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// An additional meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg was held on the 31st day of March, 2015, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Michael Gillette, President, presiding. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct a public hearing regarding the Proposed FY 2016 Budget and the 2016-2020 Capital Improvement Program. The following Members were present:

Present: Foster, Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Gillette 7

Absent: 0

// City Manager Kimball Payne provided an overview of the Proposed FY 2016 Budget, in all funds, totaling \$330.4 million. These funds include General, Water, Sewer, Stormwater, Capital, Airport, Fleet and other smaller funds, as well as funding for two component units, Schools and Greater Lynchburg Transit Company (GLTC). Mr. Payne stated the proposed General Fund budget, which provides resources for most City services (except for water, sewer and stormwater) through taxes and fees, is \$184.7 million. This is an increase of approximately \$8.3 million, or just under 5% from the current year.

Mr. Payne went on to say that the proposed budget does not include any increases in taxes or fees for the General Fund. A new general reassessment of real property will go into effect on July 1, 2015. There is also a proposed increase of 3.2% in the sewer rates. Mr. Payne further stated the proposed budget provides funds for a 2% compensation increase for City and Schools employees.

// In the matter of Budget, a public hearing was held regarding City Council Report #1 pertaining to the FY 2016 Proposed Operating Budget and the FY 2016-2020 Capital Improvement Program for the City of Lynchburg, which includes funding for General, Schools, Fleet, Airport, Water, Sewer, Stormwater and Other Funds. During the public hearing a total of 6 individuals spoke concerning the following programs:

- 2 individuals spoke in favor of continuing funding for Lynchburg Public Schools.
- 1 individual spoke opposing extra funding for Schools and questioned the amount of funds the City has provided in excess of State requirements.
- 1 individual spoke regarding the increase in real estate taxes.
- 1 individual spoke on a new non-profit organization, "Healing Place", needing support for a full time Director.
- 1 individual spoke asking for funding in the Budget for Poverty.

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

// The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

Clerk of Council