// A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg was held on the 22nd day of May, 2018, at 4:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Joan Foster, President, presiding. The following Members were present:

Present: MaryJane Dolan, Jeff S. Helgeson, J. Randy Nelson, E. J. Turner Perrow, Treney Tweedy, Sterling A. Wilder, Joan F. Foster 7
Absent: 0

// Mayor Foster presented a Proclamation for National Public Works Week to Gaynelle Hart, Director of Public Works and Public Works employees. Mayor Foster stated citizens have been sending emails of thanks for their outstanding services to the City. Ms. Hart stated that the Public Works employees loved their jobs and enjoyed working for the City.

// Ashley Kershner, Executive Director of the Downtown Lynchburg Association provided the Downtown Lynchburg Association (DLA) Annual Report. Ms. Kershner stated during Council's deliberations on the FY 2019 Proposed Budget Council asked for an annual report. Ms. Kershner's presentation highlighted the following:

- Mission – to create a strong, vibrant, and welcoming downtown with a unique and historic character
- Core Values are guiding principles which includes:
  - Passion for a vibrant and unique downtown
  - Dedication to inclusivity
  - Enthusiasm for historic preservation
  - Integrity in all we do
  - Foster collaboration in a strong downtown community
- The 2017 Strategic Goals include:
  - A. Establish our organization as the "Champion for Downtown"
  - B. Increase the number of visitors to Downtown Lynchburg and improve visitor experience
  - C. Create a unique, vibrant, refreshed annual program of events that highlight the strengths of today's downtown
  - D. Create a business-friendly environment in Downtown Lynchburg
  - E. Increase sustainable funding to expand organization impact

Ms. Kershner shared the City of Lynchburg Master Plan results as follows:

F. Received 913 survey responses

G. Reached 500+ individuals in-person

H. There were 2,000 Downtown 2040 website visits

I. Over 20,000 pieces of usable data

Ms. Kershner stated in looking ahead the downtown 2017 projects will continue and in 2018 the following new projects will be added; 1) Wayfinding and Parking Signage, 2) Downtown Gift Card Program, 3) Adopt-A-Block Program and 4) Business Recruitment.

Council shared comments from the Downtown Lynchburg Association report. Council Member Helgeson mentioned zoning parking requirements for apartments. Also, he stated he did not like the signs to only state when you can park. Ms. Kershner responded this has already been taken care of so the signs will state permit parking only at other times. Council Member Perrow commented that the parking piece is excellent but mentioned he would like the "Hopper" route shown on the parking map as well. Several Council Members stated they would like to be invited to the meetings. Ms. Kershner stated there is not a fee to join and all downtown businesses are welcome into the organization so that everyone is informed of what is going on downtown and all businesses are included in the marketing and media notices. Council Member Nelson thanked Ms. Kershner for the report and the meetings. He also mentioned he would like to include the businesses on Fifth Street as part of the downtown family. Several Council Members commented on the signage and were excited about the Adopt-A-Block Program.

// City Manager Bonnie Svrcek introduced Airport Director Mark Courtney, Airport Commission Chair Bert Dodson and Vice Chair Bob Day. Airport Director Mark Courtney provided information regarding the airport recommendations to consider from the Lynchburg Regional Airport Commission Advisory Board regarding the expiring lease with Aviation Resources, Inc. dba Virginia Aviation. Mr. Courtney provided a brief summary of the history of this lease agreement and the negotiations to date for extending the lease. Mr. Courtney stated that the Airport owns the Fuel Farm. In July 2013 Council approved the Virginia Aviation 5 year option. Mr. Courtney went on to say to ensure that a competitive FBO environment would continue at LYH, new language prohibiting the assignment, sale or transfer was added and a new provision inserted: "in the event that Virginia Aviation is sold, consolidated, merges or is acquired by another entity, this Lease Agreement shall automatically terminate." Mr. Courtney stated that Aviation Resources was created in 2014, when Freedom Aviation LLC purchased Virginia Aviation. Previously, Freedom Aviation and Virginia Aviation operated as separate FBO's at the airport. Freedom Aviation is a subsidiary of Liberty University. Mr. Courtney explained to City Council he began meeting with Freedom Aviation President Andrew Wallace to discuss the lease renewal. This lease was in place until April 2014, when Freedom Aviation requested Council approval for Virginia Aviation assignment to Freedom Aviation for negotiating the lease.

Airport Commission Chair Bert Dodson and Vice Chair Bob Day spoke to Council about their recommendations. Their concerns are that retail fuel volume is down, excluding fuel used by Liberty University for its aeronautics program and other flights. Mr. Dodson stated the city airport is a public investment by the citizens of Lynchburg.

Mr. Bob Day, Vice Chair, gave the following report on the Airport Commission meeting that was held on April 30, 2018:

- As Is: When you look at the airport, what do you see?
- Should Be: When you think of the airport in 5 years, what do you want to see? You should see Activity, Vitality and Growth
- Do not see competition – We have 2 FBO's but one owner; Fuel prices are high, fuel retail volume is down and FAA encourages action to achieve reasonable prices.
- Lease Renewal has 3 Alternatives
    A. 5 Year Option Renewal
        - Comfortable with single FBO, may require pricing actions
    B. Do not renew
        - Favor FBO competition, may require monthly extension
    C. Renew for less than 5 years
        - Favor FBO competition, but proceed at measured pace
- When you think of the airport in 5 years, what do you want to see?
    A. Stability and vitality – lean towards the status quo and Alternative "A"
    B. Growth and competition – lean towards Alternative "B"
    C. Competition measured pace – lean towards Alternative "C"
- Measured pace:
    A. Acknowledge business planning (1-5 years out)
    B. Avoid airfield disruption
    C. Avoid month-month leases

Mr. Day stated the Airport Commission's unanimous recommendation is as follows:

- Renew the lease for one year - do not disrupt Virginia Aviation's current business plan
- Proceed to an open competitive environment – solicit inquiries about lease and fueling; draft RFP for comment in early FY 2019; release RFP in Spring 2019 and award lease in June 2019.

After explaining the Airport Commission recommendations, Mr. Day stated the Airport Commission determined the business base at the airport was sufficient for a competing FBO. The recommendation is to renew the Virginia Aviation lease for one year and proceed forward with competition for next year. Council Members had several questions regarding the lease. Council Member Helgeson stated he appreciates the desire for competition, but the Commission was opposed to competition when this matter appeared before Council several years ago. He further stated that he is surprised that information was not provided prior to the meeting. Council Member Wilder asked if we knew the lease was about to expire, why did we not do a bidding process earlier instead of waiting so close to the expiration date? Council Member Perrow asked who was in charge of the presentation. If this is listed as an RFP, what is the basis of selection in choosing one group over another? Mr. Courtney stated it is based on Virginia Aviation lease from 1999. Council Member Perrow also asked how the process would work if an RFP was chosen.

Vice Mayor Tweedy raised a question about how and why fuel plays such a central role in this presentation given it is a separate entity. She stated she does not understand how fuel prices will be impacted by the proposed plan. Is the business base sufficient to support a competitor? The Commission found that it can support a competitor.

After Council discussion, Council Member Nelson stated he was in favor of the one-year extension recommended by the Airport Commission because he was concerned about deficits in the current lease, such as requiring financial statements and customer surveys. Mr. Courtney responded that he did not recommend the inclusion of customer surveys because they were too difficult to standardize. Council Member Nelson also told his fellow council members he thought an additional FBO would not deter a new airline from expanding to Lynchburg, but would enhance the probability. He went on to say that competition is a good thing. Council Member Nelson made a motion to renew the lease for one year. That motion failed for lack of a second. Council Member Helgeson made a motion, seconded by Council

Member Perrow to approve Option “A” 5-year option renewal. Council by the following recorded vote approved Option “A” for a 5-year option renewal:

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

// Due to time constraints the Update on Thriving City Initiative was postponed until the June 12, 2018 work session.

// During roll call Council Member Helgeson mentioned about Parking for downtown apartments, would like them to have a parking requirement, and he mentioned to allow hunters to hunt the nuisance species like coyotes.

// Vice Mayor Tweedy mentioned her participation in the E.N.O.U.G.H. (Empowering Neighborhoods to Overcome Undesirable behavior Gives us Hope) Initiative program. This meeting is held each Wednesday evening.

// Mayor Foster mentioned how there is still a lot of debris and she knows Public Works is working hard on removing the debris. Citizens have also expressed appreciation for the Public Works staff.

// City Council recessed the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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

The following Members were present:

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

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

// Mayor Foster and Vice Mayor Tweedy presented Certificates of Recognition to the 2018 Citizens Academy Graduates which consist of 28 graduates. JoAnn Martin, Director of Communications and Marketing explained the program and how much the citizens enjoyed the Citizens Academy.

// In the matter of Budget, Resolution #R-18-033, laid over from the May 8, 2018 meeting, was again presented and read, adopting the FY 2019 Mandated and Contractual External Service Providers Budget and appropriating $8,100,370 for this budget. On motion of Council Member Perrow, seconded by Council Member Wilder, Council by the following recorded vote adopted the Resolution:

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

Noes: 0

// In the matter of Budget, Resolution #R-18-034, laid over from the May 8, 2018 meeting, was again presented and read, adopting the FY 2019 Discretionary External Service Providers Budget for Amazement Square $200; Central Virginia Alliance for Community Living $15,000; and Central Virginia Community College Board (CVCC) $1,942 for this budget. On motion of Council Member Perrow, seconded by Council Member Wilder, Council by the following recorded vote adopted the Resolution:

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

Noes: 0

// In the matter of Budget, Resolution #R-18-038, laid over from the May 8, 2018 meeting, was again presented and read, adopting the FY 2019 Greater Lynchburg Transit Company Budget and appropriating $8,277,373 for this budget. On motion of Council Member Perrow, seconded by Council Member Wilder, Council by the following recorded vote adopted the Resolution:

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

Noes: 0

// In the matter of Budget, Resolution #R-18-039, laid over from the May 8, 2018 meeting, was again presented and read, adopting the FY 2019 Operating Fund Budgets for other funds and appropriating the sums of each fund. On motion of Council Member Perrow, seconded by Council Member Wilder, Council by the following recorded vote adopted the Resolution:

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

Noes: 0

// In the matter of Budget, Resolution #R-18-041, laid over from the May 8, 2018 meeting, was again presented and read, adopting the FY 2019 Capital Budget and appropriating $30,001,938 for the City Capital Projects Fund, $4,195,000 for the Schools Capital Projects Fund, $3,200,000 for the Airport Capital Projects Fund, $7,902,000 for the Water Capital Projects Fund, $4,476,000 for the Sewer Capital Projects Fund, and $3,320,000 for the Stormwater Capital Projects Fund. On motion of Council Member Perrow, seconded by Council Member Wilder, Council by the following recorded vote adopted the

Resolution:

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

Noes: 0

// In the matter of Budget, Resolution #R-18-043, laid over from the May 8, 2018 meeting, was again presented and read appropriating $50,000 of the FY 2019 Reserve for Contingencies funding for use by the City Manager for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. On motion of Council Member Perrow, seconded by Council Member Wilder, Council by the following recorded vote adopted the Resolution:

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

Noes: 0

// In the matter of Schools, a continuation of public hearing was held regarding City Council Report #12 to receive input from citizens regarding appointments (or reappointments) to vacancies that will exist June 30, 2018, in School Board Districts 1, 2, and 3. Mayor Foster read the school board appointment volunteers list into the record. Current school board members to be reappointed or replaced with two additional volunteers added to School District 1 that spoke at the meeting.

- Mr. Derek L. Polley, School District 1 (Not willing to serve again)
- Ms. Sharon Y. Carter, School District 2 (Willing to serve again) - spoke at May 8th meeting
- Ms. Katie Snyder, School District 3 (Willing to serve again) – spoke at May 8th meeting

<u>School District 1</u>

- Mr. Anthony B. Andrews – spoke at May 8th meeting
- Mr. Belle Evans – sent a letter indicating interest (conflict with another event on May 8th)
- Mr. Andrew E. Taylor – spoke at May 8th meeting
- Mr. Rory P. Lee-Washington – sent a letter indicating interest (conflict with another event on May 8th)
- Mr. Michael Staton - spoke at May 22nd meeting
- Ms. Nigro Rosanayasom - spoke at May 22nd meeting

<u>School District 2</u>

- Mr. Jeffrey W. Horsley
- Mr. Lewis A. Lee, Jr. – sent a letter to withdraw his name

- Ms. Nakesha R. Moore – spoke at May 8th meeting
- Ms. Consuela M. Mosley – spoke at May 8th meeting

School District 3

- Dr. Atul Gupta – spoke at May 8th meeting

There was no one else present who wished to speak to this item, and the public hearing was closed. On motion of Council Member Helgeson, seconded by Council Member Nelson, and Council by the following recorded vote agreed to close the public hearing on the School Board appointments and schedule interviews:

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

Noes: 0

// In the matter of Community Development - Zoning Amendments, a public hearing was held regarding City Council Report # 13 outlining the petition of Willoughby Properties to amend the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) from Institutional to Traditional Residential and to rezone approximately one and fifty-five hundredths acres from R-3, Medium Density Residential District to R-4, High Density Residential District at 2001 Rivermont Avenue and 211 Hawes Street to allow the conversion of the existing buildings into apartments with associated parking.

City Planner Tom Martin provided a summary of request for rezoning. The property was annexed into the City from Campbell County in 1908. The property is approximately 1.55 acres. The original structure was built in 1909. The property was sold to Seven Hills School in 1959 when it opened. In 1965, a gymnasium and additional classroom spaces were constructed. Seven Hills School operated at this location until June 30, 1995 when it closed. The property was then transferred to the Virginia School of the Arts, which subsequently closed in 2011. The property was then transferred to a private owner in 2011 and later sold to the current petitioner in December 2017.

The property is located in the City's historic district. The Historic Preservation Commission approved the Certificate of Appropriateness on February 27th of this year for parking lot, walkway, lights and dumpster enclosure. . Since the petitioner is proposing to use state and national tax credits, all improvements are subject to the approval of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. The property is currently zoned as an R-3, medium-density, residential, which allows for the use of this property as 1-2 units. The petitioner is asking for the adaptive reuse of this property as apartments subsequently rezoning to R-4 multi-family residential which would permit for 21.78 units per acre. The city's Transportation Engineer had no comments of concern after reviewing the proposed petition. The submitted concept plan would be one space per unit in addition to 22 off-street and 8 on-street parking spaces.

The Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on April 11, 2018 and recommended approval of the Future Land Use Map amendment and rezoning. After the public hearing, the petitioner offered to voluntarily proffer that the property would be developed for no more than 20 units and it would also be designed with the site plan in mind. Mr. Martin stated the issues before Council tonight are the Future Land Use Map amendment and the R-4 conditional rezoning.

Mr. Hank Creasy an Attorney with Wood Rogers Edmunds & William spoke on behalf of the applicant Willoughby Properties, LLC. Mr. Creasy stated that the property located on Rivermont Avenue is zoned R-4 and is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. The project will bring a vacant, blighted property in a local historic district to a new adaptive use that fits with other properties in the neighborhood He went on to say this is a good project and asked Council for approval of the FLUM and the R-4 Conditional rezoning.

14 individuals spoke in favor of the motion and comments included the following:

- Support for the historical restoration process
- The redevelopment is good for the community and neighborhood property values
- Community members spoke about meeting the building owner to restore the building and create up-scale apartments
- Brings millennials and senior citizens living in the apartments.

15 individuals spoke in opposition to the motion and comments included the following:

- Letter read from Sonya Ingram (Manager of field services of Preservation Virginia) asking Council to postpone rezoning proposed property until all citizen issues are investigated and resolved.
- Single-family residence would be a better choice than multiple apartments
- High density in these historic homes places an impact on these structures
- Rivermont citizens also expressed concerns over privacy, traffic, and peace

Mr. Creasey addressed the following concerns in the rebuttal:

- Renovate and convert the building from Institutional property back to Residential property
- The property is not for sale; it has an owner (Willoughby Properties)
- Letters were sent to neighborhood to explain the condition of the property and the proposal for the property
- No increase in Traffic
- Vacant property attracts crime and gangs; restoring this property would be less of an attraction
- An important historic asset will be preserved and the project will contribute to the stability of the neighborhood and will improve property value.

- R-4 zoning is certainly allowed in Traditional Residential areas. No more than 20 residential units will be built.

- Comprehensive Plan favors adaptive reuse of historic buildings; a multi-family development makes the most sense for this site and encourages this type from Institutional to Traditional Residential.

After Council discussed on this item, Council Member Helgeson stated he would make a motion to adopt the FLUM. On motion of Council Member Helgeson, seconded by Council Member Nelson, Council by the following recorded vote adopted Resolution #R-18-045, as presented, to amend the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) from Institutional to Traditional Residential:

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

Noes: 0

After the motion on the FLUM the remaining section is to adopt the rezoning of R-3, Medium Density Residential District to R-4C, High Density Residential District. Council Member Perrow asked about the two voluntary proffers, how it works and relates to this property. Mr. Martin stated that in the State of Virginia, proffers are voluntarily offered by the petitioner that states they will develop the property in a certain way if Council chooses to rezone the property. In this instance, the petitioner has offered to limit the amount of units to 20 and develop the property in compliance with the plan. Council Member Perrow made a motion, seconded by Council Member Helgeson to approve rezoning the property from R-3, Medium Density Residential to R-4C, High Density Residential District with the proffers. Council Member Helgeson went on to say “have the minutes reflect if other things come up like vacant schools or the re-adaptive use of a school maybe we would go to a R-4 but not just because it’s a big house. This property is so unique that we cannot make a law that we will say we cannot do this to a house in the future but if there is a re-adaptive use of a school because schools are challenges.” Council Member Helgeson stated he is in favor of the rezoning and appreciates Council Member Perrow’s long standing history with this property.

Council Member Nelson identified several aspects of the petitioner’s project but noted this is a complex situation. Council Member Nelson stated that the petitioner admits the property was bought as a financial investment and clearly knew to rezone it to R-4 was essential for this project to be economically viable. He went on to say the petitioner understood and willingly assumed the risk that the rezoning might not be granted. He spoke about the practical and policy benefits and harms that might flow from the alternatives that are available to City Council regarding the rezoning of this property. One primary example being the precedence it would set if Council were to rezone property so as to accommodate the financial needs of a developer while harming adjoining property owners who had invested in historic homes. Council Member

Nelson reminded Council that it had denied an identical request and argument made by a minority businessman who claimed financial hardships if he were not to receive R-4 rezoning of a house on Fillmore Street. As much as he liked the project, Council Member Nelson said he could not support this petition because in doing so, it would deviate from City Council's recent practices and be giving unequal treatment of the law to citizens seeking relief from City Council.

Council Member Dolan thanked all the concerned parties for the meetings, phone calls and emails. She stated, "I feel comfortable in supporting the rezoning because we have a developer that has the resources and commitment to complete this project in a reasonable time frame. It is a reimaging of this property well designed and well thought out. I believe this will enhance the neighborhood and I will be supporting this motion."

Council Member Wilder first thanked the citizens for coming out and being so compassionate about their neighborhood. He had a question regarding if the property was vacant. He stated he would be leaning on the side of the neighbors because he liked the setting of a family neighborhood with no apartments. Council Member Wilder stated he would not be supporting the motion.

Vice Mayor Tweedy stated she is very passionate about this property, as she only lived two blocks away for 17 years. She stated, "It was personal to me to hear about solicited and unsolicited comments of this property regarding additional apartments, traffic and crime in the neighborhood while other property has sat derelict as single families living on the other side of Rivermont Avenue, where their trash is not being picked up and landlords not coming to check on their property. People think it will be a certain type of folks and certain type of issues (not in my backyard). There are a lot of things going on in the backyards of Rivermont Avenue." Vice Mayor Tweedy went on to say, "I understand there are some concerns from neighbors about traffic and other issues that may be criminal in nature but as a City we are trying to address these issues and will continue to be concerned about all our neighborhoods in the City." We have a responsible property owner who wants to do the right thing since this property has been sitting derelict for many years. I will be supporting this project and know that I have done the responsible thing by approving this property.

Mayor Foster stated she has listened to the neighborhoods and the Willoughby Properties owners regarding some of their concerns such as traffic and crime in the area. According to Major Zuidema this area is not considered a high crime area. Transportation Engineer Don Deberry stated this project did not meet the threshold necessary for a traffic study. Rivermont Avenue already has 15,000 vehicles a day and this will not merit a traffic issue. Mayor Foster stated she will be supporting the motion.

On motion of Council Member Perrow, seconded by Council Member Helgeson, Council by the following recorded vote adopted Ordinance #0-18-046, as presented, to rezone approximately one and fifty-five hundredths acres from R-3, Medium Density Residential District to R-4, High Density Residential District at 2001 Rivermont Avenue and 211 Hawes Street to allow the conversion of the existing buildings into apartments with associated parking:

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Perrow, Tweedy, Foster	5
Noes: Nelson, Wilder	2

// In the matter of Fire, City Council Report #14 was considered to amend the FY 2018 City/Federal/State Aid Fund budget and appropriate $50,000 with resources from the 2017 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to fund equipment and training for the Fire Department Technical Rescue Team.

Fire Chief Wormser provided a summary of the request for the equipment and training for the Fire Department. Council Member Helgeson, Chair of the Finance Committee (FC), stated that the request was considered by the FC and made a motion to approve the request. The motion did not require a second, and Council by the following recorded vote introduced and laid over to a later meeting for final action Resolution #R-18-047, as presented, to amend the FY 2018 City/Federal/State Aid Fund budget and appropriate $50,000 with resources from the 2017 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to fund equipment and training for the Fire Department Technical Rescue Team. :

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

// In the matter of Budget, Resolution #R-18-032, laid over from the May 8, 2018 meeting, was again presented and read adopting the FY 2019 General Fund Operating Budget (excluding External Service

Providers and Component Units expenditures) and appropriating $211,152,327 for this budget.

Council Member Helgeson stated he would be voting no on the following items #15, #16, #17, and #18, to ensure things are separate as tax dollars are being used excluding the External Service Providers and Component Units, the Elizabeth's Early Learning Center and Virginia Legal Aid Society expenditures. On motion of Council Member Wilder, seconded by Council Member Dolan, Council by the following recorded vote adopted the Resolution:

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

Noes: Helgeson 1

// In the matter of Budget, Resolution #R-18-035, laid over from the May 8, 2018 meeting, was again presented and read adopting the FY 2019 Discretionary External Service Providers Budget for Elizabeth's Early Learning Center and appropriating $15,000 for this budget. On motion of Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Wilder, Council by the following recorded vote adopted the Resolution:

Ayes: Dolan, Nelson, Tweedy, Wilder, Foster 5

Noes: Helgeson, Perrow 2

// In the matter of Budget, Resolution #R-18-036, laid over from the May 8, 2018 meeting, was again presented and read adopting the FY 2019 Discretionary External Service Providers Budget for Virginia Legal Aid Society and appropriating $11,699 for this budget. On motion of Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Wilder, Council by the following recorded vote adopted the Resolution:

Ayes: Dolan, Nelson, Tweedy, Wilder, Foster 5

Noes: Helgeson, Perrow 2

// In the matter of Budget, Resolution #R-18-037, laid over from the May 8, 2018 meeting, was again presented and read adopting the FY 2019 School Operating Budget and appropriating $108,300,949 for this budget.

Council Member Nelson reconfirmed his statement that he would vote on the school's budget, "my wife is an employee of the Lynchburg City Public Schools and I am the spouse of an employee of the Lynchburg City Schools. I nevertheless am able to participate in discussion and adoption of the school's budget fairly, objectively, and in the public interest."

Council Member Helgeson stated he would be voting against the school budget because the budget calls for an increase. He further stated that each year more money is allocated to the Schools, which means more burdens on our taxpayers. On motion of Council Member Wilder, seconded by Council Member Dolan, Council by the following recorded vote adopted the Resolution:

Ayes: Dolan, Nelson, Tweedy, Wilder, Foster 5

Noes: Helgeson, Perrow 2

// On motion of Council Member Helgeson, seconded by Council Member Wilder, Council by the following recorded vote elected to hold a closed meeting to consider appointments and scheduling for Lynchburg City School Board interviews pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A.) of the Code of Virginia:

Ayes: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Wilder, Foster 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 Wilder, and Council by the following recorded vote adopted the motion:

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

Noes: 0

// The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 P.M.