

// An additional scheduled meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg was held on the 3rd day of April, 2012, 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 proposed increase in the Real Estate Tax, Meals Tax, the Proposed FY 2013 Budget and the 2013-2017 Capital Improvements Program. The following Members were present:

Present: Cary, Gillette, Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Foster

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Absent:

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// City Manager Kimball Payne provided an overview regarding the proposed increase in the Real Estate Tax from \$1.05 to \$1.15 and the proposed increase in the Meals Tax from 6.5% to 7.5%, and the Proposed Fiscal Year 2013 Budgets of the City Government, Public Schools, Water, Sewer, Stormwater, Airport and Other Funds, and the Proposed 2013-2017 Capital Improvement Program.

// In the matter of Budget, a public hearing was held regarding City Council Report #1 regarding the Proposed Increase in the Real Estate Tax from \$1.05 to \$1.15 and the proposed increase in the Meals Tax from 6.5% to 7.5%. Twelve (12) individuals spoke regarding the proposed increase in Real Estate Tax and the proposed increase in the Meals Tax. There was no one else present who wished to speak to this item and the public hearing was closed.

// In the matter of Budget, a public hearing was held regarding City Council Report #2 regarding the Proposed Fiscal Year 2013 Budgets of the City Government, Public Schools, Water, Sewer, Stormwater, Airport and Other Funds, and the Proposed 2013-2017 Capital Improvements Program. During the public hearing a total of 31 individuals spoke concerning the following programs:

- 9 spoke in favor of funding for Lynchburg Public Schools
- 7 spoke in favor of funding for the Parks and Recreation Centers
- 4 spoke in favor not to cut the funding for the Library
- 2 spoke not to support an increase for Real Estate and Meals Taxes
- 1 spoke not to support funding for Lynchburg Public Schools
- 1 spoke in favor not to cut the positions in the Fire Department
- 1 spoke in favor not to remove funding for the Lynchburg Life Saving Crew
- 1 spoke in favor not to cut the position of the Assistant to the City Manager
- 1 spoke in support of the Lynchburg Humane Society
- 1 spoke in support of CASA of Central Virginia
- 1 spoke regarding trash collection
- 1 spoke in favor to continue support the Central Virginia Community Services Board

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

// The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 P.M.