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April 19, 2016

// A special meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg was held on the 19th day of April, 2016, 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, Gillette 5

Absent: Perrow, Tweedy 2

// Council Member Tweedy arrived at 4:15 p.m.

Mayor Gillette recognized Valeria Chambers on her Birthday April 19th.

// City Manager Kimball Payne stated Council would continue in balancing the FY 2017 Budget. Council Members continued with the revenue adjustments and expenditure adjustments that were left on the "List".

Revenues

- Other Local Taxes - Increase Amusement Tax by 1% (based on a 3 year average) - struck from the list.

Expenditures

- Communications and Marketing - Add Digital Media Specialist full time position – struck from the "List".
- Reduce proposed increase in City Contribution to Schools – struck from the "List".
- Eliminate funding for 25.5 New Local Funded Positions for Schools – struck from the "List".
- Sheriff's Office – Provide funding for Year 1 of 3 \$1.00/hour pay increase for part-time and temporary Deputy Sheriffs – struck from the "List".

Discussion on the following items:

- Increase Amusement Tax by 1% from 7% to 8% (based on a 3-year average). Council Members discussed several options regarding the Amusement Tax. Motion made by Council Member Tweedy, seconded by Council Member Johnson to raise the Amusement Tax by 1%. The motion to raise the Amusement Tax failed by the following recorded vote:

Ayes: Tweedy 1

Noes: Foster, Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Gillette 5

Absent: Perrow 1

- Add Digital Media Specialist full time position in Communications and Marketing. Council discussed this item. Motion made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Foster to add the Digital Media Specialist position in the Budget which had not been recommended in the City Manager's Proposed Budget. This motion failed by a tie vote not to add the Digital Media Specialist position by the following recorded vote:

Ayes: Foster, Johnson, Tweedy 3

Noes: Helgeson, Nelson, Gillette 3

Absent: Perrow 1

Council Members discussed the Schools two items which consist of reducing proposed increase in City contribution to Schools and eliminate funding for 25.5 new local funded positions. These items were discussed in detail with different options for the reduction of City contribution and elimination of the 25.5 school positions. Motion made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Nelson to maintain the suggested flat funding for the Schools Budget of \$617,390. This item was taken off the list.

The motion passed by the following recorded vote:

Ayes: Foster, Johnson, Nelson, Tweedy, Gillette 5

Noes: Helgeson 1

Absent: Perrow 1

Motion made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Tweedy to fund the 25.5 positions for the Schools. The motion passed by the following recorded vote:

Ayes: Foster, Johnson, Nelson, Tweedy, Gillette 5

Noes: Helgeson 1

Absent: Perrow 1

The Sheriff's Office item was discussed to provide funding for Year 1 of 3 - \$1.00/hour pay increase for part-time and temporary Deputy Sheriffs. Council discussed several options to consider. A motion was made by Council Member Helgeson, seconded by Council Member Johnson to fund a pay increase of \$3.00/hour. This motion failed by the following tie vote not to fund the pay increase of \$3.00 for part-time and temporary Deputy Sheriffs.

Ayes: Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson 3

Noes: Foster, Tweedy, Gillette 3

Absent: Perrow 1

Since the previous motion failed with a tie vote, a motion was made by Council Member Foster and seconded by Council Member Nelson to provide funding of \$1.50/hour pay increase for part-time and temporary Deputy Sheriffs. This motion passed by the following recorded vote:

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

Noes: 0

Absent: Perrow 1

The remaining items on the "List" will be discussed at the April 26, 2016 work session.

// There were no roll call items.

// The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

Clerk of Council