

// An additional scheduled meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg was held on the 6th day of April, 2010, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Joan F. Foster, President, presiding. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct a public hearing regarding the FY2011 Proposed Budget and the 2011-2015 Capital Improvements Program. The following Members were present:

Present: Dodson, Gillette, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Foster

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Absent: Johnson

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// Mayor Foster announced that the Federal government is currently conducting the 2010 Census and encouraged each citizen to complete and mail back their 2010 Census form and remember we can't move forward until you mail it back.

// City Manager Kimball Payne gave a brief overview of the FY 2011 Proposed Budget stating the following:

1. Experiencing challenges from our revenue stream from local taxes while also coping with unprecedented reduction in funding from state-mandated locally-delivered services and the demand for these services remains high.
2. City infrastructure continues to age and have experienced unavoidably rising costs in a number of areas.

Mr. Payne explained that there were those extraordinary circumstances which required an extraordinary response and city staff has been preparing for this new budget since July of last year. Mr. Payne stated that a number of things have been done to address this, jobs have been frozen, provided a retirement incentive that has resulted in about 90 vacancies, that reduced cost through a variety of initiatives and through a lot of hard work on the part of city staff.

Mr. Payne went on to say that we have conducted unprecedented citizen and employee outreach and we have looked at budget scenarios that examined the impact on service delivery if we had 90% of the resources that we have in the current year. Mr. Payne stated that the three major priorities by the public and City Council are public safety, education, and infrastructure.

// During the Public hearing a total of 29 individuals spoke concerning the following programs:

- 7 spoke in favor of City Manager Payne's proposal on School Funding
- 1 spoke asking not to support increasing the school fund and not reducing the Fire, Police or EMS funding support
- 4 spoke supporting repairs to Heritage High School and track field
- 11 spoke in favor of keeping the Downtown Branch Library, including a petition that has been signed by approximately 230 individuals. Individual spoke for the Friends of the Library stating that they would make a one-time donation to the City supporting the Branch Library funding, however, if the Branch was to close, the funding would become null and void.
- 2 spoke in favor of keeping the School Crossing Guards
- 1 spoke in favor of supporting the Central Virginia Community Services Board

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- 1 spoke in support of CASA of Central Virginia
- 1 spoke in support of the Lynchburg Humane Society
- 1 spoke in favor of continued funding for the GLTC

There was no one else present who wished to speak, and the public hearing was closed.

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

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