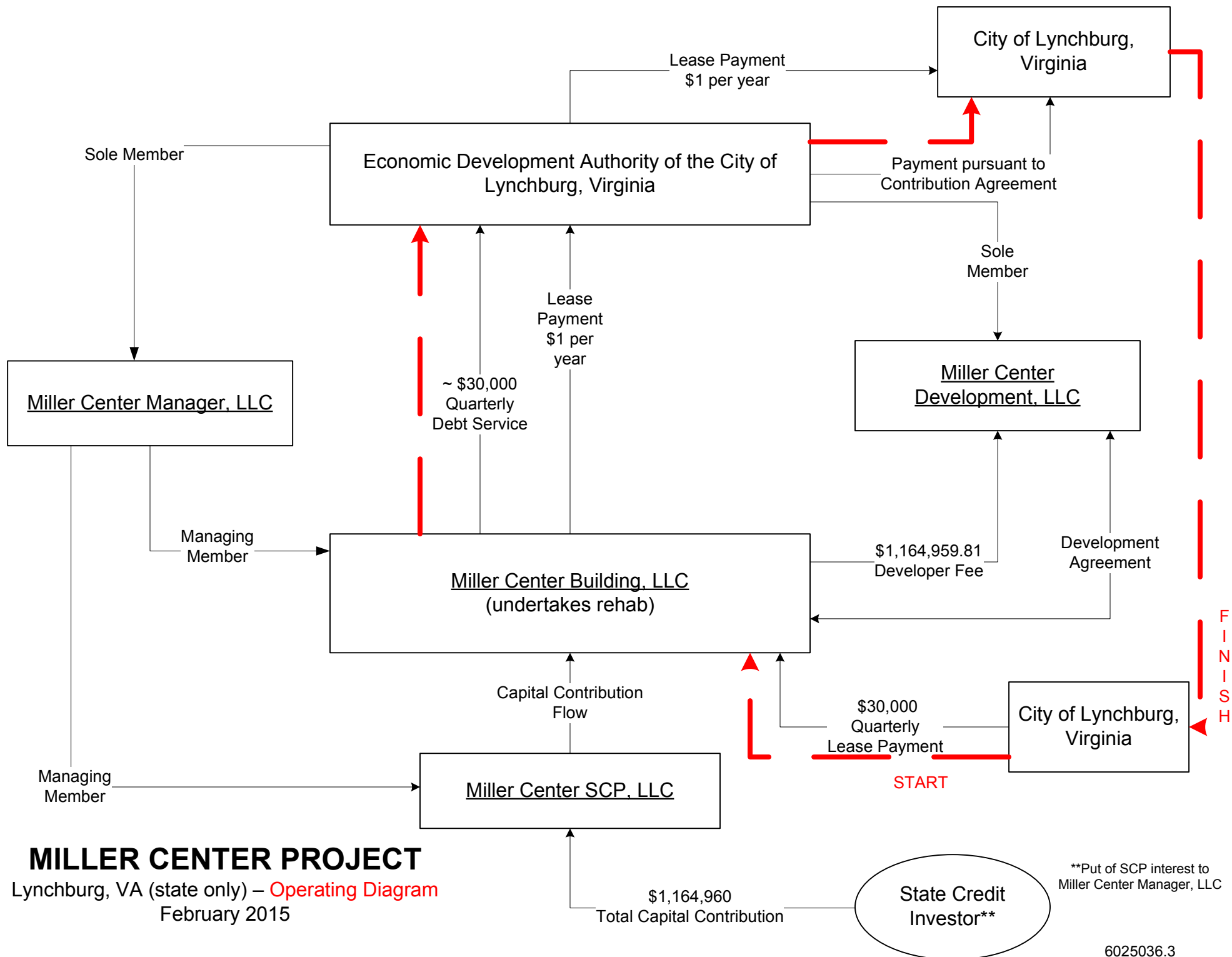
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Introduced:

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council



FINANCE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **August 11, 2015**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **5**

CONSENT:

REGULAR:

WORK SESSION:

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION:

INFORMATION: **X**

ITEM TITLE: **Revenue Update**

RECOMMENDATION: Review the collections received from five of the City's largest revenue sources.

SUMMARY: Five of the City's major revenue sources are taxes collected on a monthly basis: Sales Tax, Consumer Utility Tax – Electric, Communications Sales and Use Tax, Meals Tax, and Lodging Tax. Since the last Finance Committee meeting, revenue information through May has been posted for these five revenue streams.

PRIOR ACTION(S): This information is provided monthly to the Finance Committee.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

CONTACT(S): Donna Witt, Director of Financial Services, 455-3968

ATTACHMENT(S): Comparison of Collections Budget to Actual FY 2014 – FY 2015

REVIEWED BY:

Comparison of Collections Budget to Actual FY 2014 - FY 2015

	Actual FY 2011	Actual FY 2012	Actual FY 2013	Actual FY 2014	Adopted FY 2015	Actual FY 2015	Actual FY 2015 to Adopted FY 2015	Actual FY 2015 to Actual FY 2014
SALES & USE TAX								
<i>ADOPTED FY 2015 BUDGET - \$13,600,000</i>								
<i>REVISED FY 2015 BUDGET - \$14,600,000</i>								
JULY	\$979,650	\$1,014,596	\$996,646	\$1,075,816	\$1,056,985	\$1,131,485	\$74,500	\$55,669
AUGUST ¹	1,022,849	1,079,129	1,145,592	1,098,342	1,079,117	1,299,763	220,646	201,421
SEPTEMBER	1,102,964	1,100,698	1,117,209	1,083,199	1,064,239	1,204,336	140,097	121,137
OCTOBER	1,056,307	1,055,941	1,033,859	1,161,965	1,141,625	1,185,608	43,983	23,643
NOVEMBER	1,144,056	1,117,090	1,187,008	1,155,729	1,135,499	1,241,898	106,399	86,169
DECEMBER	1,548,053	1,488,926	1,466,715	1,316,419	1,293,376	1,669,810	376,434	353,391
JANUARY	1,018,798	998,052	1,085,312	1,103,175	1,083,865	1,073,237	(10,628)	(29,938)
FEBRUARY	1,025,671	1,134,434	1,074,819	1,172,252	1,151,733	1,131,392	(20,341)	(40,860)
MARCH	1,112,797	1,196,149	1,138,611	1,217,930	1,196,612	1,282,807	86,195	64,877
APRIL	1,135,478	1,053,637	1,129,443	1,183,748	1,163,028	1,311,297	148,269	127,549
MAY	1,068,073	1,078,175	1,089,235	1,112,579	1,093,105	1,213,149	120,044	100,570
TOTAL	\$12,214,696	\$12,316,827	\$12,464,449	\$12,681,154	\$12,459,184	\$13,744,782	\$1,285,598	\$1,063,628
CONSUMER UTILITY TAX - ELECTRIC								
<i>ADOPTED FY 2015 BUDGET - \$3,700,000</i>								
<i>REVISED FY 2015 BUDGET - \$3,790,000</i>								
JULY	\$352,603	\$341,729	\$323,141	\$325,815	\$314,895	\$321,596	\$6,701	(\$4,219)
AUGUST	345,842	345,615	345,163	318,738	308,056	305,012	(3,044)	(13,726)
SEPTEMBER	329,379	325,754	318,915	317,324	306,689	317,947	11,258	623
OCTOBER	283,250	280,745	279,145	273,646	264,475	273,264	8,789	(382)
NOVEMBER	262,650	281,842	282,035	280,945	271,529	273,353	1,824	(7,592)
DECEMBER	341,053	325,287	330,714	348,750	337,062	346,565	9,503	(2,185)
JANUARY	388,100	344,439	346,399	374,541	361,989	365,859	3,870	(8,682)
FEBRUARY	350,799	322,546	342,839	372,254	359,778	381,844	22,066	9,590
MARCH	299,725	298,405	326,828	334,289	323,086	339,965	16,879	5,676
APRIL	284,770	271,034	320,253	306,485	296,213	288,704	(7,509)	(17,781)
MAY	266,190	266,883	262,832	272,343	263,216	277,296	14,080	4,953
TOTAL	\$3,504,361	\$3,404,279	\$3,478,264	\$3,525,130	\$3,406,988	\$3,491,405	\$84,417	(\$33,725)
COMMUNICATIONS SALES & USE TAX								
<i>ADOPTED FY 2015 BUDGET - \$3,450,000</i>								
<i>REVISED FY 2015 BUDGET - \$3,378,000</i>								
JULY	\$301,373	\$349,339	\$293,358	\$286,999	\$287,500	\$283,594	(\$3,906)	(\$3,405)
AUGUST	344,401	294,910	291,560	284,691	287,500	281,957	(5,543)	(2,734)
SEPTEMBER	274,076	179,549	263,295	284,249	287,500	283,441	(4,059)	(808)
OCTOBER	299,531	309,437	319,011	288,830	287,500	287,702	202	(1,128)
NOVEMBER	292,735	284,123	300,665	284,176	287,500	279,441	(8,059)	(4,735)
DECEMBER	344,423	233,654	297,855	289,726	287,500	282,491	(5,009)	(7,235)
JANUARY	265,736	337,936	282,620	264,960	287,500	275,361	(12,139)	10,401
FEBRUARY	288,629	287,492	287,759	280,480	287,500	291,186	3,686	10,706
MARCH	300,235	302,278	299,333	288,500	287,500	285,971	(1,529)	(2,529)
APRIL	285,073	292,542	287,442	285,052	287,500	276,473	(11,027)	(8,579)
MAY	295,365	287,784	266,034	286,178	287,500	285,053	(2,447)	(1,125)
TOTAL	\$3,291,577	\$3,159,044	\$3,188,932	\$3,123,841	\$3,162,500	\$3,112,670	(\$49,830)	(\$11,171)

**Comparison of Collections
Budget to Actual FY 2014 - FY 2015**

	Actual Assessed FY 2012	Actual Collected FY 2012 ⁴	Actual Assessed FY 2013	Actual Collected FY 2013 ⁴	Actual Assessed FY 2014	Actual Collected FY 2014 ⁴	Adopted FY 2015	Actual Assessed FY 2015	Actual Assessed FY 2015 to Adopted FY 2015	Actual Collected FY 2015 ⁴	Actual Collected FY 2015 to Adopted FY 2015	Actual Collected FY 2015 to Assessed FY 2015
MEALS TAX												
<i>ADOPTED FY 2015 BUDGET - \$12,100,000</i>												
<i>REVISED FY 2015 BUDGET - \$13,150,000</i>												
JULY ²	\$889,917	\$889,135	\$943,431	\$1,044,556	\$944,920	\$1,159,786	\$915,132	\$1,009,124	\$93,992	\$970,597	\$55,465	(\$38,527)
AUGUST	960,082	962,761	1,042,850	1,026,544	1,056,821	1,024,718	1,022,863	1,152,551	129,688	1,119,585	96,722	(32,966)
SEPTEMBER	984,785	998,157	1,011,701	1,012,294	1,030,134	1,052,079	997,168	1,107,413	110,245	1,159,391	162,223	51,978
OCTOBER	999,289	994,851	1,006,966	1,003,032	1,046,550	958,359	1,012,945	1,149,721	136,776	1,119,430	106,485	(30,291)
NOVEMBER	916,955	898,157	964,775	868,692	1,019,305	1,064,385	986,425	1,079,590	93,165	1,099,028	112,603	19,438
DECEMBER	1,028,805	986,078	1,044,178	1,083,983	1,061,859	1,035,379	1,028,379	1,138,978	110,599	1,117,510	89,131	(21,468)
JANUARY	931,373	950,784	927,026	889,358	968,124	971,677	937,600	1,089,143	151,543	963,288	25,688	(125,855)
FEBRUARY	988,981	977,100	983,390	995,618	987,205	957,979	956,067	1,032,923	76,856	1,198,810	242,743	165,887
MARCH	1,079,018	1,073,364	1,092,759	1,091,421	1,144,197	1,142,746	1,108,107	1,222,307	114,200	1,177,822	69,715	(44,485)
APRIL	1,017,193	1,011,594	1,052,568	1,067,037	1,098,389	1,034,811	1,063,744	1,206,781	143,037	978,156	(85,588)	(228,625)
MAY ²	1,004,820	993,883	1,058,790	841,164	1,107,395	1,100,601	1,075,184	1,186,546	111,362	1,303,652	228,468	117,106
TOTAL	\$10,801,218	\$10,735,864	\$11,128,434	\$10,923,699	\$11,464,899	\$11,502,520	\$11,103,614	\$12,375,077	\$1,271,463	\$12,207,269	\$1,103,655	(\$167,808)
LODGING TAX												
<i>ADOPTED FY 2015 BUDGET - \$1,800,000</i>												
<i>REVISED FY 2015 BUDGET - \$2,000,000</i>												
JULY ²	\$180,074	\$168,386	\$180,074	\$197,072	\$174,759	\$223,419	\$151,714	\$189,065	\$37,351	\$180,395	\$28,681	(\$8,670)
AUGUST ³	192,759	200,321	163,020	275,903	185,662	185,340	161,179	185,946	24,767	185,402	24,223	(544)
SEPTEMBER	156,383	159,891	160,661	157,680	181,706	204,758	157,745	173,904	16,159	173,875	16,130	(29)
OCTOBER	185,386	185,530	183,064	191,453	184,462	185,014	160,137	209,859	49,722	209,788	49,651	(71)
NOVEMBER	131,053	131,431	131,993	129,941	153,745	148,082	133,471	141,855	8,384	144,988	11,517	3,133
DECEMBER	108,029	92,483	112,277	113,067	141,137	126,077	122,525	115,033	(7,492)	119,891	(2,634)	4,858
JANUARY	122,636	115,790	134,471	129,578	133,071	125,716	115,523	117,665	2,142	108,523	(7,000)	(9,142)
FEBRUARY	136,278	130,805	136,660	136,660	136,497	139,851	118,497	130,777	12,280	133,217	14,720	2,440
MARCH	154,626	144,654	158,737	158,706	176,151	172,029	152,922	184,242	31,320	178,963	26,041	(5,279)
APRIL	146,380	149,258	161,422	161,391	170,639	171,590	148,137	181,003	32,866	162,085	13,948	(18,918)
MAY	187,057	177,282	193,883	193,290	226,865	225,048	196,949	227,296	30,347	245,223	48,274	17,927
TOTAL	\$1,700,661	\$1,655,831	\$1,716,262	\$1,844,741	\$1,864,694	\$1,906,924	\$1,618,799	\$1,856,645	\$237,846	\$1,842,350	\$223,551	(\$14,295)

¹ The August FY 2015 Actual amount includes a one-time, \$145,000 payment in taxes, which was redistributed to the City from another locality.

² Due to year end accounting activities, a portion of Meals and Lodging Tax revenues associated with May and June were posted in June and July.

³ The August FY 2013 collection amount includes a one-time, \$140,000 payment in delinquent taxes.

⁴ Meals and Lodging Tax data includes columns titled "Actual Collected ." The figures listed under these columns include all revenue received per month under that description regardless of whether the payment is current or delinquent.

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **August 11, 2015**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 1

CONSENT:

REGULAR:

WORK SESSION: **X**

CLOSED SESSION:

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ACTION:

INFORMATION: **X**

ITEM TITLE: **Introduction of the City's Federal Relations Liaison**

RECOMMENDATION: Hear a brief introductory report from representatives of Alcalde & Fay, the City's Federal Relations Liaison in Washington, D.C.

SUMMARY: During deliberations on the FY 2016 Operating Budget, staff proposed funding for a Federal liaison in Washington, D.C. to assist the City in the pursuit of Federal grant funds for various projects. Given the competition for such grant funds, staff recommended that City Council consider funding a Federal liaison to help staff build relationships with Federal agencies that fund grants. City Council agreed that a Washington, D.C. firm with Federal agency and local government experience would be helpful to the City in its pursuit of grant funds.

Following a competitive procurement process, the firm of Alcalde & Fay, Government & Public Affairs Consultants, was awarded a two-year contract to assist the City with Federal relations.

Jim Davenport and John Stirrup from Alcalde & Fay will present a brief report to City Council on their expertise and work done to date for the City as well as answer any questions that Council may have.

PRIOR ACTION(S): Adoption of the FY 2016 Operating Budget.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$60,000 in FY 2016 and FY 2017

CONTACT(S): Bonnie Svrcek, Deputy City Manager, 455-3987

REVIEWED BY: lkp

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Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **August 11, 2015**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 2

CONSENT:

REGULAR:

WORK SESSION: **X**

CLOSED SESSION:

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ACTION:

INFORMATION: **X**

ITEM TITLE: **Presentation on The Healing Place: An Opportunity for Region 2000**

RECOMMENDATION: Hear a presentation on The Healing Place.

SUMMARY: During the Public Hearing on the FY 2016 Budget, Vince Sawyer from The Healing Place of Southwest Virginia spoke on an alternative to incarceration for persons with substance abuse disorders and asked to come back to Council at a later time with a more detailed description of such an alternative. Mr. Sawyer will provide Council with a presentation on such an alternative.

PRIOR ACTION(S): None

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

CONTACT(S): Bonnie Svrcek, Deputy City Manager, 455-3987

ATTACHMENT(S): PowerPoint Presentation - The Healing Place: An Opportunity for Region 2000

REVIEWED BY: lkp

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The Healing Place: an Opportunity for Region 2000

City Council Work Session

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A Real Life Case Example

- Mark's struggles with addiction are legendary in the Hill City; in General District Court 3-4 times a month and hundreds of times over a period of years; a prime example of a "frequent flyer"
- Banned from most public places except the hospital, court and jail; described as a "panhandler"
- Tried outpatient treatment and was unsuccessful
- Residential treatment not an option; no insurance and no financial resources to pay for treatment
- Mark needs: a "free" residential program

A Healthcare Problem

- Substance Use Disorders (SUDs): One of America's most costly health problems
- Limited capacity of public and private services to cope with the problem
- Residential services available only to those with insurance or financial resources, circumstances seldom found with addicts
- Problem is huge, costly and growing

Need for Treatment of SUDs

- Central VA (2011) - 20,000 (est.) 12 & up needed treatment
- SW VA (2011) - 150,000 12 & up needed treatment
- Virginia (2011) - 550,000 12 & up needed treatment
- National (2013) - 20 million 12 & up needed treatment

(Source: NSDUH)

Homelessness and Substance Use Disorders (SUDs)

- Nationally about 64% of homeless individuals are struggling with addiction to alcohol or other drugs*

*Source: National Mental Health Information Center

- At least 255 people in Lynchburg were homeless on January 28, 2010**

** Source: HUD's Continuum of Care Homeless Point-in-Time Count

- 2,000 people in Southwestern VA were homeless January 28, 2010, and there could have been as many as 10,000 homeless for all or part of that year**

** Source: HUD's Continuum of Care Homeless Point-in-Time Count

High Cost of Inaction

- 65% of prison inmates meet mental health criteria for Substance Use Disorders (SUDs)*

* NCASA — National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse

- 2006 - Consequences of untreated SUDs cost VA \$613M; \$227M (37%) is borne by localities**

** JLARC 2008 Report “Mitigating the Costs of Substance Abuse in Virginia”

- 2014 - Region 2000 Alcohol & Drug Arrests: 813 DUIs, 679 Drunkenness & 1,643 Drug/Narcotics***

*** “Crime in Virginia” 2014 - Virginia State Police

- 2014 - Cost to Region 2000 - \$ 8M at Blue Ridge Regional Jail for estimated 589 inmates with SUDs (65%)****

**** “FY2014 “Blue Ridge Regional Jail”

Potential 2014 Jail Cost Savings: City of Lynchburg

- Avg BRRJ Daily Inmate Population: 380
- Avg BRRJ Daily SUDs Population (65%): 247
- BRRJ Daily Cost per Inmate: \$65.39
- Lynchburg City Share of Daily Cost: \$37.81
- Lynchburg Daily Cost for Inmates with SUDs: \$9,339
- Daily Healing Place Cost for Lynchburg(\$25): \$6,175
- Daily Savings with 25% (61) at Healing Place: \$781
- Annual Lynchburg Healing Place Savings: \$285,065
- Annual State Healing Place Savings: \$614,068
- Annual State & City Healing Place Savings: \$899,133

Cost/Benefit for SUDs Treatment

- 7:1 return on investment in SUDs treatment in VA; that is, every \$1 spent on treatment reduces future burden costs by \$7 (JLARC Study - 2008)
- 12:1 The return on investment in SUDs treatment alone may exceed 12:1; that is, every dollar spent on treatment can reduce future burden costs by \$12 or more (NIDA)

An Answer to a Question!



A Healthcare Solution: “The Healing Place (THP)”

- The “Sobering Up Center” – a licensed facility open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for non-medical social detoxification; a point of entry for “Mark” into The Healing Place program
- Licensed staff checks “Mark” and if a higher level of medical care is required, takes him to a hospital
- Benefit: EMS and law enforcement can drop off and avoid time consuming trips to hospitals and jail
- Avoids costs of visit to ED and EMS Transport:
ED Visit: \$1,318 (2009 National Average)*
- *Source: Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS)
- EMS Transport: \$376 (2012)**
- **Source: Lynchburg Fire & EMS

“The Healing Place”, Continued

- Provides a complete continuum of care (shelter & detox through long term supportive housing)
- Program and curriculum based on 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous; takes 9-12 months from entry to graduation
- No waiting list & no financial cost to the client - can begin program right away and re-enter as many times as it takes
- Peer-driven model costs \$25 - \$30/day versus \$250 per day for community based treatment
- 65% - 70% of graduates remain sober and clean one year after graduation

The Raleigh Experience

- 2001 – 2011: Wake County, NC homeless population decreased 25% while the Wake County population increased 40%.
- 2012: Over \$3M annually in tax withholdings from The Healing Place graduates (estimate assumes 60% employed previous year)

Source: The Healing Place of Wake County - 2013

Raleigh Men's Facility



Raleigh Men's Facility Courtyard



Raleigh Men's Overnight Emergency Shelter



Raleigh Men's "Off the Street" Pod



Raleigh Women's Facility



Raleigh Women's Phase II Room



Cost to Develop and Operate The Healing Place of Southwestern Virginia

- Phased approach beginning with Region 2000 and adjacent Planning Districts:
- Phase 1: \$4-5 million for land acquisition and construction of a 5-acre site for men (minimum of 100 beds)
- Phase 2: 100 bed facility for women to be developed 5 years later
- \$2.5 million annual operating cost once both facilities are up and running

Possible Funding Sources

- State of Virginia: \$6 million per year (\$1.5M for each of four locations)
- Direct increase in Alcoholic Beverage Control profits to residential recovery programs (ie: The Healing Place)
- CSB SARPOS (Substance Abuse Residential Purchase of Service) funds
- Virginia's Homeless Solutions Program Grant
- Veteran's Per Diem grant for transitional housing for homeless veterans

Funding sources, continued

- HUD CDBG “Balance of State (Virginia)”
- Virginia Department of Corrections
- Department of Agriculture - SNAP
- Healthcare - Hospitals
- Localities (Cities, Counties and Towns)
- Virginia Tobacco Commission
- Medicaid

How Lynchburg Can Help

- Current Need: \$100,000 per year to hire an Executive Director for a period of 3 years
- Provide Financial Support for 3 years @ \$10,000 each year. The Healing Place will provide an equal amount.
- Visit The Healing Place in Raleigh to learn more
- Explore our website: “TheHealingPlace-SV.org”

Questions?

- Contact: Vince Sawyer

The Healing Place
of Southwestern Virginia

434-384-1407 (home)
434-907-1023 (mobile)

vsawyer@TheHealingPlace-SV.org

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **August 11, 2015**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 3

CONSENT: REGULAR: WORK SESSION: **X** CLOSED SESSION:
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ACTION: INFORMATION: **X**

ITEM TITLE: **Foster Care Program**

RECOMMENDATION: No action required.

SUMMARY: The Foster Care Program provides services to children and families when circumstances require the child to be removed from their home. Foster care provides a safe and stable environment for children and older youth until the issues that made placement outside the home necessary are resolved. When a child cannot return home, another permanent home is found for the child through adoption or legal custody by a relative. The Foster Care Program is administered by the Department of Human Services' Division of Social Services.

As requested by Council, a presentation on the Foster Care Program has been scheduled for Council's work session.

PRIOR ACTION(S): None

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

CONTACT(S): Tamara Rosser, Director, Department of Human Services, 455-5794

ATTACHMENT(S): Power Point Presentation

REVIEWED BY: lkp

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Foster Care Program

Tamara Rosser

Department of Human Services

August 11, 2015



Foster Care Presentation

- Overview of Foster Care (FC) Program
- Overview of Lynchburg Program
 - Demographics
 - Goals
 - Staffing
- Funding
- Foster Care Stories
- Challenges
- Questions



Foster Care Program

Federal Law

- Mandates & appropriates funding
- Defines FC as 24 hour substitute care of children placed away from their **birth** parents in the care of the State agency

State Law

- The provision of casework, treatment & community services to children who are abused and neglected & their families for a planned period of time.



How do Children Enter Foster Care

- Emergency removal due to abuse and/or neglect
- CHINS (Child in Need of Services/Supervision)
- Delinquency
- Parents request to be relieved of custody/entrustments



Foster Care Prevention

Foster care prevention services are meant to preserve & strengthen families & keep children in their own homes

- Reasonable efforts must be made to keep child(ren) in their home
- Diligent efforts must be made to locate & assess relatives or other alternative care givers to support child(ren) remaining in the home or as an alternative placement
- Any services available to a child in foster care shall also be made available parents and custodians to prevent foster care placements & are needs based



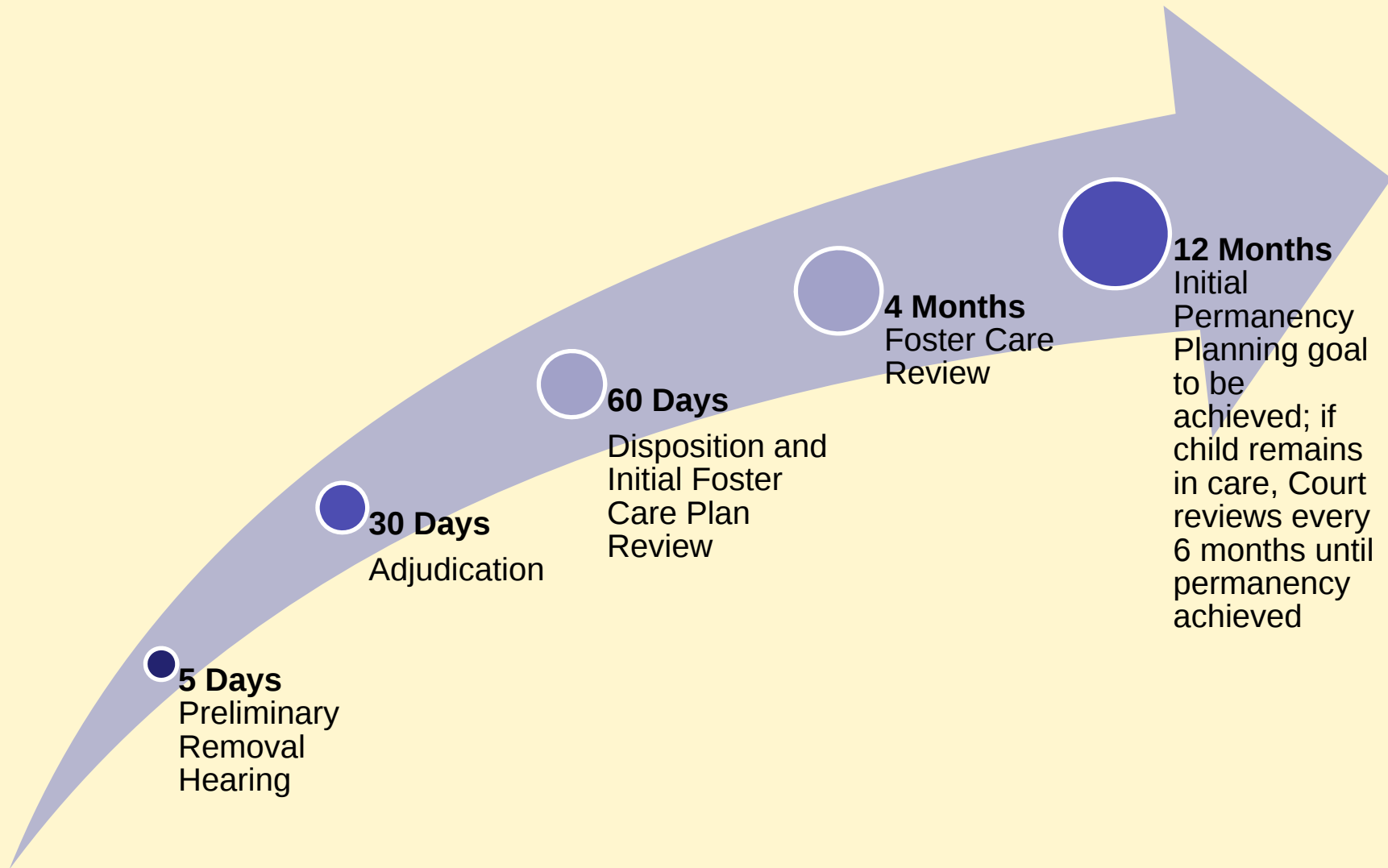
When Foster Care Cannot be Prevented

- The initial goal of foster care is typically **Return Home** and the service plan focuses on providing services to return the child home.
- Achieving **permanency for children** is the priority, either through return home, custody transfer to an appropriate relative or adoption.
- When removal from parents occurs, placement with an appropriate relative is the preferred option for most children.
- If relatives are not immediately available or cannot be quickly approved for placement, the next option is a non-relative foster family home.

Foster Care is intended to be a temporary rather than a long-term solution to family problems.



Foster Care Timeline



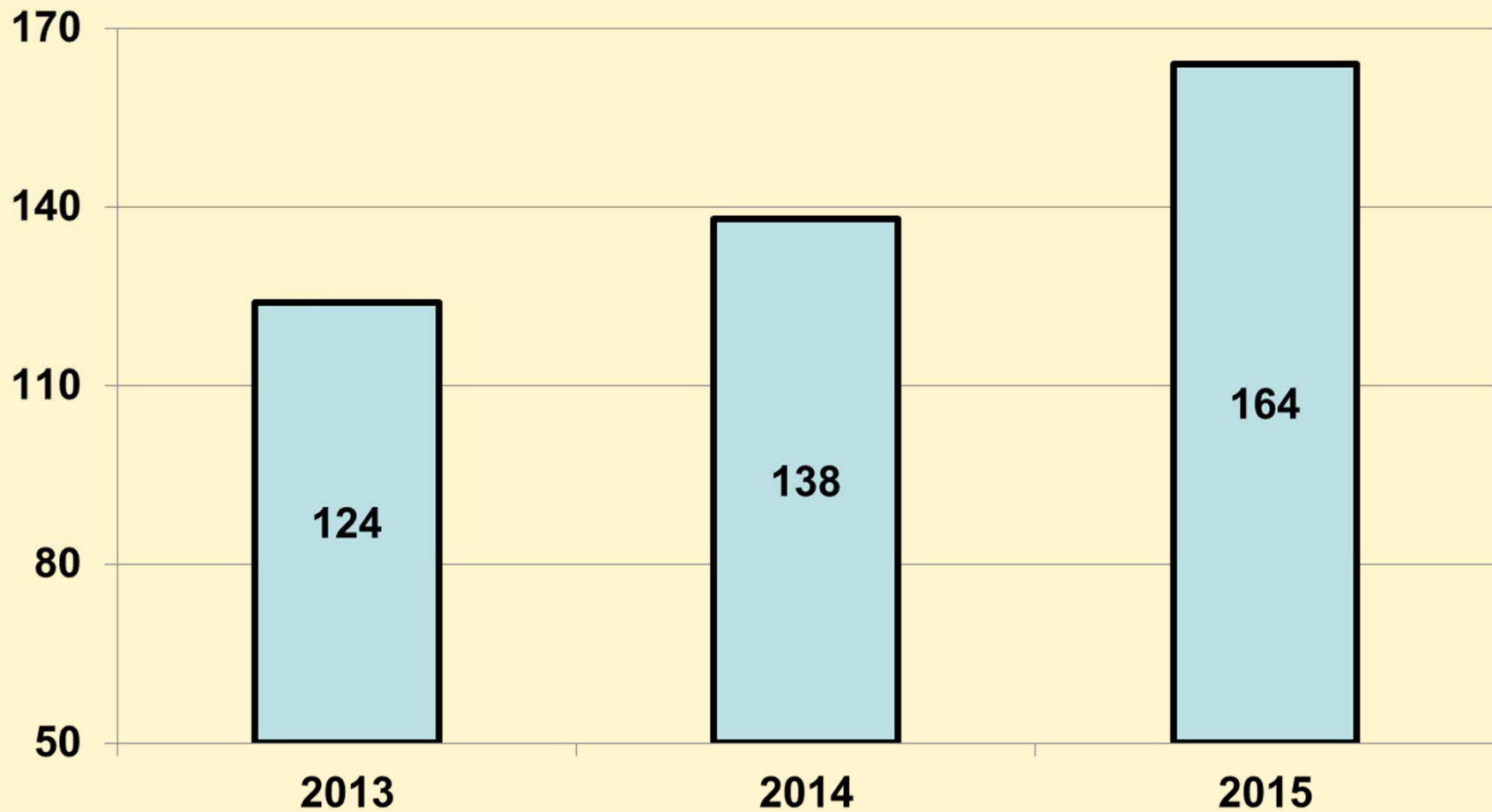


Services to Achieve Reunification/Permanency

- Psychological testing of parent(s) and child(ren)
- Attachment Assessments/Treatment
- Family Finding
- Weekly Supervised Visitations
- Parenting Education
- Outpatient Counseling
- Intensive In-Home Counseling
- Substance Abuse Screenings/Treatment
- Transportation



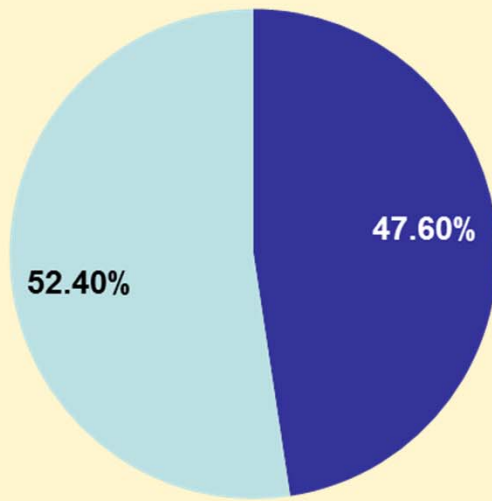
Number of Children in Foster Care





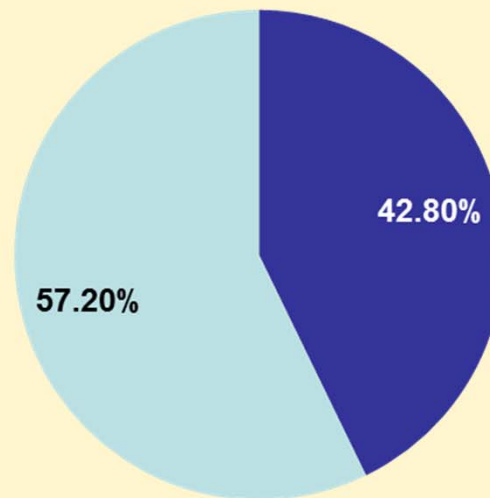
Gender of Children in Foster Care

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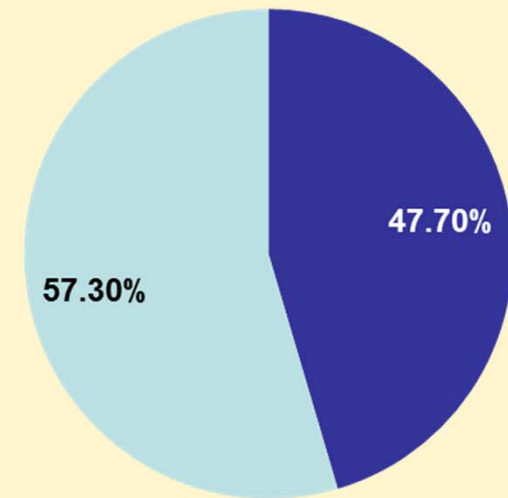


2014

■ Male ■ Female

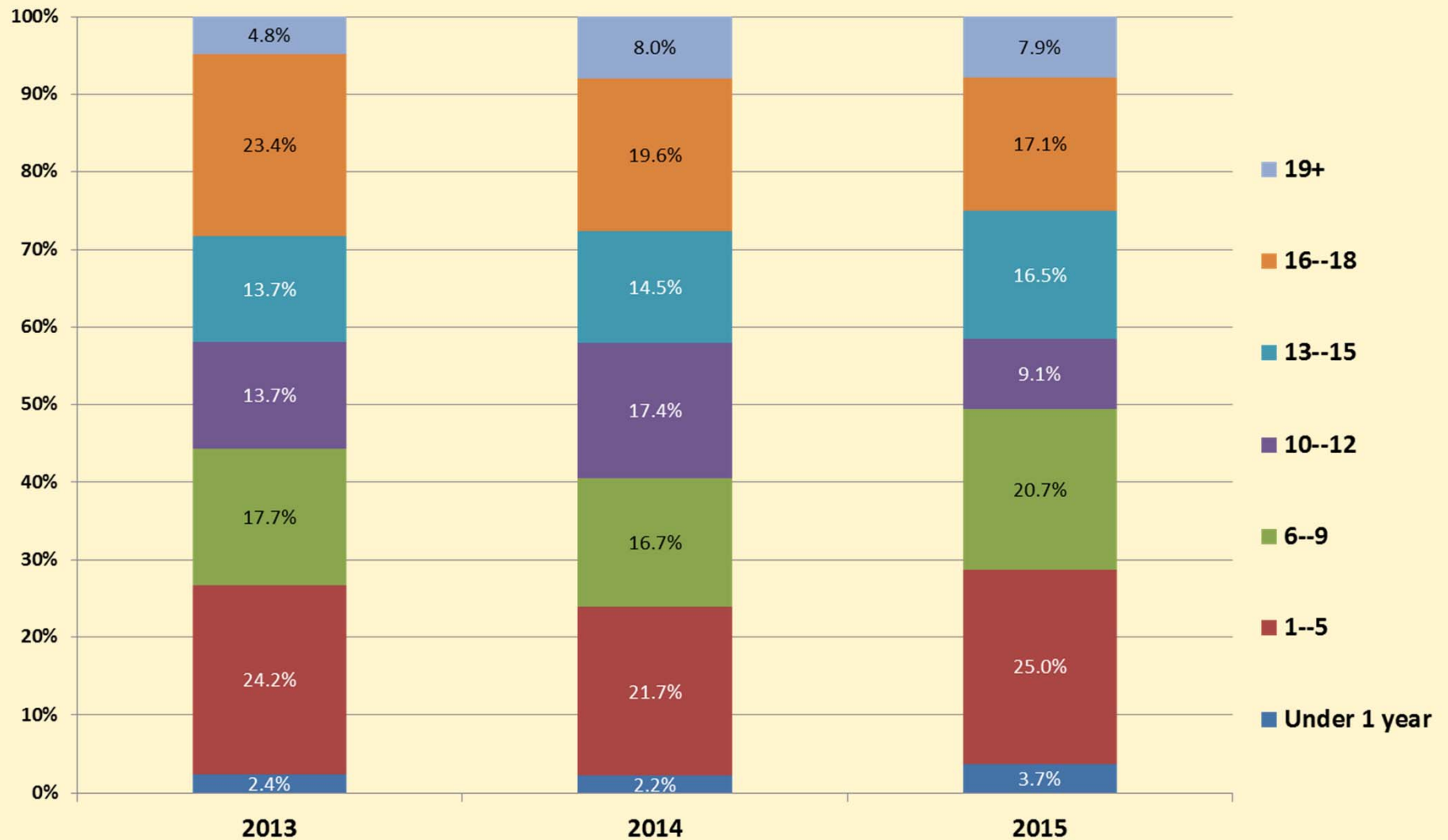


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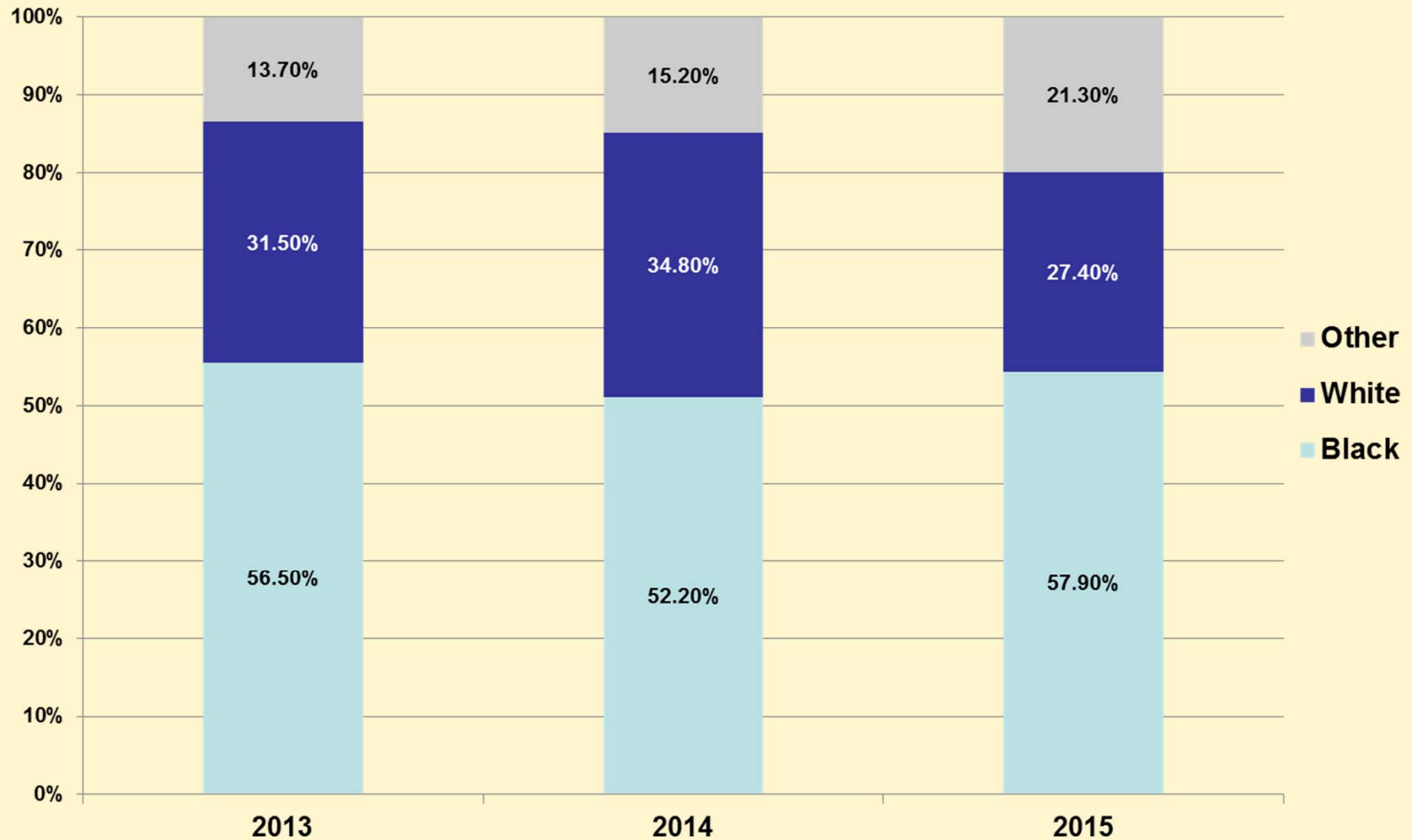


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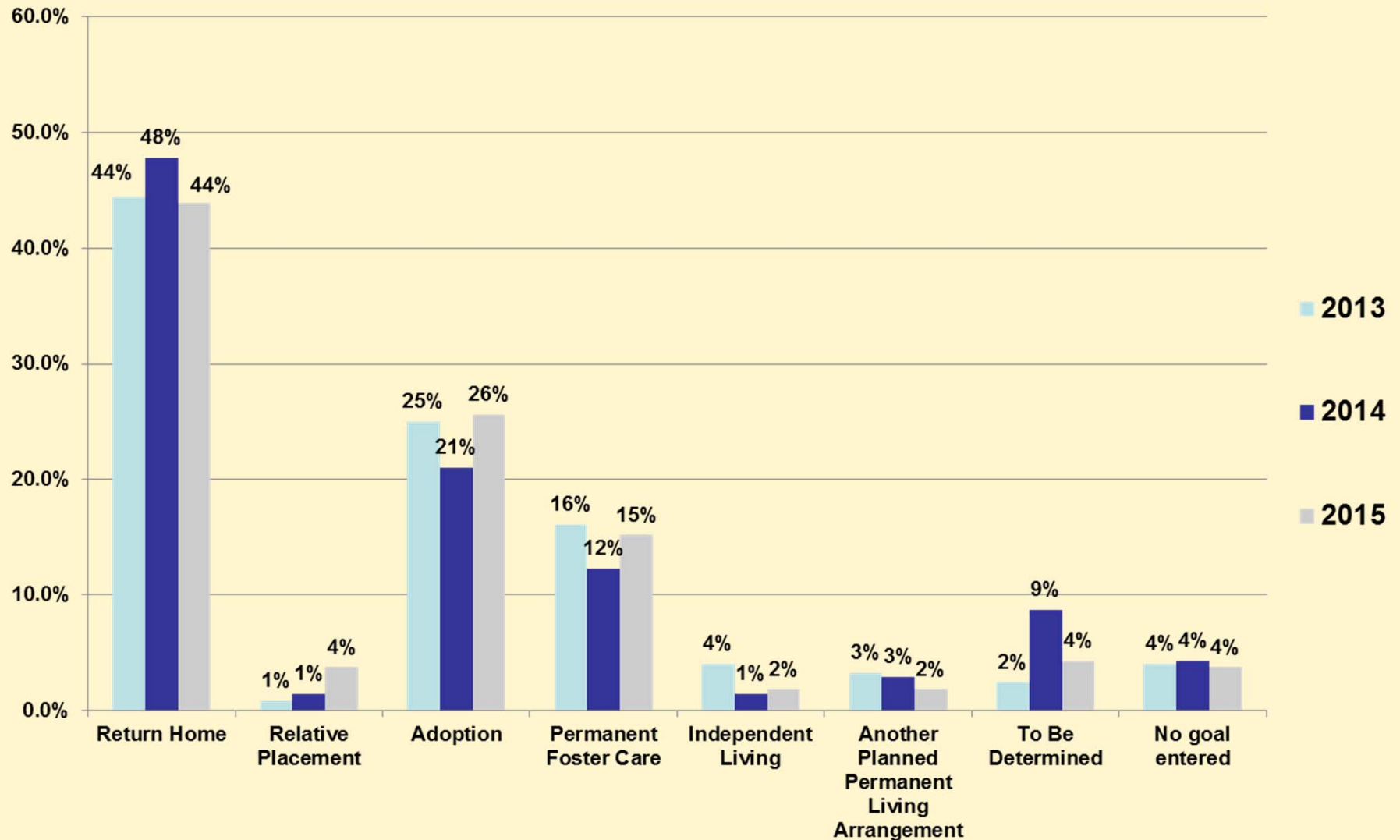


Race of Children in Foster Care





Goals for Children in Foster Care





Foster Care Funding

The vast majority of foster care services are paid through:

Children's Services Act (CSA) – State funds with a local match

Medicaid – Federal funds with local match

Title IV-E – Federal funds with no local match



Foster Care Stories

- Chelsey and Collin
- DeRhonda
- Tyrek, Briana, Jaylen, Malik, Johnna, Malcolm



Challenges

- Mandates associated with the Foster Care Program:
 - Monthly visits
 - Timeline Benchmarks
 - Due diligence in providing reasonable efforts toward family reunification
- Changed environment in which work is done
- Large sibling groups



Challenges

- Increased number of damaged, very traumatized children as a result of abuse and/or neglect
- Parents with mental health and/or serious substance abuse issues
- Increased numbers = increased caseloads



Lynchburg Foster Care Numbers



Child Welfare League of America recommends Foster Care caseloads of 15 or less; best permanency outcomes result from caseloads of 10 or less. (CWLA Standards of Excellence for Family Foster Care Services)



QUESTIONS?

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// A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg was held on the 14th day of July, 2015, at 4:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Michael Gillette, President, presiding. The following Members were present:

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

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Absent: Perrow

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// Council Member Perrow arrived at 4:25 p.m. during the school presentation.

// Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jay McClain provided a presentation on two programs currently underway in Lynchburg City Schools to enhance classroom learning: Lesson Plan Observation of Learning Engagement Teaching (LOLET) and Classroom Observation of Learning Engagement Teaching (COLET). Dr. McClain shared information on how the LOLET and COLET approaches would work for raising the bar of teaching and learning in Lynchburg City Schools. In conclusion, Dr. McClain stated the next steps of the programs are:

- Continue to deepen implementation of LOLET/COLET
- Updated training in August 2015
- Expansion of the tool to some other core areas
- Revision of PAR guides this summer to support LOLET/COLET
- Continue monthly classroom visits and principal training

// Scott Horton with Municipal Code Corporation gave a presentation of the Lynchburg City Code, which will now be maintained and hosted online by Municode. The web-based platform of Municode services will also provide a more user-friendly, searchable Code for a wide variety of users.

// Major Stokes with the Police Department provided a presentation on Crime Statistics in Lynchburg. According to the data that was presented the City's overall crime is down by about 4 percent from 2014 compared to 2013. Other issues were discussed in the presentation including the following:

- National Incident Based Reporting
- Crime Statistics 2013 - 2014
- Group A Offenses - more serious, felony and misdemeanor
- Group B Offenses - less serious, mostly misdemeanor offenses
- Officer Time Commitments
- 2015 YTD Crime Statistics

Major Stokes stated that compared to a five-year average, 2014 shows more than a 7 percent decrease in crime in the City of Lynchburg.

// City Attorney Walter Erwin provided information on changes to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and the Conflict of Interest Act (COIA) that were adopted by the General Assembly in its recent session and became effective on July 1, 2015.

// City Manager Kimball Payne and Airport Director Mark Courtney advised Council on the Freedom Aviation lease negotiations. Mr. Payne advised that there were only a few items in the proposed lease agreement for the former Virginia Aviation facilities to be resolved; the timing of customer satisfaction

surveys, the bundling of services with a fuel discount, and the potential for a decrease in the rent based on financial performance. In addition, Freedom Aviation was asking for a new lease on the fuel farm concurrent with the new facilities lease and the amendment to the franchise agreement. It was noted that a new lease for the fuel farm would require a recommendation from the Airport Commission and a public hearing. In discussion, Council indicated that it would prefer to finalize the facilities lease and the franchise amendment prior to considering a fuel farm lease. Council was willing to accept Freedom's position on two of the three items to be resolved in the facilities lease. After further discussion, on motion of Council Member Foster, seconded by Council Member Perrow, Council agreed that the facilities lease would include a customer satisfaction survey only prior to renewal rather than annually, and that fuel discounts could be included with bundled services as long as the arrangements were consistent with FAA regulations; but declined to include a mandatory rent reduction based on financial performance and directed that a new fuel farm lease would only be considered after approval of the facilities lease and the amendment to the franchise. The motion passed by the following recorded vote:

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

Noes: 0

// During roll call Council Member Foster asked staff for an update on the Academy of Fine Arts by the August council meeting.

// Vice Mayor Johnson mentioned a video that is being displayed at Randolph College until October 10, 2015, entitled Lynchburg Bridge. The Lynchburg Bridge video project strives to increase dialogue among black men.

// City Council recessed the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

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

The following Members were present:

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

Absent: 0

Council Member Nelson gave the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

// Copies of the minutes of the June 9, 2015 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 7

Noes: 0

// Council Member Foster asked that the June 23 (two meetings), 2015 minutes be removed from the Consent Agenda because she was not present at that meeting. Item #8 was voted on separately.

// Copies of the minutes of the June 23 (two meetings), 2015 meetings, 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: Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Gillette 6

Noes: 0

Abstention: Foster 1

// In the matter of Fire – General, Resolution #R-15-059 to amend the FY 2015 City Capital Projects Fund budget and appropriate \$58,046 to fully fund the renovation of Fire Station #6 (Miller Park Station), laid over from the June 23, 2015 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 Parking, Resolution #R-15-060 to amend the FY 2015 General Fund budget and appropriate \$168,000 with resources of \$56,000 from the Assigned Fund Balance Reserve for Parking and \$112,000 from additional Parking revenue to purchase a new software system and align expenditures based on a new accounting process, laid over from the June 23, 2015 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

// Mayor Gillette stated that he is under contract with Centra Health and his income exceeds the limit set by the Virginia Conflict of Interest Act and he would be abstaining from the discussion and vote on this item. Mayor Gillette further stated that Vice Mayor Johnson would proceed with this item.

In the matter of Community Development - Zoning, a public hearing was held regarding City Council Report #11 outlining the petition of Centra Health Incorporated for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) at 1331 Oak Lane to allow an outpatient clinic for autism therapy associated with Virginia Baptist Hospital in an R-2, Low-Medium Density, Single-Family Residential District. City Planner Tom Martin provided a brief summary regarding the petition, explaining that both the Planning Division and Planning Commission are recommending approval of the Conditional Use Permit. Mr. Ted Strickler, representing the petitioner, outlined the request and asked for approval. One adjoining property owner spoke in support of the petition stating that he thinks this is an excellent use of the property. There was no one else present who wished to speak to this item, and the public hearing was closed. Council Members discussed the conditions of the CUP and agreed additional wording should be added to Condition #1. On motion of Council Member Perrow, seconded by Council Member Nelson, Council by the following recorded vote adopted Resolution #R-15-062, as amended, granting the Conditional Use Permit at 1331 Oak Lane to allow an outpatient clinic for autism therapy associated with Virginia Baptist Hospital in an R-2, Low-Medium Density, Single-Family Residential District:

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

Noes: 0

Abstention: Gillette 1

// In the matter of Economic Development – General, City Council Report #12 was considered. On motion of Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Foster, Council by the following recorded vote

adopted Resolution #R-15-063, as presented, to schedule a special called meeting for Tuesday, July 28, 2015, at 7:30 p.m., in City Hall for the purpose of conducting a public hearing to receive comment on an application for Enterprise Zone Designation for a portion of the City, currently in Enterprise Zone #46:

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

Noes: Helgeson 1

// In the matter of City Code/Airport – General, City Council Report #13 was considered. On motion of Council Member Perrow, seconded by Council Member Nelson, Council by the following recorded vote adopted Ordinance #0-15-064, as presented, to amend and reenact the Code of the City of Lynchburg, by adding new Sections numbered 31-18 through 31-18.3, relating to the creation of an Airport Police Department:

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 consultation with legal counsel and staff members about a specific legal matter, the City's interest in the property located at 2007 Memorial Avenue now that the Lynchburg Life Saving Crew is no longer providing emergency services to Lynchburg's citizens, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A.)(1) and (7) 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.

// 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 Foster, and Council by the following recorded vote adopted the motion:

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

Noes: 0

// The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 P.M.

July 28, 2015

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// A special meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg was held on the 28th day of July, 2015, at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Ceasor Johnson, Vice President, presiding. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct a public hearing to receive citizen's comments and adopt a Resolution regarding an application to submit to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development to re-designate Enterprise Zone #46. The following Members were present:

Present: Foster, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy

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Absent: Helgeson, Gillette

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Council Member Nelson gave the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

// In the matter of Economic Development – General, a public hearing was held regarding City Council Report #1, for an application to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development to re-designate Enterprise Zone #46. Director of Economic Development Marjette Upshur gave a brief summary of the request. There were 5 individuals who spoke in support of the request to re-designate Enterprise Zone #46. There was no one else present who wished to speak to this item, but there were 18 individuals in attendance at the meeting for support of this request, and the public hearing was closed. On motion of Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Foster, Council by the following recorded vote adopted Resolution #R-15-065, as presented, to submit an application to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development to re-designate Enterprise Zone #46:

Ayes: Foster, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweed

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Noes:

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Absent: Helgeson, Gillette

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// The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

Clerk of Council

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **August 11, 2015**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 8

CONSENT: REGULAR: **X**

WORK SESSION:

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **Vacate a portion of Sky View Place**

RECOMMENDATION: Vacate the right-of-way.

SUMMARY: Winnifred C. Schenkel, the owner of 3424, 3429 Sky View Place and 2859 Link Road, is petitioning to vacate right-of-way at the end of the cul-de-sac on Sky View Place; this right-of-way is currently unopened. The total area of the proposed vacation is approximately one hundred eighty-two thousandths (0.182) of an acre. This right-of-way vacation is contingent upon a subdivision plat being approved by the TRC, which will provide for a boundary line adjustment that meets City Subdivision Ordinance standards.

The unopened portion of the cul-de-sac only serves a need if the property were to be developed for future residential use. Staff believes the steep topography of the property limits the development potential beyond the existing cul-de-sac.

PRIOR ACTION(S):

May 22, 2015: The Technical Review Committee (TRC) reviewed the petition. The TRC comments have been incorporated into the proposed ordinance.

June 9, 2015: The Physical Development Committee (PDC) recommended the petition.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

CONTACT(S):

Kevin Henry, Zoning Administrator – 455-3900
Tom Martin, City Planner - 455-3900
Kent White, Director of Community Development – 455-3900

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Ordinance
- Application
- Map
- Right-of-way vacation plat
- Subdivision plat (boundary line adjustment)

REVIEWED BY: lkp

UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE:

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF UNOPENED RIGHT OF WAY KNOWN AS SKY VIEW PLACE.

WHEREAS, Winnifred C. Schenkel, is petitioning to vacate a portion of unopened right of way known as Sky View Place located among the properties of 3424, 3429 Sky View Place and 2859 Link Road; and

WHEREAS, City Council finds that no public inconvenience will result from vacating the right of way;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Lynchburg, on its own motion, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 15.2-2006 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, and Sections 35-71 through 35-77 of the City Code, 1981, as amended, the following described right of way be, and the same hereby is, discontinued and vacated, namely:

Beginning at an iron pin found, which iron pin is the common corner between lots 7 & 8, block 4, Panorama Hills, and which iron pin is located on the westerly right-of-way line of Sky View Place, thence, with said line of Sky View Place and with said lot 8, north 03 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds east for a distance of 61.17 feet to a point; thence along a curve to the right having a radius of 40.00 feet and an arc length of 45.63 feet, being subtended by a chord of north 15 degrees 08 minutes 22 seconds west for a distance of 43.19 feet to a point, which point is a common corner with said lot 8 and the property of Winnifred C. Schenkel; thence, with said Schenkel, along a curve to the right having a radius of 40.00 feet and an arc length of 118.14 feet, being subtended by a chord of south 77 degrees 51 minutes 00 seconds east for a distance of 79.65 feet to a point, which point is a common corner with said Schenkel and lot 12, block 3, Panorama Hills; thence, with said lot 12 along the easterly right-of-way line of said Sky View Place, along a curve to the right having a radius of 40.00 feet and an arc length of 33.55 feet, being subtended by a chord of south 30 degrees 47 minutes 22 seconds west for a distance of 32.57 feet to a point; thence south 03 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds west for a distance of 73.78 feet to an iron pin found, which iron pin is a common corner with said lot 12 and lot 11, block 3, Panorama Hills located on said easterly line of Sky View Place; thence, along two new lines, north 59 degrees 44 minutes 01 seconds west for a distance of 28.00 feet to an iron pin set; thence north 86 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds west for a distance of 25.00 feet to the point of beginning; together with and subject to covenants, easements, and restrictions of record.

Said property contains 0.182 acres more or less.

Said vacation is contingent upon the following: (1) that the petitioner must record a plat in the Office of the Clerk of the Lynchburg Circuit Court altering the boundary lines of 3424, 3429 Sky View Place and 2859 Link Road to create the required street frontage on a public street required by Chapter 24.1, Subdivision Ordinance, and Chapter 35.1, Zoning Ordinance, of the City Code; and (2) that an easement to locate, relocate, repair, replace, maintain and perpetually operate all utilities currently located therein or needed by the City in the future is hereby reserved unto the City of Lynchburg, and the construction of any building or structure or the use of the vacated property in any manner that could interfere with the City's right to locate, relocate, repair, replace, maintain and perpetually operate utilities is prohibited without the prior written approval of the City Manager's Office, City Utilities Division and the City Engineering Division; and (3) the plat required herein must comply with the requirements of Chapters 24.1 and 35.1 of the City Code and the failure to prepare, approve and record such plat within twelve months of the adoption of this resolution shall render the vacation of the above-described portion of Sky View Place null and void.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Clerk of the Council is hereby authorized and directed to deliver a duly-certified copy of this ordinance to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the City of Lynchburg so that said certified copy of this ordinance may be recorded as deeds are recorded and indexed in the name of the City of Lynchburg.

Adopted:

Certified: _____
Clerk of Council

APPLICATION FOR THE VACATION OF A
PORTION OF SKYVIEW PLACE
LOCATED AT ITS NORTHERLY END

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The undersigned applicant, Winnifred C. Schenkel, pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2006 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, and Section 35-71 through Section 35-77 of the City Code, 1981, as amended, respectfully makes application to the Lynchburg City Council for the vacation of that certain parcel described as follows:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND, BEING A PORTION OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SKYVIEW PLACE LOCATED AT ITS NORTHERLY TERMINUS IN THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA, AND FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN FOUND, WHICH IRON PIN IS THE COMMON CORNER BETWEEN LOTS 7 & 8, BLOCK 4, PANORAMA HILLS, AND WHICH IRON PIN IS LOCATED ON THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SKYVIEW PLACE,

THENCE, WITH SAID LINE OF SKYVIEW PLACE AND WITH SAID LOT 8, NORTH 03 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 61.17 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 40.00 FEET AND AN ARC LENGTH OF 45.63 FEET, BEING SUBTENDED BY A CHORD OF NORTH 15 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 43.19 FEET TO A POINT, WHICH POINT IS A COMMON CORNER WITH SAID LOT 8 AND THE PROPERTY OF WINNIFRED C. SCHENKEL;

THENCE, WITH SAID SCHENKEL, ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 40.00 FEET AND AN ARC LENGTH OF 118.14 FEET, BEING SUBTENDED BY A CHORD OF SOUTH 77 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 79.65 FEET TO A POINT, WHICH POINT IS A COMMON CORNER WITH SAID SCHENKEL AND LOT 12, BLOCK 3, PANORAMA HILLS;

THENCE, WITH SAID LOT 12 ALONG THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID SKYVIEW PLACE, ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 40.00 FEET AND AN ARC LENGTH OF 33.55 FEET, BEING SUBTENDED BY A CHORD OF SOUTH 30 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 32.57 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 73.78 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND, WHICH IRON PIN IS A COMMON CORNER WITH SAID LOT 12 AND LOT 11, BLOCK 3, PANORAMA HILLS LOCATED ON SAID EASTERLY LINE OF SKYVIEW PLACE;

THENCE, ALONG TWO NEW LINES, NORTH 59 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 01 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 28.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN SET;

THENCE NORTH 86 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 25.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO COVENANTS, EASEMENTS, AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.

SAID PROPERTY CONTAINS 0.182 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

The applicant further requests the Lynchburg City Council to hold a public hearing on this application at its meeting to be held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 900 Church Street, Lynchburg, Virginia, on May 12, 2015, at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, and at the conclusion of which hearing to consider whether or not to vacate the above described parcel.

Given under my hand this 28th day of March, 2014.



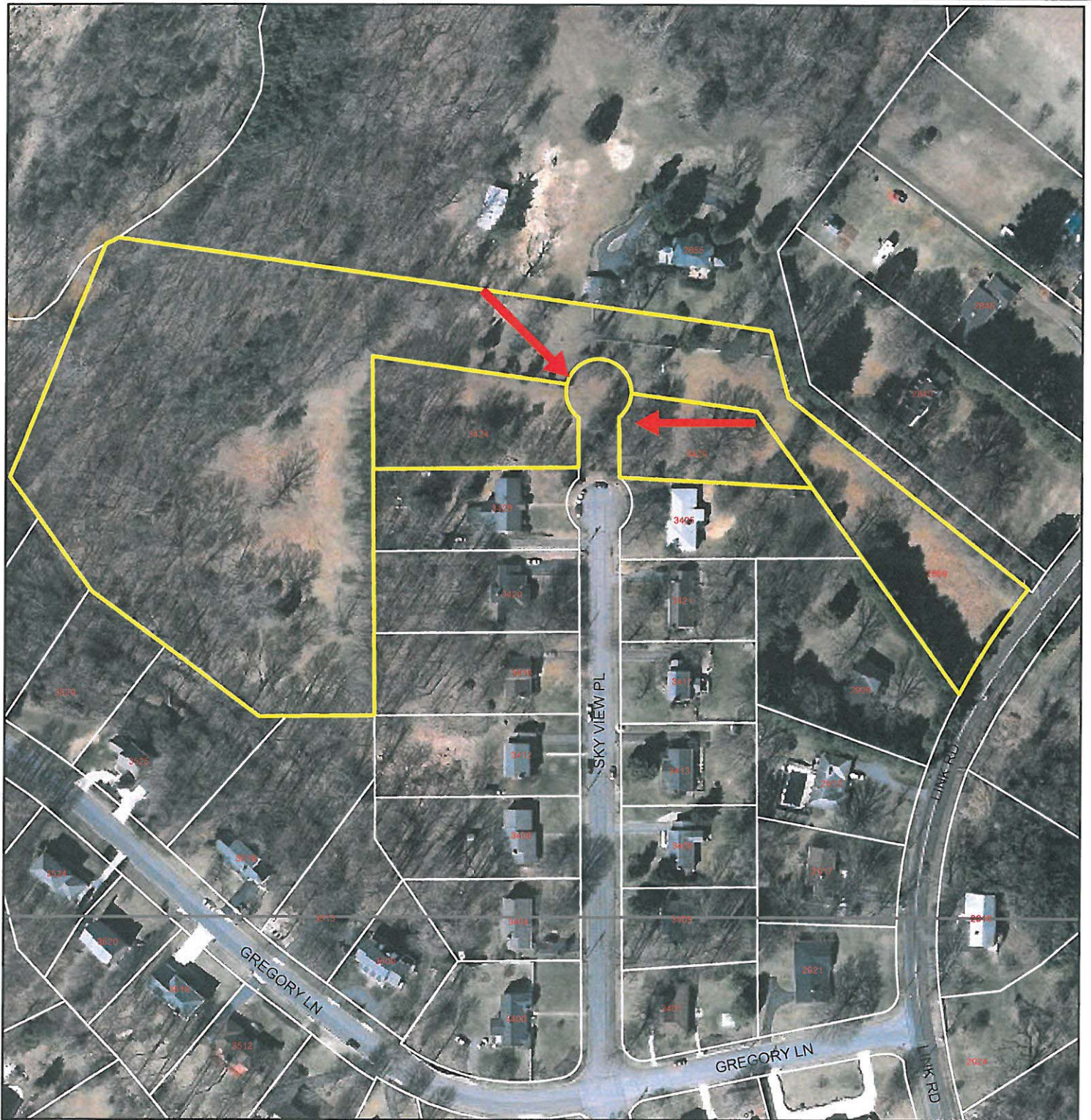
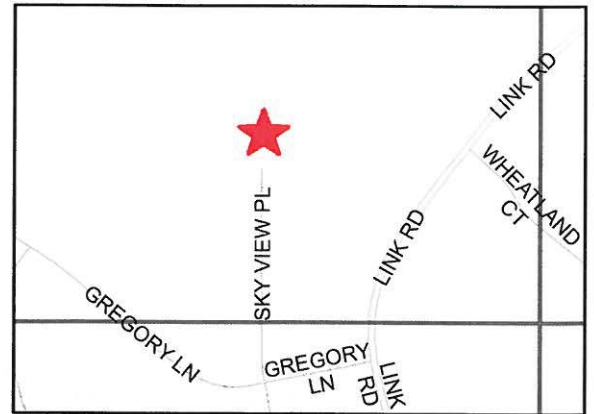
Winnifred C. Schenkel
Applicant

501 VES Road, Apt C311
Lynchburg, VA 24503
Telephone Number: 1-434-385-0174

Sky View Place

Right-of-Way Vacation

★ Location



D.B. 341, PG. 144

PANORAMA HILLS - BLOCK 4

CURVE DATA CHART

CURVE	DELTA	RADIUS	LENGTH	CHORD	CHD BEARING
C1	282°38'08"	40.00'	197.32'	50.00'	S86°30'00"E

LOT 6

AMENDED LOT 7
GIBBS L. ARHTUR, JR
& MARTHA L. ARTHUR
D.B. 862, PG. 169
PIN: 16913007

LOT 8
WINNIFRED C. SCHENKEL
WILL INSTR #120000298
PIN: 16913008
#3424

WINNIFRED C. SCHENKEL
WILL INSTR #120000298
PIN: 16913009
#2859 LINK ROAD

SKYVIEW PLACE (50' R/W)

VACATED PARCEL
0.182 AC.

±610' TO
GREGORY LANE

LOT 10

AMENDED LOT 11
JAMES T. & WENDY C.
BALLENGEE
INSTR #120007705
PIN: 16912011

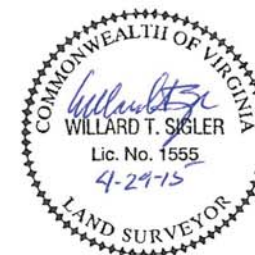
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PIN: 16912012
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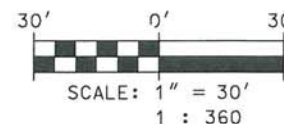
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- IRON PIN SET
- IRON PIN FOUND
- R/W RIGHT-OF-WAY
- WM WATER METER



NOTES:

1. THIS PLAT HAS BEEN PREPARED WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF A TITLE REPORT AND DOES NOT NECESSARILY INDICATE ALL ENCUMBRANCES UPON THE TITLE.
2. BY GRAPHIC SCALING ONLY, THIS PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN ZONE "X" (NOT IN A DESIGNATED SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA ACCORDING TO THE F.E.M.A. FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP FOR THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG (#5100930037D) DATED JUNE 3, 2008. NO FIELD SURVEYING WAS PERFORMED TO MAKE THIS DETERMINATION.
3. THIS PLAT DOES NOT PURPORT TO ADDRESS THE EXISTENCE, DETECTION OR DELINEATION OF ANY ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS OR ANY ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS LOCATED WITHIN THE PERIMETER OF THE PROPERTY SHOWN.
4. THIS PLAT HAS BEEN PREPARED FROM AN ACTUAL FIELD SURVEY DONE AS PER DATE OF THIS PLAT.
5. TOATAL ACREAGE TO BE VACATED - 0.182 AC.

BERKLEY-HOWELL & ASSOC., P.C.

ENGINEERS - SURVEYORS - PLANNERS
306 ENTERPRISE DRIVE, SUITE C
FOREST, VIRGINIA 24551

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**PLAT OF PORTION OF R/W OF
SKYVIEW PLACE
PROPOSED TO BE VACATED**

CITY OF LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA

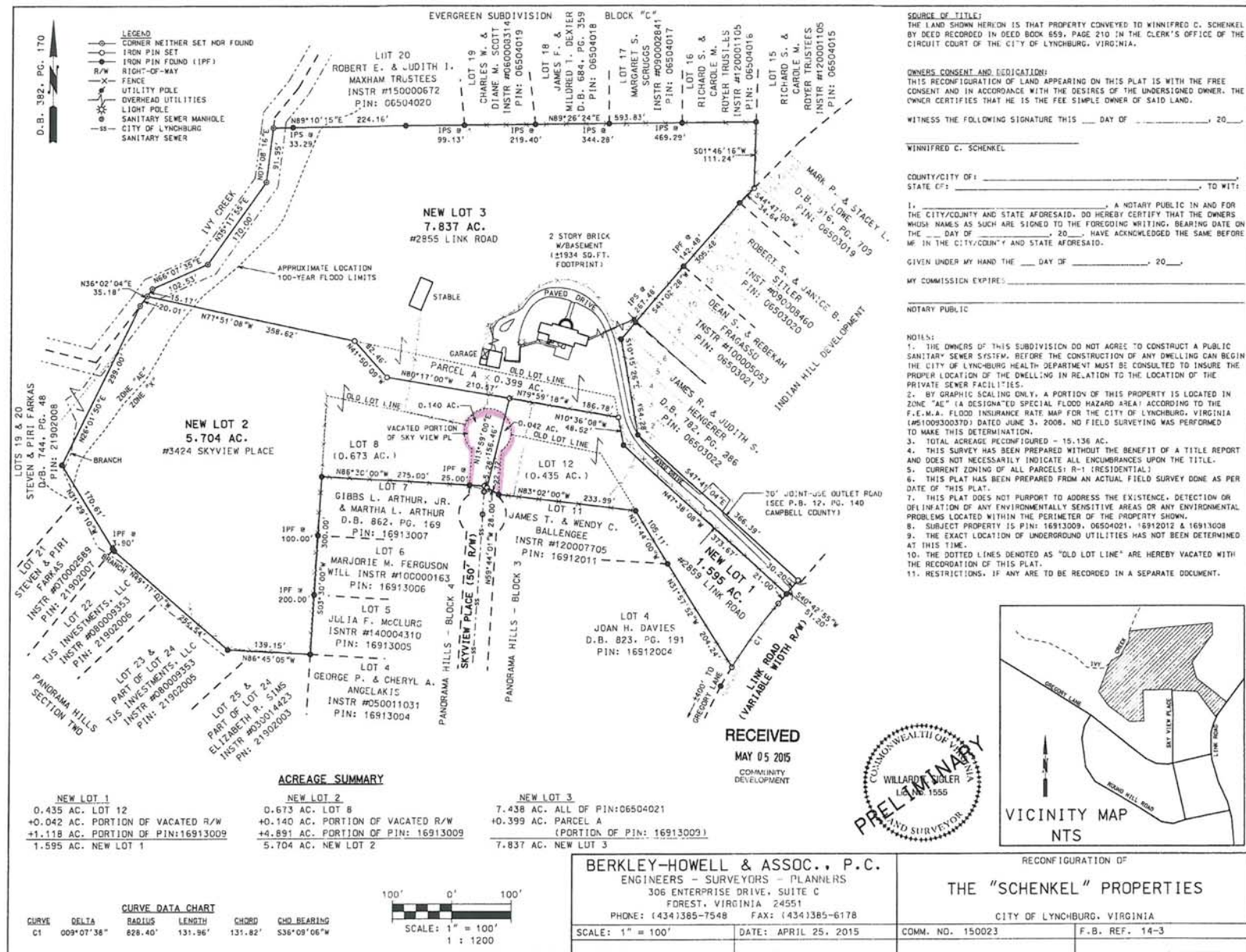
SCALE: 1" = 30'

DATE: MARCH 5, 2015

COMM. NO. 150023

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REV. 4-29-15



LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **August 11, 2015**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 9

CONSENT: REGULAR: **X**

WORK SESSION:

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION:

INFORMATION: **X**

ITEM TITLE: **Update on the Academy Theatre Restoration**

RECOMMENDATION: Hear an update on the Academy Theatre Restoration.

SUMMARY: At Council's July 14, 2015 Work Session, Council member Joan Foster requested an update on the Academy Theatre restoration project.

PRIOR ACTION(S): See attachment.

FISCAL IMPACT: Undetermined at this time.

CONTACT(S): Bonnie Svrcek, Deputy City Manager, 455-3987

ATTACHMENT(S): A Case Statement on the Benefits and Estimated Economic Impacts to the City of Lynchburg for the Completed Restoration of the Historic Academy of Music Theatre (June 30, 2015)

REVIEWED BY: lkp

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**A Case Statement on the Benefits and Estimated Economic Impacts
to the City of Lynchburg
For the Completed Restoration of the Historic Academy of Music Theatre**

June 30, 2015

When it opened in 1905 the historic Academy of Music Theatre quickly became a cornerstone of downtown Lynchburg. For decades it provided a stimulus for growth and economic development and served as a symbol of Lynchburg's vitality and progress. With the changing times and the gradual decline of downtown, the Theatre closed in 1958. Today, sitting vacant on Main Street, it is a negative influence - but offers great potential.

The purpose of this case statement is to present a 15-year projection of the economic impacts that would accrue to the City of Lynchburg from a restored Academy of Music Theatre. Campaign leadership and Academy staff have used conservative assumptions to prepare it as a prelude to entering into discussions with members of City Council about the potential for City support for the restoration project.

**City Council Recognition of
Economic Impact of the Academy Theatre.**

- The Theatre's potential as a key part of the effort to revitalize downtown was recognized by City Council when it adopted the *Downtown Riverfront Master Plan* on May 22, 2001. The first page of the plan provides **"for downtown to succeed, the historic core must be viewed within the context of the region, servicing the needs of residents, businesses, and visitors by offering unique uses in the realms of culture, entertainment, housing, retail and professional and government services."** The Plan went on to state that, "rather than embark on new endeavors such as the ice-skating rink or movie theater, **initial public investment should support initiatives that are already underway and close to achieving their goals, such as ... the Academy of Music.**"
- An independent study commissioned by the Economic Development Authority in 2013 again highlighted the restoration of the Academy Theatre as "an anchor of Lynchburg's Central Business District revitalization effort." In its report, the consulting firm Garner Economics **"encourage [d] the leadership of the City and region to not take the [Academy Theatre] project for granted, but rather continue its support of its efforts to obtain funding and complete the revitalization of the facility as a showplace for the visual and performing arts."** (*Opportunity Lynchburg: Lynchburg's Strategy for Jobs and Competitiveness*, Garner Economics, July 9, 2013).

- City Council again recognized the importance of the Theatre restoration in 2014 when it adopted the *City of Lynchburg Comprehensive Plan 2013-2030* which recommended that, the City “**Promote places to celebrate the arts through efforts such as the Academy Theater restoration.**” (HCA- 2.3)
- The Academy’s economic impact potential led City Council to approve \$1.2 million to support the formation of the Academy of Fine Arts in 2003 by the merger of the Lynchburg Fine Arts Center and the Academy of Music, Inc. And additional City support has continued through the donation of adjacent street right of ways, undeveloped property and assistance with the acquisition of the former Commonwealth Gas Building at 600 Main Street. (See Appendix A). **Thanks to support from many donors and the City, the Academy has developed facilities and programming establishing it as the region’s leading arts organization** with performance and rehearsal space, galleries, classrooms, a pottery studio, workshop, and support spaces, occupying a one and half city blocks anchoring the northwest end of Main and Commerce Streets.
- Lynchburg’s vision and support is not unique. **Many other cities have reached similar conclusions** about the importance of the arts to vibrant downtown economies. As a result they have made substantial investments to theaters and arts complexes. One example, **the Altria Theatre was included in the City of Richmond’s 2014 Capital Improvement Program at \$14 million.** (See Appendix B).

“The Last Best Chance”

While the Academy has achieved much over a relatively short period, **the restoration of the Theatre, remains a work in progress.** The basic structure has been preserved and the storm-damaged fly tower replaced. But over the years several fundraising efforts to finish the project have stalled. In 2012 the Academy initiated a Capital Campaign to raise \$16.6 million to complete the restoration. Over the next 2 and one half years \$5.1 million was raised. **In early 2015, with a new Executive Director and a determined Capital Campaign Team, the Campaign gained significant momentum raising \$4.5 million in less than 6 months. As of this date, \$9.6 million has been raised - 58% of goal. But the remaining \$7 million must be raised quickly while tax credit laws and economic conditions are favorable. This is our best – and perhaps last – opportunity to complete the restoration. Many believe it is now or never.**

An Economic Benefit Analysis of the Academy of Music Theatre

Three different methodologies have been used to calculate the economic impact of this project and each is presented below:

Method #1 - Direct Tax Benefits

The first approach uses Academy staff projections about events and attendance to project the direct impact on City taxes in four categories: Amusement, Sales, Meals, and Lodging taxes using current City tax rates and conservative attendance assumptions. Only 60 performances annually have been assumed with a total performance attendance of just 32,000.

Even with a conservative approach, direct tax benefits from these four tax categories alone are projected to be more than \$100,000 per year accumulating to more than \$1.5 million over a 15-year period.

Table 1 – Direct Tax Benefit Projections						
Type of Activity	Assumptions	Overall Spending	Projected Annual Revenues			
			Amusement 7%	Sales 1%	Meals 6.5%	Lodging 5.5% + \$1
Community-based performances	Ticket sales of 24,000/year x \$18/ticket (500 seats filled 4 nights/mo)	\$432,000	\$30,240			
	20% will buy dinner at \$30	\$144,000		\$1,440	\$9,360	
National-appeal performances	Ticket sales of 8,000/year x \$38/ticket	\$304,000	\$21,280			
	20% will stay in hotel for 1 night x \$125/night	\$200,000		\$2,000		\$12,600
	40% will buy dinner at \$30	\$96,000		\$960	\$6,240	
Conventions	200 attendees 6 times/year + 600 attendees 2 times/year					
	400 hotel rooms needed for 2 nights x \$125/night	\$100,000		\$1,000		\$6,300
	100% will spend \$60/day meals	\$144,000		\$1,440	\$11,700	
Artwork, Pottery and Collateral Gift Sales	Artwork & pottery sales \$75,000/year	\$75,000		\$750		
	Theatre souvenirs \$9,000/year	\$9,000		\$90		
	Misc gifts from downtown vendors \$10,000/year	\$10,000		\$100		
Sub-Totals		\$1,514,000	\$51,520	\$7,780	\$24,960	\$18,900
Total Projected Annual Revenue			\$103,160			
Total Projected 15-Year Revenue			\$1,547,400			

Method #2 - Total Direct Economic Benefits

The second approach calculates the Total Economic Benefit derived from the Academy using an approach recommended by the City of Lynchburg Office of Economic Development. A national arts organization, Americans for the Arts, has developed an online calculator that is widely accepted for purposes of determining such benefits. Based on assumed Academy annual operating expenditures, assumed attendance estimates, and current area population statistics – the calculator was used to project the direct economic impact as well as resulting job creation and local and state resulting revenue.

The Academy’s direct economic impact is calculated at more than \$2.8 million per year – more than \$42 million over the next 15 years. It is a significant job creator – supporting the employment of nearly 100 people annually.

Table 2 – Direct Economic Impact Projections *					
Annual Economic Impact Calculations based on Americans for the Arts Calculator* (based on population between 50,000-99,000; total expenses of \$1.9M; total attendance of 45,000)					
	Total Expenditures	FTE Jobs	Household Income	Local Gov’t Revenue	State Gov’t Revenue
Academy of Fine Arts	\$1,900,000	70.3	\$1,598,508	\$66,291	\$78,071
Audiences	\$913,950	25.3	\$551,761	\$47,900	\$51,885
Total Economic Impact	\$2,813,950	95.6	\$2,150,269	\$114,191	\$129,956
Total 15-year Impact	\$42,209,250				
*See Appendix C for web citation and definitions					

Method #3 – Direct and Indirect Economic Benefits

The above projections do not include the sizeable impact on the local economy that will result from the Academy Theatre construction spending. Current projections are for construction expenses in excess of \$20 million awarded primarily to local Lynchburg contractors. In addition, architectural and engineering services are from local Lynchburg firms. Local banks reap benefits as funds flow through these organizations and as construction financing is obtained. Permitting fees and license tax benefits will accrue to the City.

The above projections also exclude Indirect Economic Benefits. Economists recognize the “multiplier effect” as dollars spent recirculating through the economy. Each direct expenditure will generate secondary expenditures. For example, a dollar spent by the Academy to construct scenery for a performance generates additional economic impact as it circulates through the local economy. **One well-documented study by an arts organization estimated that each dollar spent in support of the arts generates additional expenditures of \$1.34 from this recirculation.** (Arts, Culture & Economic Prosperity in Greater Philadelphia – 2012.)

Closer to home, the Barter Theatre in Abingdon, Virginia commissioned an independent economic impact study in 2013, which indicated a multiplier effect of \$1.63 for every dollar spent.

When the impact of the project cost is included, **the direct economic impact projections over the next 15 years exceed \$73 million and the indirect economic benefits add another \$110 million, for a total economic benefit in excess of \$183 million.**

Table 3 – Estimated Direct & Indirect Economic Impact				
Year(s)	Source	Direct Economic Impact	Indirect Economic Impact *	Total Economic Impact
2016	Construction Project Spending	\$7,000,000	\$10,500,000	\$17,500,000
2017	Construction Project Spending	\$17,000,000	\$25,500,000	\$42,500,000
2018	Construction Project Spending	\$5,000,000	\$7,500,000	\$12,500,000
2018 - 2030	Academy of Fine Arts Spending (\$1,900,000 annually)	\$24,700,000	\$37,050,000	\$61,750,000
2018 - 2030	Audience & Convention Spending (\$1,514,000 annually)	\$19,682,000	\$29,523,000	\$49,205,000
	Total 15-Year Impact	\$73,382,000	\$110,073,000	\$183,455,000
*Based on multiplier effect of 1.5 – average of studies cited above				

The Long View

The preceding economic analysis is based on a conservative approach. It is a reasonable projection of how the Academy's past programming and impact will be enhanced by the benefit of a new venue. That said, **this limited view falls far short of the potentially transformational impact that the Academy Theatre can have on the City of Lynchburg.**

The Academy of Fine Arts has often been seen as place for audiences of a certain age and culture to enjoy art and music that appeals to their interests and senses. Their support and future participation is essential to the future of the Academy Theatre. However, it is only one part of the future that many of us can imagine for ourselves and our community – **a future based on cross-cultural understanding, on economic opportunity for our children and us, and on continuous learning and growth for all of us.**

Imagine:

- An Academy - sitting at the intersection of Main Street, Martin Luther King Boulevard, Rivermont Avenue and Commerce Street - that serves to bring together all the people of our community to celebrate and appreciate each other's artistic and cultural traditions.
- An Academy where all the young professionals and college students want to gather and engage.

- An Academy that is featured in the recruitment brochures of every business and college in the region.
- An Academy that, together with sophisticated hotels and outstanding restaurants, makes Lynchburg a destination city for conventions and tourists attracting visitors regionally and beyond.
- An Academy that educates our children and their parents and grandparents about the arts and life and living together.

That is the future we imagine. It is not easily quantified but one that is very real.

Findings

- (1) This case study reaffirms the Lynchburg City Council long-standing view about the importance of the Academy of Music Theatre restoration to the downtown economy. Direct tax revenue benefits are calculated at more than \$1.5 million over a 15-year period. Over that same period, the Academy will pump more than \$73 million into the local economy and as those dollars are re-circulated the total economic impact will exceed \$183 million.**
- (2) Beyond the straight-forward economic analysis, it is easy to recognize the pivotal role that the Academy plays in the future economic and cultural development of our community. It is this recognition that has led to City support in the past and justifies continued support today.**
- (3) The Campaign to restore the Academy has momentum but is at a crucial point. Because the City of Lynchburg has a direct interest in the successful and speedy completion of this project, members of City Council should consider significant support for the project and instruct the City Manager to bring forth a specific plan for doing so.**

Academy of Fine Arts – Capital Campaign Fact Sheet

CAMPAIGN GOAL:	\$16.6 million in contributions and pledges to be paid over five years						
CAMPAIGN PROGRESS:	\$9.6 million raised to date						
CAMPAIGN PURPOSE:	To complete the dynamic multi-facility arts complex in the heart of Lynchburg that engages our community in the arts and serves as a vital contributor to the economic engine of the region. The remaining components of the campaign will deliver: • The restored historic Academy of Music Theatre • Core services required to run the theatre: the box office, lobby, restrooms, elevators and concession areas. • Phased construction began in the fall of 2014; the next major component to begin mid-2016 to be completed in 24 months						
LEADERSHIP:	Geoffrey Kershner, Executive Director (as of 5/18/15) <table><tr><td>George Dawson, Campaign Chair (retired CEO, Centra Health)</td><td>Rob Taylor, Construction Chair (retired President, Taylor Brothers)</td></tr><tr><td>Terry Babbitt, Board President (retired Engineer, Belvac)</td><td>George Zippel, Tax Credits Chair (retired CEO, Genworth)</td></tr></table>			George Dawson, Campaign Chair (retired CEO, Centra Health)	Rob Taylor, Construction Chair (retired President, Taylor Brothers)	Terry Babbitt, Board President (retired Engineer, Belvac)	George Zippel, Tax Credits Chair (retired CEO, Genworth)
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PREVIOUS CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS:	Raised \$17 million						
USES OF FUNDS RAISED PREVIOUSLY:	• Purchase and renovation of the existing Price & Clements Building to create the 340-seat warehouse theatre, art studio, gallery and rehearsal rooms • Purchase and renovation of the existing Gas Company building to include two galleries, a pottery studio and the administrative offices • Reconstruction of the Academy of Music Theatre’s stage house and stage to create a state-of-the-art flytower • Extensive structural reinforcements to stabilize the historic theatre						
INITIAL CITY SUPPORT:	• Direct Contribution		\$1,200,000				
CITY SUPPORT SINCE 2003 (per valuation by City staff)	• Transfer of Mortgage at 600 Main Street (facilitating relocation of Lyn-Cag) • Vacating 6th Street • Donating parking lot at Commerce & 6th Streets • Transferring ramp from 5th Street to Commerce Street • Relocation of aged utility lines requiring replacement from 6th to 5th Street (reducing cost of future water main replacement project)		\$160,000 \$48,000 \$125,000 \$40,000 \$325,000				
TAX CREDITS:	Projection for achieving federal and state Historic Tax Credits, and New Market Tax Credits is \$12 million						

MUNICIPAL SUPPORT OF OTHER HISTORIC THEATRES/ARTS COMPLEXES

Many other cities in Virginia and around the country have invested heavily in the restoration and operation of historic theaters and other arts complexes. Such investments have been based on economic benefits, downtown revitalization projects, community quality of life improvement, and other benefits. Many of these projects have required city ownership of facilities because there was not the vision, commitment and resources available in the private sector to take on the project. Other projects have been public/private partnerships, and others have been completed by private non-profit organizations with assistance from local governmental sources.

ALTRIA THEATRE; RICHMOND, VA

- Owned by the Richmond Economic Development Authority; operated by nonprofits that oversee education programs and fundraising
- The City of Richmond contributed \$14 million to the \$63 million restoration project which was largely completed in 2014

CAROLINA THEATRE, DURHAM, NC

- Owned by the City of Durham; operated and managed by the nonprofit Carolina Theatre of Durham
- The City and County of Durham funded the \$8.8 million restoration, which was completed in 2011
- The City provides \$615,000 per year to Carolina Theatre of Durham for operations and management

PROCTOR'S THEATRE, SCHENECTADY, NY

- Owned and operated by a nonprofit
- County development agency donated \$9.5 million to the recent \$42 million renovation

GAILLARD CENTER, CHARLESTON, SC

- Owned by the City of Charleston; operated by the nonprofit Gaillard Foundation
- The City is contributing \$71 million to the \$142 million cost of the current renovation
- The City's share is being funded with accommodations and hospitality taxes and New Market Tax Credits (\$20 million); revenues from a Tax Increment Financing district (\$32 million); and general obligation bonds (\$19 million).
- The City provides \$1.1 million per year to the Gaillard Foundation to manage operations (1,800 seat theatre & 16,000 sq. ft. exhibition/banquet hall)
- The City pays major facility costs; insurance, repair & maintenance of systems, etc.

THE LINCOLN THEATRE; MARION, VA

- Owned and operated by the nonprofit Lincoln Theatre Foundation
- Town of Marion provides approximately \$65,000 per year for operations

NEWBERRY OPERA HOUSE, NEWBERRY, SC

- Owned by the City of Newberry; operated by the nonprofit Newberry Opera House Foundation
- The City created a TIF (Tax Incremental Financing) district allowing for tax revenue sharing and construction debt reductions
- The City provides \$150,000 per year to the Opera House from the approximately \$600,000 per year received in accommodations taxes

TAMPA THEATRE, TAMPA FL

- Owned by the City – operated by a non-profit
- The City donates \$100,000 per year to the operating budget and pays utilities & basic maintenance

WAYNE THEATRE, WAYNESBORO, VA

- The City of Waynesboro donated the building to the nonprofit organization
- The City's Economic Development Department donated \$200,000 upon opening

THE WOODWARD OPERA HOUSE, MOUNT VERNON, OH

- The City donated \$500,000 to the capital campaign

Definitions for Table 2 – Direct Economic Impact Projections

From the Americans for the Arts Calculator at: www.americansforthearts.org

Total Expenditures:	The total dollars spent by the Academy and its audiences; event-related spending by arts and culture audiences is estimated using the average dollars spent per person by arts event attendees in similarly populated communities.
FTE Jobs:	The total number of full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs in the community that are supported by expenditures of the Academy and/or its audiences. An FTE can be one full-time employee, two half-time employees, four employees who work quarter-time, etc.
Household Income:	The total dollars paid to community residents as a result of the expenditures made by the Academy and/or its audiences. Household income includes salaries, wages and proprietary income.
Government Revenue	The total dollars received by city and state governments (e.g. license fees, taxes) as a result of the expenditures made by the Academy and/or its audiences.



Academy of Fine Arts and Academy of Music Theatre Fact Sheet

HISTORY:	The Academy of Fine Arts was founded in 2003 as a merger of the Lynchburg Fine Arts Center and the Academy of Music Theatre Inc.
MISSION:	The Academy of Fine Arts, anchored by the historic Academy of Music Theatre, inspires, engages and educates the diverse population of Central Virginia in the performing and visual arts.
LEADERSHIP:	30-member Board of Trustees headed by President Terry Babbitt 10 FTE staff headed by Executive Director Geoffrey Kershner (as of 5/18/15)
FACILITIES:	All facilities occupy a 1.25 city block in historic downtown Lynchburg • Academy of Music Theatre, built in 1905 and closed in 1958 • Arts & Education Center housing classrooms, gallery space and a 5,000 square-foot warehouse theatre seating more than 300 • Administration building housing offices, pottery studio and two art galleries
PROGRAMS FY 2013-14:	• Performance Events: 25 events; 5119 patrons from 15 states • Education Programs: 101 classes/camps; 879 students • Gallery Exhibits: 45 exhibits; 10,195 viewers • Outreach Events: 43 events; 320 served. Outreach partners include 7 city and county schools and 3 social service organizations. • Total Program attendance exceeded 16,500 people, including 2,328 youth
OUTREACH:	• Arts Education Outreach in Public Schools: free after-school art enrichment in three city public schools is offered through the 21st Century grant program, which is designed to exclusively serve disadvantaged youth, and free enrichment classes and workshops in seven additional city and county public schools are offered as well. • Art and Theatre Class and Summer Camp Scholarships: need-based scholarships are offered to youth and adults for all of our art classes and summer camps, and discounts and scholarships are offered to seniors for art classes

OUTREACH,
CONT.:

- **Art Galleries:** free admission to our rotating exhibits of original art, and our biannual juried art and photo exhibits are offered. The galleries host multiple free events throughout the year including the monthly gallery opening receptions on “First Fridays” and artist lectures. An annual exhibit highlighting art of public school students grades K-12 is hosted by exhibiting their work in the Warehouse Theatre lobby and in lobby windows throughout downtown.
- **Performances:** outreach is made to low-income, student, and senior communities and offer free admission is offered to dress rehearsals.

COLLABORATIONS:

- Co-productions with Endstation Theatre, Opera on the James, Liberty University’s Alluvian Stage Co., Cantate Children’s and Youth Choir and Lynchburg College Theatre
- Partner with Lynch’s Landing on the annual Lynchburg City Schools Art Exhibit and Art Crawl showcasing art from over 300 K-12 students
- Provide free performance space for approximately 150 Lynchburg City Schools String students with attendance by more than 300 family members
- Reduced rental fees for local arts and nonprofit organizations including: Lynchburg Symphony Orchestra, Dance Theatre of Lynchburg, Black Theatre Ensemble, Jefferson Choral Society, Opera on the James, YMCA of Central Virginia, Lynch’s Landing, United Way of Central Virginia, Children’s Miracle Network, the Legacy Museum, Virginia Department of Health, Big Brothers/Big Sisters