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// A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg was held on the 13th day of June, 2017, at 3:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Joan Foster, President, presiding. The following Members were present:

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

Absent: Wilder 1

// On motion of Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Helgeson, Council by the following recorded vote elected to hold a closed meeting to consider appointments to the Lynchburg School Board pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A.) (1) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended:

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

Noes: 0

Absent: Wilder 1

// Council Member Wilder joined the meeting at 3:01 p.m.

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

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

Noes: 0

// In the matter of Appointments, and on nomination of Council Member Dolan, seconded by Council Member Wilder, Council by the following recorded vote appointed/re-appointed the following slate of members to serve on the School Board for a term beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2020: Dr. Robert Brennan – District 1, Dr. Kimberly Sinha – District 2, and Dr. James Coleman, Jr. – District 3:

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

Noes: 0

// In the matter of Community Development - Sidewalks Report #1, City Planner Tom Martin shared background information regarding sidewalks in the City Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan.

Council Member Helgeson requested that staff verify cost sharing information for areas such as Wyndhurst and Cornerstone. He also advised that the City cannot be exempt from its own rules.

Council Member Perrow advised that if this item goes back to the Planning Commission, they will need to review the meaning of Comprehensive Plan verbiage such as, “attend to the needs of people first”, and “prioritizing pedestrians, bicyclists, etc.”

Council Member Nelson suggested that the Planning Department provide draft wording to the Planning Commission in order to expedite the review process.

Council Member Wilder agreed to send the item to the Planning Commission for a comprehensive review. Discussion pursued regarding the need to develop the City's pedestrian network over time to serve multimodal transportation needs.

Vice Mayor Tweedy asked staff to provide information on the public investment dollars for the Florida Avenue side of town. City Manager Bonnie Svrcek requested clarification of parameters.

Mayor Foster added that the City needs to be a walkable community and the City Ordinance needs flexibility.

Council Member Wilder exited the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

On motion of Council Member Perrow, seconded by Council Member Helgeson, Council by the following recorded vote decided to refer the matter back to the Planning Commission to address the concerns raised and to do a comprehensive review of the Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan:

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

Noes: 0

Absent: Wilder 1

// During roll call Council Member Helgeson mentioned that he received a complaint about inspections and the number of inspections increasing. He asked staff to adhere to a high standard when conducting

inspections.

// Mayor Foster and Vice Mayor Tweedy presented a Certificate of Recognition to Beacon of Hope Cornament Champions, Jonathan Mundy and Travis Dawson, both City employees. Clay Simmons and Gaynelle Hart accepted the trophy on their behalf. The team was sponsored by L. Kimball Payne, III, and competed against approximately forty teams.

// Mayor Foster and Vice Mayor Tweedy recognized the Lynchburg Department of Public Works on receiving the Public Works Project of the Year for Small Cities/Rural Communities awarded from the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA). The award was given in recognition of the construction of Lynchburg's new Youth Group Home. The award was based on meeting the need of the community, demonstrated commitment to sustainability and environmental preservation, unusual accomplishment under adverse conditions and overcoming economic challenges facing the community.

// City Council recessed the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

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

The following Members were present:

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

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Absent: Perrow

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// Vice Mayor Tweedy gave the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

// Mayor Foster and Vice Mayor Tweedy presented a Certificate of Recognition to the Boys and Girls Spring Outdoor Track Team – Heritage High School.

// Mayor Foster and Vice Mayor Tweedy acknowledged the Heritage High School Varsity Girls Tennis Team.

// Mayor Foster and Vice Mayor Tweedy presented Certificates of Recognition to members of the E.C. Glass State Champion Track Team, who won the title for the fifth consecutive year.

// Mayor Foster and Vice Mayor Tweedy acknowledged the E. C. Glass Boys Lacrosse Team.

// Mayor Foster and Vice Mayor Tweedy presented a Certificate of Recognition to the E.C. Glass High School Boys Tennis Singles (Trent Daly) and Tennis Doubles (Trent Daly and Moses Hutchison) State Champions.

// Copies of the minutes of the April 11, 2017 meeting, having been previously furnished Council, reading was dispensed with, and on motion of Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Wilder, Council by the following recorded vote approved the minutes as presented:

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

Noes: 0

Absent: Perrow 1

// In the matter of Schools, Resolution #R-17-053 to amend the FY 2017 General Fund Budget and appropriate \$1,300,000 from the Schools Health Insurance reserve to be transferred to the Schools Operating Fund, laid over from the May 23, 2017 meeting, was again presented and read, and on motion of Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Wilder, Council by the following recorded vote adopted the Resolution:

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

Noes: 0

Absent: Perrow 1

// In the matter of Community Development - Zoning, a public hearing was held regarding City Council Report #4 outlining the petition of Dharmandra Patel for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to amend the design guidelines for the Cornerstone Traditional Neighborhood Development to allow a monument sign at 1209 Greenview Drive located in Block E and zoned R-1, Low Density Residential District. City Planner Tom Martin provided an overview of the petition for a CUP. Mr. Jamie White with White Engineering and Design asked Council for approval of the CUP. There was no one else present who wished to speak to this item, and the public hearing was closed. On motion of Council Member Wilder, seconded by Council Member Nelson, Council by the following recorded vote adopted Resolution #R-17-055, as presented, granting the Conditional Use Permit to Dharmandra Patel to amend the design guidelines for the Cornerstone Traditional Neighborhood Development to allow a monument sign at 1209 Greenview Drive located in Block E and zoned R-1, Low Density Residential District:

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

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Noes:

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Absent: Perrow

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// In the matter of Community Development, a public hearing was held regarding City Council Report #5 regarding the petition of Logans Landing, LLC., to vacate a portion of right-of-way located at the end of Logans Lane adjacent to the properties at 6335 and 6343 Logans Lane. The portion proposed for vacation contains a portion of the street and consists of approximately eight hundredths (0.08) of an acre. Planner Rachel Frischeisen provided a summary of the request to vacate a portion of right-of-way located at the end of Logans Lane. Doyle Allen with Hurt and Proffitt asked Council for approval of the right-of-way for Logans Lane. There was no one else present who wished to speak to this item, and the public hearing was closed. Vice Mayor Tweedy, member of the Physical Development Committee (PDC) stated this matter came before the PDC which recommended approval. This motion does not require a second. Council by the following recorded vote adopted Resolution #R-17-056, as presented, to vacate a portion of right-of-way located at the end of Logans Lane adjacent to the properties at 6335 and 6343 Logans Lane:

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

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Noes:

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Absent: Perrow

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// In the matter of City Council, Pastor Reason Chandler spoke before Council regarding School Board Members engagement with the community.

// In the matter of Economic Development, City Council Report #7 was considered. Mr. Ted Craddock representing Economic Development Authority (EDA) provided a summary of issuance of the bonds for Centra Health, Inc. Council Member Nelson noted that his approval is with a caveat that the bonds not be used to transfer any taxable property to tax-exempt status. On motion of Council Member Wilder, seconded by Council Member Nelson, Council by the following recorded vote adopted Resolution #R-17-057, as presented, authorizing the issuance of up to \$280,000,000 in bonds through the Economic Development Authority of the City of Lynchburg for the benefit of Centra Health, Inc:

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

Noes: 0

Absent: Perrow 1

// In the matter of Parks and Recreation, City Council Report #8 was considered. On motion of Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Wilder, Council by the following recorded vote introduced and laid over to a later meeting for final action Resolution #R-17-058, as presented, to amend the FY 2017 General Fund Parks and Recreation Fees budget and appropriate \$12,000 with resources from a grant from the USDA FINI (Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive) program to be administered by LEAP (Local Environmental Agricultural Project, Inc.) through Wholesome Wave to fund SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) fruit and vegetable match incentives at the Lynchburg Community Market:

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

Noes: 0

Absent: Perrow 1

// The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Clerk of Council