

If yes (to renaming), Which of the following do you prefer?

I think Police Headquarters or Building 11 would be appropriate

Tear it down - its rooms will always be haunted by evil intent.

It was haunted with an evil presence before this ever happened and now it's even more. TEAR IT DOWN.

IT used to be called the Operations Building when I worked there in 1984. Why not go back to that name and this would allow for several departments to be located within the building.

Police Headquarters

Wait until you decide what you will use it for first, then decide.

VB Strong Center

Instead rename streets to honor the victims

I like the idea about naming the streets after the victims, or at the least a broadened concept about the incident.

If the building is going to stand, then depending on who moves into it would effect the naming options.

No to renaming because it should be torn down.

Tear it down

No name. TEAR IT DOWN.

No name skip building 2 moving forward, tear it down make it a memorial park

Building 3...

Municipal parking.

Tear it down

Name it City Hall parking lot.

Tear it down.

no new name. . .tear it down

No name. Tear it down. I had no idea the police department felt so strongly about not wanting to be in that building either.

we cannot afford to TEAR IT DOWN.. waste of much needed space and money. Renovate, update and improve and put City Hall and City Council Chambers in there. Move employees to Bldg #1

No name - Tear it down

No renaming. Tear it down and start over.

No new name, please tear it down and replace it with a permanent memorial.

It should be torn down, not renamed

Do NOT make this the next police headquarters.

It should stay building 2, the police department should not have to move to this building

we should not have a building named after the tragedy, that is what a permanent memorial is for

whatever number is next on the list for city building numbers .

You don't rename a building (especially 531). That is a terrible number. You give us a memorial so that we can pay our respects.

1 Police Plaza, If its decided that the Police will be moving in.

Tear it down so there's no name needed.

No name, tear it down. Human remains are in that building no matter how much they clean it. We can't cremate a building but we must provide peace to the victims spirits.

Demolish building 2 all together.

Hall of Hope, Homage and Honor

The next number of bldg that is available and sub named something generic..whatever is housed in it should be the name..

n/a

Renaming the building would be disrespectful of what happened there. It is Building 2, always has been and always will be. Changing the name will not change what happened there or change the impact of what happened there. It will only serve to hide what happened there from those who are unaware.

Since there is already both a 12 and 16 renaming it one of those would be completely confusing. How about skipping building 2 (just as many buildings don't have a 13th floor) and renaming it building 3 since there is currently not a building 3. That way the naming is staying consistent and we don't have a buildings 1-30 and then a 531 and we are still honoring the memory of building 2 by "retiring" that building number.

It could be named 531-16

the next sequential building number

Renaming Building 2 will not change the events. Why memorialize the date of this horrific tragedy?

I prefer the building be demolished and rebuilt. The name of this building should be something that can honor the victims, the injured, and the 1st responders.

Please do not name it 531.

NOTHING- Tear it down

Renaming Building 2 will not change the events of 5/31 and I don't think we should memorialize this date.

Demolish Building 2 and keep the name as it fits the location.

If you tear it down, no need to rename it. Do not name it 5.31. Naming a building after the worst day of the organization's existence is shortsighted. Not one person I've talked to in B2 would want it named after that day.

If you do rename it name it building 3.

It should be torn down - if a new facility is built using bricks from the old building than it should be named appropriately. I like the idea of Building 16.

Tear it down and replace it with a memorial

No name, tear it down. Law enforcement officers and fire department employees don't need to be in that building either.

The name 531 seems very insensitive, it would be like calling the new tower in New York 'World Trade Center 911'.

Since bldg 1/City Hall is going to be rebuilt, give that new building the name 'City Hall' and refer to former bldg 2 as bldg 1.

Tear it down

No one wants to go back into that building.

Building 2

If it is torn down and made into a memorial garden there would be no need for a new building name. However if the memorial is put in the building's place then it could be the May 31st Memorial garden, etc.

Not 531. Please no.

531 is a nice thought, and being practical, it would be best to rename it something unique if it is not going to be torn down. Honestly, it will always be building 2 in the eyes of anyone who was working for the city at that time. Not sure it should remain up at all.

something to show power, not going to come on our doorstep and happen again!

VBPD STRONG

TEAR IT DOWN

Renaming it 531 is not helpful. There will already be a permanent memorial to the victims. We don't need to memorialize the building.

City of Virginia Beach - Administrative Hall

Whether renovated or replaced, just call it 1A. Please do not name the building or the streets after the date, the victims or anything else that creates a constant reminder. Trust me, we're not going to forget this. Constant reminders and prolonged forced grieving is feeling like punishment for survival and glorification of the crime. It is time to allow the loved ones to grieve in private and the survivors to heal. The City and Municipal Center need to move on, for everyone's sake.

I think if it is renamed, it shouldn't be named 531 or 12, 16, nothing that is a reminder of the event.

1A or Bldg 3 as someone else previously suggested.

DO NOT NAME IS BUILDING 531! That's disturbing. So is renaming the building after the number of victims - that's a sick reminder of such a horrific event. I concur with the other comments I've read - remove Building 2 completely (i.e. skip over it), and just rename it whatever the next number is that. I think someone suggested '3'.

No name

keeping Police building 11 but build the memorial outside so that we remember the 12

tear it down and make a beautiful nature area, a memorial park.

My answer reflected the suggestion to tear it down and build a new structure that has a different number.

Rename streets surrounding the lot to memorialize the victims. It would be too grim to rename 531.

Bldg 3

do not rename it just tear it down

Tear it down. If you're not going to, absolutely do not name is 531. It is obvious that whoever suggested that name had not talked to anyone in the building that day about it. No one wants to be reminded of the worst day of their lives. Just hearing that date flashes people back. I feel that naming it after the victims is much more appropriate than naming it after the date they were killed. Or just naming it Building 3.

Since all buildings have numbers, call it 531. PD will likely not be the only occupants when it is all over.

Absolutely not to 531!

I agree with the following suggestion,

"Since there is already both a 12 and 16 renaming it one of those would be completely confusing. How about skipping building 2 (just as many buildings don't have a 13th floor) and renaming it building 3 since there is currently not a building 3. That way the naming is staying consistent and we don't have a buildings 1-30 and then a 531 and we are still honoring the memory of building 2 by "retiring" that building number."

Not naming it, That would still be a memorial for those we lost, but I don't want to have that reminder of the darkest day of our city.

Do nothing to memorialize that horrendous day such as using the date or names. The victims should be remembered with a beautiful area nowhere near the building where we can visit and pay our respects.

Any number other than Building 2 or any other number that does not memorialize the event.

Please do nothing to memorialize that horrendous day such as using the date or the names. The victims should be remembered with a beautiful, peaceful area away from the building where we can visit and pay our respects.

Bldg. 531

Name it Bldg. 531

If you are going to have a memorial then have it. But any building that is put up needs to bare no resemblance to this event. Help us that are still living through this tragedy and now we are reliving it every day because we weren't afforded the time to get better because we had to go back to work way to early.

If no one wants to be in the building renaming it is pointless. It should be torn down.

It should be torn down and use the grounds to rebuild a new City Hall/Building 1. Make it 12 floors high and names each floor after one of the victims. Once complete, building 1 can be torn down and can be a parking lot and a memorial as well.

tear it down

no one should have to work in that building.

Bldg. 531.

Tear it down.

Tear it down

Tear it down. No one wants to go back inside.

Nothing related to the event.

Clean the building, paint it, new carpets, desk as appropriate and return the workers back to the building. The people that died are either in Heaven or in the fire bellow. They are no longer in the building. Honor their memory and their lives, but do not treat it as if you are disgracing them.

Would you wants to go back to the same place where your life was almost lost and you witnessed your coworkers lose theirs? I think your comment is extremely insensitive

Tear the building down and make it a permanent memorial.

I like the Building 3 or 1A suggestions.

ANYTHING that has ZERO symbolism of 5/31

Tear it down

Keep it the same building 2. Why are you letting the shooter win by changing the name??

I am strongly opposed to naming it 531 or anything in reference to the tragedy. It is entirely appropriate to have a memorial outside, but that along with the building itself will be a reminder of what occurred. Having to work in a building that is named after a horrific day and constantly reference that is too much on top of everything else. I support the idea of no longer having a Building 2 and simply assigning it another number that does not reference the shooting.

VBSTRONG

I do not know the correct name, but do not name the building 5/31 or anything relating to the event or victims.

The building should be torn down.

The May 31, 2019 Memorial

Undecided

No new name, tear it down.

I still like the idea of it being named building #3. If Police were to go into it, renaming it Building #11 - Public Safety Building, in my opinion would be fine.

If tearing down is not a final decision, please do not name it 531.

Building 3 or another numbered building

Changing the name from Building 2 to Building 3 or another numbered building (Building 31?).

DO NOT rename it to 531, not appropriate! If it is not torn down, it is still Bldg2.

I think if the structure is maintained, the name should be kept the same. However, I hope that it will be torn down and whatever building is constructed on the site should have the next number in the series, not one related to the tragedy. The point of tearing it down is to not have a daily in-your-face reminder, and that's not accomplished if the name is related to the tragedy. Instead, the focus/site of remembrance should be at the memorial itself. Any employee that is asked to work in the building will already be challenged, so to name it something related will just add unnecessary grief. I think that the name "Building 2" should be retired, and never used again on a municipal center building.

Let it go. Take it down and it won't need to be named.

Building 2

ALL VICTIMS SHOULD BE REFERENCED. INCLUDING THE ONES STILL FIGHTING

I agree bldg #3

unk

No name, tear it down. It is a constant reminder of a horrible event.

No name, tear it down.

I think naming it 531 is not the appropriate way to name that building or honor the people who lost their lives.

Building 3.

No reference to the event. Name it with relevance to what the building will be utilized for. Similar to the idea used for the "Housing Resource Center" on Witchduck Road. It is not just a shelter for citizens facing homelessness, but it offers numerous Municipal and community services available to these citizens.

Demolish building 2, put up a granite memorial and rebuild City Hall

No name, tear it down, put up a granite memorial and rebuild City Hall

I'm not sure but if it is renamed, hopefully you will get some really great ideas for names that reflect a hope for healing.

Demolish it and make a memorial/statue/tribute.

Anything appropriate for the new occupants

No thoughts at this time

Combine buildings 1 and 2 and name it City Hall

Not naming it anything that has to do with that day, it will be a constant reminder for all who who were effected.

With the new City Hall being built, it would make sense to change the building number to 3 and make new city hall 2. That way there is less confusion of location.

Tear it down!

None. Tear it down.

building 3

How many buildings are at the complex? Name it the next available number in order -- what is that, building #31

If you are not intending on tearing it down, just keep the name as Building 2. We will all still call it that no matter what. Renaming the same building is silly and will just cause even more confusion for people coming to campus.

One thing you could call it is the actual address of the building. If the police dispatch chaos didn't explain the issue enough, I don't know what will. "Building 2" aka "Operations" aka whatever the actual address is on Courthouse Drive is confusing for fire/pd/ems.

No name. Tear it down.

What if you rename ALL the buildings at the municipal center to their actual address? This would make it easier for visitors, deliveries, employees and public safety to navigate the municipal center. Right now, each building has a nonsensical number with a label and no known address. (i.e. City Hall, Building 1, 2401 Courthouse Drive.). This is a great opportunity to REBRAND our organization, our campus and our work environment.

No name. Tear it down.

#3

Tear it down!

I don't think any police officer would want to think about that tragedy every time they go to work. The stress it would put on them would be huge.

Keep it the same, unfortunately a horrific event happened but we are letting the event snowball into so much more.

Retire the number and make it a reflection memorial site

Unity

Naming it after the day does not memorialize or honor the victims. It brings up the event that all staff will have to face every day they come to work. They cannot avoid contact with the building. Build a new building and give it a new number.

There already are buildings with 12 and 16. It does not need to be so confusing. People can call it the name of the departments that are in there (it is currently "Operations"). So, give it a name, but leave the number.

I like the idea of renaming it Building 3

no name tear it down

Please don't name it 531.

1st Precinct#531

Not any of the ones listed

Memorial Garden and the Center for the Promotion of Inclusion and Diversity (if building 2 is kept). Retire the name "Building 2" (if building 2 is torn down).

Tear it down, there should be no memory of the awful massacre that happened there. Building a memorial is where we should remember the victims.

City Hall Annex or VBStrong Building

Tear it down.

No name.

Tear it down and make it a place for everyone to enjoy such as things the victims enjoyed to do (i.e. Love for music)

The Infinity Building. I really like the idea of renaming the streets to acknowledge 16 victims. I'm sure this may be difficult to

Naming it after the day (531) is a horrible idea. Could we simply name it after whatever entity moves into it (rather than assigning a number)?

LEVEL THE BUILDING! ADD A MEMORIAL.

TEAR IT DOWN and name the Memorial #VBSTRONG

BUILDING 3

I'm very unsure about this question but my first thought would be to name it something positive and not a reflection or a constant reminder of the tragic event that took place :(..for what it's worth

I wouldn't name it 5/31 - New York named their new building One World Trade Center, AKA Freedom Tower, not the 9/11 building. I wouldn't name it after the number of victims, either.

The police should decide if they want to set up in the building - they shouldn't have to if they don't want to. I could see a name such as The Strong Building, or something to do with love.

Not sure.

Police Headquarters/1st Precinct - 531

No name. Tear it down. Build the memorial there.

Naming it after the day does not honor or memorialize the victims. It brings up the tragedy every time you refer to the building. The staff that have to work in that building will have to refer to it in their normal work lives. It does not help anyone by naming it 531.

Again, there were 17 victims that day. I'm not quite sure what is so hard to understand about this. 12 people lost their lives. Five people were shot. One of those five people just happen to be wearing a bulletproof vest. That does not make him not a victim. The ignorance is disgusting.

No reason to re-name it

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Do you mean 17? Because 17 people were shot that day. SEVENTEEN can I say it any louder for the people in the back?

I think it will be best for all the families involved to just tear it down.

I think to help all the families involved to heal it should just be torn down.

I don't think that's allowing anyone to heal. In my honest opinion, that's relinquishing power to the subject. Also, the victims families should have final say.

There are SEVENTEEN gunshot victims. The 17th victim just so happened to be protected by his police vest. One inch to the south and it would have penetrated his skin. He was still injured as the vest does not absorb the shock of the projectile traveling about 900 feet per second (600+ miles per hour). Please, let's get this very important number correct. It was 17.

Honestly, The whole city of VB was victimized, however, I do agree with you. The 16 was referring to citizen victims. Sadly, First responders often gets discounted, which is saddening.

should be torn down.

Tear it down

Tear it down

Name it Building 3

A name somehow commemorating the victims

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TEAR IT DOWN

If it is renamed, I would not want it to be renamed 531. That will be a day that will haunt Virginia Beach and the employees that work in and around the Municipal Complex and will be a constant reminder of the horrific event that took place on 5.31. Please do not name it 531

tear it down

We must consider the cost for tearing down a structurally sound building. You do not scuttle a ship when sailors are lost. There are plenty of employees to include myself who would not have a problem working in that building.

I don't agree. City employees are put together in work groups. It is very unlikely that 100% of the employees in each group would be okay with this. It may also be a deterrent for potential new hires with staff turnover to accept employment for a position in that building. A roadway improvement project could be deferred to obtain funding to construct a new building.

Tear it down. Too much trauma for all that day, employees, police, fire and rescue, visitors and even nearby residents.

"Public Safety". House the Police, their academy & OEM.

No name tear it down

Tear it down.

The building numbers at the complex are not logical already. Consider changing names of all buildings eventually. Some options, use letters or use the street name the building faces and a letter.

Consider renaming all buildings at the complex. Possible options: Use letters, Use the Street name and a letter, use the actual address of the building. The current numbering system does not follow a logical pattern.

Rename all the buildings in the complex. The current numbering is not logical and is confusing to citizens who visit the complex. Possible ideas: use letters, use the actual address of the building, or use the street name and a letter or number sequence. Citizens and contractors who visit the complex are often "lost" since there is no logical sequence to the building numbers.

The VB STRONG Building or the Strong Building

Change naming of all of the Municipal Center buildings from numbers to names. Either use names that represent the functions (Operations) or follow the street name theme and use Presidents' names or some other non-tragic name theme.

VBS Building for Virginia Beach Strong

Retire the name "Building 2" and name it the next available number in the series. The memorial should be named in honor of the victims, not the building. No one wants to have that constant reminder...sadly whatever you do - tear it down or renovate - it was always be Building 2 in the hearts and minds of most.

Vbs if keeping it put OH, HR, and Dave there

The building needs to be torn down. It's just a building. It's not appropriate to ask any employee to perform their work in this building whether or not it has been rehabilitated. It's an old building and it's memory should go with the victims.

And never use the name Building 2 again.

I wouldn't name it 531 to me that would be a constant reminder of what happened in that building. Maybe name it bldg 3 and never use the name bldg 2.

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Bldg 1

Tear it down. Don't re-name.

It does not make sense, financially, to tear a building that size down

I think you come up with the name after you / we (City) figure out what to do with it.

No name- tear it down.

Refer to this, and all buildings, by name. Not by numbers.

No name - tear it down

Hallowed Ground 531

Take it down after everyone is relocated.

Tear it down, let the grass grow & plant a tree for each victim.

Vb Strong

1351 which is the equipment number building maintenance uses and has no indication of what transpired.

City Hall

Tear it down.

VBstrong

Hope center.

No name, tear it down.

No name - TEAR IT DOWN

No name. I think it should be torn down

Name if after the people that died

Strong Building

reflections

Building 3

Whoever came up with the 531 idea didn't think that thru clearly. Why would you memorialize a building where something so horrific happened. Please NOT 531! Worst idea ever. Also, as someone else keeps writing, why has everyone forgot that there were 17 people shot? There were not 16 victims, there were 17! Just because the officer was doing his job does not mean he did not fall victim to this awful event.

VIRGINIA BEACH STRONG MEMORIAL BUILDING BUILDING #1 (Give existing Bldg #1 a new number)

Just name it whatever department it becomes

Whatever dept. is moved there

No name, tear it down

Virginia Beach 12 Strong Memorial Building

PLEASE DON'T NAME THE BUILDING THE DATE OF THE TRAGETY.

the tragedy in it's own is bad enough! Naming the building after the is doing NOTHING but giving the killer power over his actions.

tear it down, some things are more important than \$

No name, tear it down. Also provide armed security and metal detectors in all city buildings that the public are required to enter.

Whatever building is built, either building 2 or whatever the next building number would be in order of construction (Bldg 26?)

It needs to be demolished, not renamed!

A generic building number that doesn't have negative memories associated with it. Build 1a, Building 12 is okay.

Skip Building 2 and just call it Building 3, as others have suggested. Simply make Building 2 the "13th floor" of the municipal center, and skip it.

Might be hard to name the building after everyone who died? It should not be named after the date of the tragedy.

What about The Princess Anne Building...or The Virginia Beach Bldg. and have a small memorial fountain inside. The bigger full scale Peace/Memorial with a water Feature like falls should be on the Municipal Grounds near by.

3 or 31

Tear it down

Bldg two is after all is where it happen. Changing its name... "A rose by any other name would still smell the same". And to all those wanting to tear it down... who pays for it. We do not replace roadways or rename intersections when someone dies in a car accident.

Tear the building down and it will not have to be renamed.

Building 2

Make it a memorial and

Don't rename it tear it down!

City Hall

Tear it down and replace it with a memorial park. If it is decided to keep the building, then name it building 3.

Something that doesn't involve the day that was responsible for such tragedy. There shouldn't any reminders of that day, as that's what the memorial is for.

No name I said to tear it down so I should not have to answer this

DO NOT RENAME IT.

No name. Tear it down. 531 is distasteful.

After researching numbers and their meanings. I think the building should be named with one, all, or any combination of the following numbers.

2 - Duality, Dual Nature of human beings, 3 - Growth, moving forward, 6 - Balance, Humanity, 7 - Wonders of the World, Branches to the tree of life, 8 - Infinity, Solidarity, Regeneration

Unfortunately, you will never be able to make all citizens happy, no matter what you choose to do. There will always be people criticizing what is done.

Building 2A.

Tear it down

Date of incident

We need to move on. Let's stop being wimps.

Rude! Yes we need to move on but not ever forget that comment was extremely uncalled for!

Something other than a reference to what happened..

I vote for tearing it down. If so, there is no need to rename Bldg 2. Pick the next building number in sequence at the complex.

Give the building another number but not 531

Just skip "Building 2" and move on to a sequential number that allows people forever after to quickly locate that site. Introduce a named building in the middle of a campus of numbered buildings sends us down a road of perpetual future confusion.

Building 05312019, 'The heart of our City!'

Virginia Beach History Museum

Tear it down and make it a permanent memorial.

Do not change the name, or else change it to the man who saved so many others.

Tear it down.

Tear the bldg down .I am the wife of Bob Williams so no new name is necessary.

No name tear it down

If Police is moved into the building it should named to be along the lines of Police Administration/First Precinct and let Police decide on a building number possibly reflective to their operations.

Ditto below. Tear it down, no name. No one required to return. Ever.

Virginia Beach History Museum and Archives

I agree with naming the building Bldg 3. The fact that it is mentioned in this survey to rename it Police Headquarters is a sign that the city is seriously considering this step. As a first responder I feel that this is a horrible idea. Officers, forensics, detectives and other agencies had to respond to this horrific scene and they will never forget it. It will be just as traumatic for a first responder to have to work in this building as it would for a Bldg 2 employee to return. Please take this option off the table.

memorial gardens

Tear it down.

The Ryan Keith Cox Building

Tear it down

Tear it down. Name the memorial garden

Tear it down

Retire 2, Whatever the next building number in the series is, name the new building that.

I would rename all the buildings at the municipal center according to their street address (2401, 2405, etc.).

memorializing can be unhealthy if done poorly. please be careful. empowering good mental health is needed for visitors, or don't make a memorial at all.

Skip the number 2 and use the next number in line at the Municipal Center, since it would be a new building anyway.

DESTROY IT! There should be no name being discussed because it should not exist anymore.

How about changing the City Hall building to '1A' and the building next to it (former Bldg 2) to '1B'

A name that reflects what departments are within it. Or rename all the bldgs with a theme.

New building-new building number. Period. Need to put the evil of the day behind us, erect a memorial on site to remember our loved ones by, and move on.

Building 3.

Tear it down

Changing the name isn't going to change the fact of what happened there.

Building 3 makes sense. Not 531. That would be a constant reminder of the worst day of our lives.

Tear it down

Take the last initial of each lost life and make a word of it

Don't tear it down our children returned to their school after mass shooting. I know it was tragic but tearing a perfectly good building will cost VA Beach a lot of money

TEAR IT DOWN.

Bldg. 3

There should be a plaque placed with all the victims name in memorial. Or if you tear it down, put a separate plaque with one victim name on EACH of the city buildings, as a memorial, not to replace the original building name but in addition to; underneath the Building number.

Leave the name building 2 as a reminder of this terrible day.

Renaming the building 531 or 12/16 will be a constant reminder of the horrible event that occurred. For me personally, leaving it as building 2 signifies the ability to move on & stay strong as a city.

Bldg #0

While I understand why people want it torn down, but evil can strike in many ways, and what if multiple vitale buildings had victims, while its hard, I think its important to go on living not in fear, but in hope, and VB Strong. I do think any and every employee working anywhere that day should have an option until they retire to not work in the building and that should not limit there career progression.

I also believe security, deputies, private security, police etc. should be doing routine rounds at Municipal Center moving forward.

City hall

Use the next available building number, 31, or use 3 since there is no 3 currently.

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TEAR IT DOWN

TEAR IT DOWN!!!!

Here is where we can create a historical presence for our city in a very momentous way honoring our own.

Do not name it VB Strong. I thought the City of Virginia Beach was more creative than that. Don't steal another City's hashtag. Make it a name that honors the victims, but shows that as a city we are United .

leave it as is and reopen. Allow conceal carry for employees.

No Name. Tear it down.

No name tear it down.

Tear it down

VB12 BLDG

Virginia strong

Make it the memorial grounds and call it Virginia Beach Memorial

The Innovation Academy building (this is if the building is repurposed to contain training rooms and conference rooms)

Demolition site 531

Just let it be the memorial

Demolishing the building.

I think the building should be torn down, it will forever be haunted.

No name at all! I believe the building should be torn down so no one will have to relive the memories of that fateful day! We need to remember the victims not the building where this horrendously evil act took their lives and changed the lives of so many!

Just tear the thing down. I sure wouldn't want to have to go into it every day.

One Police Plaza

Make it City Hall, and name it that... rename Bldg #1 and house city employees there. Tearing down a much needed bldg is not only a waste of space, but of hard-earned citizen's TAX MONEY. Both bldgs need renovation and can be kept intact, w/updates and improvements in technology and audio systems.

RE-Name it something reflecting the entire community as the entire Virginia Beach area suffered the loss

No name, tear it down

Tear it done !

No name. Tear it down

Tear it down

None. Tear it Down

Tear it down!!!

To all of you claiming that money is no matter it does matter to VB taxpayers. Many of us were not aware of this survey, and it shows that currently almost 60% of the respondents are city employees. This was a terrible tragedy, but we cannot afford to simply tear it down and turn it into a memorial. There is a better solution than tearing it down. Please don't let emotions rule the day.

Get rid of it!

I don't think tearing the building down is financially feasible either. I say the bldg. # stays as is, since this is a unique identifier for the facility. The bldg. name is less official and can be decided once the occupants and bldg. purpose are determined.

Tear it down. It doesn't deserve a name

No renaming the building. Tear it down and leave the grounds as Green space. Think of those that were in that building and the others surrounding it. Don't make them have to look at it and remember what went on there everyday. The tax payers of VB don't want to have to go in the building either.

No one wants to go in that building ever again, and no one should have to work there. Although expensive, I think Bldg. 2 should be torn down and a new City Hall could be put there. Use the old City Hall for building 2, but definitely name it something else. Possibly "The 531 Memorial Bldg."

First of all sage the entire place. And don't force people to go in it. Why would you force people to go in there who were a part of this?!

I support it being utilized as the new police station. After renovation it would be a much needed upgrade from the current headquarters.

Which of the following options for the future use of Building 2 do you support? (select all that apply)

Do not put police officers back in to this building. They don't deserve to have to relive what many of them saw that day. Have some respect!!!

I think if we keep the building open, then it makes the most sense to locate the PD there as they already know they are to protect. A

TEAR IT DOWN! Have consideration for all and put the permanent memorial there. I think it's awful to expect the Police to go into that building after what they've been through as well.

Tear the building down and create a lake or reflection pond. Definitely don't put the officers in the building - given all they did, they don't need to be put through this trauma again. They are human beings and as our finest and most precious resource deserve to be treated with the highest respect. Unfortunately, some of our city leadership don't understand this truth.

I think a public memorial at the site would be fitting. It is not appropriate to ask anyone to work inside that building again, especially police who had to respond to the scene.

Officers are strong, but many saw unforgettable sights in there as well. They have suffered too so please think about the long term effects on them as well.

We should not require police officers that responded and had to witness horrific conditions to work in this building. It has been said that no employee that worked in this building will work in it again but you forget the officers worked in that building for hours dealing with a significant level of trauma. If you make this the police headquarters it will require each police officer to enter the building at different times during their entire career.

I'm a first responder and was there. I don't want to go back in that building anymore than anyone else. Use the grounds for a memorial.

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Neutral. Tearing it down may appear to waste funds already given towards a location. If Police are willing (ask them) and in need, seems logical. Thought new City Hall already had a plan in place, why start that process over? If other departments are in need, it is a building citizens have already paid for use of with tax dollars. Schools have students (children) return to places of trauma after renovations. Adults should have options, but, take example of students who return to schools where these types of events have happened. It will require a level of strength to go back. We are VB Strong!

If you don't expect employees to go back in, why expect the police to have to? They are employees as well

I went in, and have no intentions of going back in. I will never forget, no matter how much the building is renovated.

There is unfortunately no good way to reutilize building 2 without risking the mental health of the proposed new occupants. The recent case involving the information technology employee is a prime example.

If we are going to keep it open due to budgetary issues or space constraints, then it should be renovated. Though I believe that it would be difficult to put anyone or any department in the building without at least some of them not wanting to be in there. It would have to be renovated in a manner in which evokes a sense of strength and perseverance amidst the tragedy. Maybe something with murals and artwork to make it stand out as a positive place despite what happened.

Use it as a training facility for our first responders/special operations teams.

This is disgusting that the suggestion to make it a police headquarters is even on here. The city manager stated he will see that no one who was in the building or entered it will have to reenter it again. To send in an officer that was shot or others victims that carried lifeless victims away and saw the destruction demonstrates the lack of concern for these people. Who is even thinking this has obviously never dealt with PTSD or other related type issues bc it's a memory that will stay with you for years to come and the repeat will play over and over again. It's just mind boggling that anyone is suggesting to make this a new police department.

If the citizens who used to work in that building are not required to go back inside, the police officers should also not be required to be inside. It is insensitive to put the police headquarters inside a building that will haunt many of us for years to come. Officers who responded have PTSD from this incident. Making it the new HQ should not even be considered.

Do not make the police who saw some awful things, work in that building!

Tear it down just as Sandy Hook was demolished after tragedy. It shouldn't be about money that the police department is used to go into that building. It should be about peoples well being and long term effects that each officer is going to have to deal with if they had been inside.

Police and anyone from the public or city who have business should not have to enter that building. First responders who may have been there also shouldn't have to be forced to work in the building.

Tear it down.

As a first responder who was there. I don't want to ever walk back in that building. I don't even want to drive by it.

Build a new building behind the existing building 2 and then put a memorial where building 2 is currently. You could incorporate the building materials such as bricks from building 2 into building the memorial.

The officers who responded and dealt with the tragedy should not be forced to work in that environment. Nor should the sgt who was shot. The option to transfer those officers comes across as punitive and insensitive. Requiring them to work inside that building is also insensitive and not an option for the officers. Moving the officers to another precinct doesn't eliminate the eventual need for them to enter Police Headquarters. There is no way that building 2 can reasonably become a usable police precinct/hq

I do not think that any police officer or other police department worker who entered that building that night or the nights following should ever have to go back into that building. It should not be a police building at all.

Relocate public relations and the VYPD Community Engagement Unit to building #2 in order to provide police security and create a space where citizens feel safe when engaging with their city. Don't let the building become a place the people are afraid to go to.

Move the Community Engagement Unit to the building along with other public relations in order to create a place citizens feel safe going to and while adding a police presence. Don't let the building become a place of fear.

Build a new building in the lot behind the current.

I was in that building next to my brothers and sister of the police department, fire, VSP, and VBSO. No one should ever have to go back in that building. No remodeling will change what we saw that day. And I don't feel like those who were not there should have a vote in choosing who is being forced back in that building.

AMEN!

I was there also and injured that day. I agree with this comment.

I agree.

Change the building number, retire 2. Place a memorial plaque on the building and put the numeral(s) with the memorial.

No first responder should have to go back in. Tear it down and build the New City Hall in its place. Make the old city hall the new police headquarters

Make it a parking lot.

Too many police officers worked their worst day and saw a terrible thing in that building. It would be wrong to place them there.

I understand the costs associated with not reusing this building in some fashion. That said, I don't know how we use it in any manner that is not insensitive to the employees that will need to work there. Our Police Department is tough as nails, but even they should not be forced into this situation. As unfortunate as it might be, the only right answer is to tear it down and start over.

Tear it down and make it a memorial site to sit, gazebo, etc. and make stones for those that lost their life.

Tear it down. Build a new building 2 in the open space where building 1 is to be built. When building 2 is complete build new building 1 on the current site of building 2.

Utilize it for other city employees or tear it down. PD should not have to go there. I'm sure the officer shot does not want to relive that situation or any of the officers involved

The City I am sure already has a plan. Not sure why they are even asking. Just open the purse strings and build 2 new building in Town Center like you want to do anyway.

tear it down and make it a permanent memorial spot! no one should be required to work in that building

Yes!

Great idea! I was thinking the same thing. Oklahoma City has memorial chairs for each victim which is nice because people can leave mementos or sit and think of their loved one.

Do not call it Building 531.

Please consider all who worked in that building and have plans to work for 5-10-20+ more years. Many many people I've talked with do not want to have to go back in the building but also do not want a huge visual reminder every time we report to work for the next 20 years. I understand the building has value even as a shell, but I argue the 400 employees inside are worth more than 20 million dollars. In other mass shootings, often the buildings are removed when they are as old as Building 2 or are repurposed in a way that gives people the choice to re-enter or be around the building. Building 2 is in such a prominent space on the Municipal Center campus that it will be entirely impossible to avoid. I fear that if my department moves into Building 1 I will get to look out my window at building 2 for the remainder of my career. I know I do not want to be reminded every day and see the door I escaped from. We also need to keep in mind our first responders. It's very possible they do not want to be the new occupants of a building with such a violent history.

I work in Building 1 and one of the hardest things that I deal with personally each day that I have been to work is the view out of my window. The view was always such a beautiful sight but now it continually breaks my heart. Even though I was not physically in Building 2, just the thought of what happened inside there to so many that I have worked with for years and considered my friends, is so mentally and emotionally challenging at times. I feel that if just seeing the building from the outside triggers such feelings for me, I know that it can be so much more difficult for all the employees that worked inside Building 2 and also for each first responder that entered the building that day and on the days after. I don't believe that any city department should ever have to walk inside again. I know that I won't even if the decision is made to renovate. Plus, I understand that the inside of the "shell" of the building can be completely changed but the "shell" itself can also be hard to look at as well and could be for many for years to come. As stated, there are employees who still have many years ahead of them and may prefer not to see the building as it stands. Personally, I prefer it to be completely replaced with a memorial site.

The fact that anyone would suggest using this building for police is astounding. Tear it down and realize people's mental health is more important than the mighty dollar.

Using the building as a police precinct would be insulting and insensitive to the dozens of officers who responded to, witnessed and now harbor the events of the shooting. If regular citizens who were involved with the shooting are not required to go back into the building, then police officers should not be either. To even entertain the idea of making the building into a police precinct says that the city does not care about the mental well being and psychological impact that the shooting had on the officers. Those same officers that responded to the shooting could be forced to now have a cubicle or desk in the same area where they saw a fallen victim. How unbelievably unsatisfactory, insensitive and obtuse on the city's part for even entertaining such a thought.

The fact that this is even a question in anyone's mind is beyond belief. Tear it down and start over. Asking anyone to go back into that building is ridiculous.

After it is torn down, turn the site into a memorial garden.

It is an historic building. And tearing it down would be not only a huge waste of money but an absolutely disrespectful end of the place where 12 lives were lost 4 were changed irrevocably and so many others were changed forever. Gut the two floors and use the entrances in the ground floor as memorials to those lives lost . Brass plaques with their names on each entry way . Their pictures on the walls on the first floor . Completely redesign the second and third floors . Move ComIt and Planning to the second and third floor and use the first floor as a permanent memorial. Renovate bldg 11 just like you were going to do before the mass shooting. For the short term place PU AND PW IN excess city buildings. And please find SOMEPLACE where the third floor of building 2 that were working together on May 30 can all work together again. Thank you

We were told no employee should have to return to building two, however the city manager and the mayor wish to make it the new police headquarters. These beyond brave men and women who had to enter that building at the time of absolute crisis, in which most citizens would have ran from. You want to make them have to go into the same building, at least four days a week, in which they had to respond to a place where they had to see things most citizens could not even comprehend and have no doubt still wish they could have saved more lives; and the city manager wants to put them there!!?? I say the city manager needs to place his office in building two as well, if he wants to put these outstanding men and women in there, those of which suffer in silence and continue to serve citizens day in and out. Mr. Hanson, if you so elect to place these officers in there, you yourself should place your office there too!

Perhaps completely overhauling and remodeling the current Bldg 2. The turning it into a City Museum with a section dedicated to the victims and include parts of the temporary memorial. Other sections could highlight the history of the city, the different sections, historical landmarks, sports figures, celebrities, maybe a section dedicated to public safety departments.

No police officer, firefighter or paramedic that responded to this incident should ever be forced to work out of that building. No public works or public utilities employee should ever have to set foot in that building again. Remodel it and make it into something positive.

I do not believe that building 2 is a viable option to be the new first precinct. It is too small and most of the officers that responded to the shooting were from that precinct; it would not be fair to tell the employees of building 2 that do not need to go back but turn around and tell the officers that responded that they now have to move to that same building. There would be too much emotional trauma.

Officers are strong. The strongest people I know. But why does the city feel that they are stronger than any other city employee, or that their suffering should count any less than the other city employees? The officers that responded to this tragedy (most of whom work out of the first precinct) saw horrible sights that they will never forget, and if the building is made into the new headquarters, they will be reminded of those sights every day when they go to work. I don't think it is fair to force officers to go through this, just because they are police officers versus ordinary citizens.

Asking police officers to go and work in that building is disrespectful and insulting. Those officers will never forget what they saw or what happened in that building, to renovate will not erase their memories. The other half of that equation is that civilians working for the police department are not equipped for working in that kind of environment and they are the ones who spend the majority of time in the building. Although I realize it will be costly to the city - we should not just be thinking about those whom tragically lost their lives but thinking about those whom are left, that deal with the loss of their friends, coworkers and the brave officers that went into that horrific scene. the city found and is holding money for a new city hall seems to me that there need s to be a different set of interests that need to be important other than cost. The police department desperately need a new building but not building two and not at the cost of their mental health just because they are police officers does not mean that they can on a daily basis walk into the foot print of a horrible memory everyday just to save a few dollars. if other departments voluntarily want to go into that building an work - then that is an option to consider and then build or expand/remodel the existing police building. I have yet to talk with anyone working on this complex that have stated they are willing to work in that building remodeled or not and have stated that if they were forced to they will look for a new job or retire.

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Move the Fire Marshal's Office into bldg 2 along with the PD. The FMO needs a secure work area unlike the present location.

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You cannot possibly expect to put Police Headquarters into that building. Just like the survivors who went through that horrific tragedy, so did many police officers who so valiantly risked their lives.

Please, don't make the building PD head quarters. But I don't think it should be tore down. Va Tech, Sandy Hook and many others were not tore down!

If it's not torn down, it should become a storage facility. It's not right to expect anyone to have to work in there on a daily basis. I know I wouldn't want to step foot in there, much less work there every day.

It needs to be torn down. I am sure the only people that disagree are people that did not know anyone in the building, never worked there. I know its \$20M. Go tot he state and federal government, I don't know, something. But money should be the last reason we don't do the right thing here. We certainly should not require our police force to work there. Who thought of that?

Tear it down. Seeing this building only brings back the sad memories of those who were violently killed. And the colonial style is a sad reminder of the racist and violent past of Virginia. And new building which reflects the modern age is the best tribute you can give to those who died.

The tunnel leaks like crazy when it rains. I believe that the building itself will also need a renovation and not just a cosmetic one.

Building renovations are very labor and cost intensive. It's not just an issue of materials or equipment replacement. I think a cost study that compares the actual cost of a true renovation (Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, etc.), against the assessed value of the building itself, should be conducted before the building is weighed as having a value that outweighs demolition. If you come out still having a 20 million dollar facility after the difference has been factored into the equation, then perhaps the building could be used for computer servers, storage, or some other use that doesn't have to involve a lot of people occupying it. This will minimize the City having to put a ton of money into a 40 year old building and it will give the City some time to kick the can down the road. I have always believed that the municipal center should go up, not out. Taller buildings are cheaper and can provide a greater amount of office space and parking as well. The Courts building that began construction in 1989 was a perfect example as it was built to accommodate future courtroom build-outs inside of it. The interim solution I mentioned in my comment would accommodate the emotional needs of people while also provide room for the City to implement a more practical use for the footprint of the building in the future, without having to spend a large amount of money without time to appropriately plan for the City's real needs in this very important and high profile section of the Municipal Center.

Ideally we will move the police dept but if not please renovate and relocate other City departments
Building 2 should be torn down and rebuilt at a different location. A memorial could be placed there instead.

No one should ever have to go back in that building, renovated or not, and that includes the police. Tear it down.

No one who was in that building should ever be made to go back into it. That includes IT and they should not have to answer to their manager as to why they do not. The Mayor and City Manager said NO ONE... and I believe IT works for them no?

I do not believe Police should have to go back into that building either, they were just as traumatized as others from what they saw. I suggest leadership and City Council move in there.

The building needs to be torn down and something that shows remembrance and resiliense built in it's place.

Making it the new city hall would be an opportunity to incorporate a permanent memorial at the site and would be a place that would likely be visited more than if the building were to become the police headquarters.

Having been involved with site plan review of the new City Hall building, "revisit" the entire site consisting of the existing Bldg 2 (demo), proposed location of new City Hall building and the vacant field (proposed Bldg 3).

I think a memorial garden should be located on the backside of building 2. It can be a quiet place employees can visit during their lunch breaks to reflect and pay their respects to those lost on May 31, 2019.

Tear it down!

Let the previous occupants choose if they want to go back or not like the IT Department. I would much rather be back in there than my current relocated spot.

No one should have to go back in and work in Building 2. I understand the cost associated with tearing building down and rebuilding; however, the Police are a huge part of our City family and have suffered tremendously by what they saw and should not have to enter the building once the investigations are over.

Renovating it will give the building a new look and feel from the inside out. Without renovating it, the people who have had interaction with this building and the people in it may be haunted if it were to remain the same inside. Plus it is non-functional for today's demand on work environment. Also, what about the future of the employees that worked in that building? I work in Public Utilities and am temporarily staffed at DPU OPS at Dam Neck. I feel that coordination with this division has been much easier to develop because we are in close proximity. I suspect people in DPW may benefit from close proximity to their OPS division as well. Is there any discussion around the operations facilities becoming the permanent relocation? If so, what were the outcomes of that discussion?

Tear it down and turn the land into a memorial garden

Renovate for other offices. Not any departments that were there when incident happened.

Tear it down and turn the site into a full sized memorial garden

I have always felt that first responders are stronger than most. I must say that I am humbled by the revelations these comments have shown.

Building 2 could become a city memorial/museum, in the same way the 9/11 memorial was transformed from the ruins of that horrific event.

A new Building 1 is already in the works. It makes sense to add funds to the construction costs and expand the building to include the offices formerly located in Building 2. It would be a shame to force any employee to work in even a gutted and renovated building.

I think that Building 2 should be torn down, and City Hall should be built on the site. The memorial should be there, where the new city hall is.

The only department that should be able to give a response to it being a Police Precinct/HQ is the Police Department. I am not a police officer nor do I work for VBPD, so I don't think it is fair for me to have a say in if they should move in that building.

I don't know how others feel but I would like to move back into it at one point. It was our home.

Not that this will make a difference because the city manager and city council do what they want but it is really in poor taste to even consider putting another city department in that building, especially the police. Just because the police are to protect and serve does not mean that they do not feel or suffer after traumatic events as well. It needs to be torn down whatever the cost. Do not make your employees do something that you wouldn't. Would you want to work over there no matter how it is renovated? I know I would not and a lot of other people feel the same way.

Tear it down and build a memorial

If for some reason you decide to keep it the building standing, the face has to change to no look like building 2. Many of those who were in the middle of it have a hard time even looking at that building.

This building, if not torn down, will be a monument to the events of May 31st. The only way to move forward and to move away from the pain of this tragedy, in my opinion, is to tear it down and remember the victims with a memorial .

I would not tear down the bldg, but it should be a building that is not filled with offices that deal with the public. The public is apprehensive of coming into Bldg 1, it would be hard to use Bldg 2 for City Hall.

I think it should be a memorial site. I understand it will be either money lost or money spent to do it that way but about 70% of people will not go back into that building to work. It will always be haunted by the ones who lost there's lives way too soon. It will always be haunted by the tragic event that happened on 05/31.

The idea of allowing this horrific event and a single person dictate the expense of tearing down this building to rebuild another troubles me. Having said this however, I did not work in that building, I do not know any of the victims personally and I am not a first responder. Frankly, I accept that tearing the building down may be the best solution. However, I don't believe a permanent memorial should be constructed on that site. Build a completely new building housing other city departments (not Operations or Police) and have it dedicated to the event (e.g., Bldg. 531) and/or the victims and survivors.

Poll the people that worked in Bldg 2, the First Responders and the families of the victims - and also look at how other mass tragedies around the country were handled - what did they do with their buildings and how did they reach that decision? - money is not and should not be the first priority. If you traumatize more people now, the human cost later on will be far more expensive in the long run for the City. Do not be short-sighted in this please

I feel it should either be torn down or made the Police Headquarters, but the Police themselves, as well as anyone else who would then have to work in the building, should have significant input. No one who does not want to go back in the building should have to, and the city should make alternatives easily and readily available.

No one should step foot in that building.

Demolish building 2 and build a new larger building 2.

Where would you have the kind of space for the evidence room that there is now in the current building? That's a lot of stuff to move...

Tear it down, it would be a constant reminder. Columbine High School was torn down, Sandy Hook Elementary was torn down. The Navy Yard building would have been torn down but the building is on the National Historical Registry, No one works there now, all offices in that building are empty.

Don't put the police there. People won't want to come to the building to report crimes

Nothing should go there...honor those who had their lives stolen from them. Honor all the families, responders, and citizens by not making anyone have to work in any sort of building at that location ever.

I am shocked that it is viewed as reasonable plan to force first responders to work in building 2 after responding to such a horrific incident.

I don't think anyone should be made to go back into that building, but instead make it the memorial site if others are comfortable with it. Everyone especially first responders experienced this horrific tragedy and may not want to go back into that building either.

Please do not make any of the employees who previously worked in building 2 go back. Especially those who were there that day; including the police, fire, and EMS who responded.

I believe that Building 2 should be torn down, it would end up as a constant reminder of the incident. Columbine High School was torn down, Sandy Hook Elementary was torn down, the building involved in the shooting at the Washington Navy Yard was not torn down because the building is on the National Historical Registry. The building is there however the offices are NOT used.

Please Tear it down too many lives were lost and injuries. NO one should have to have that reminder every day of there lives.....I will NEVER go in that building if you use it in another way

turning the building into a museum of not just the tragedy but maybe other historic things that happened in VA and also use the building for supplies, something quite, I feel like that building will always have a weird feel to it now, we cant just make it into something else like nothing ever happened,

None of these options are good. At the risk of being selfish, I say tear it down, but my common sense mind says that won't solve anything either. The building is a daily reminder of such a tragedy. It is the first thing I see in the morning as I park my car to go to work and the feeling of what happened will never go away. That being said, being good stewards of City finances is important too. No matter the option chosen, it will be costly. Renovations always turn up unexpected costs, especially in old buildings. In the end, the cost of each option could be similar. If the building is kept, using the first floor as a memorial could be therapeutic to people and a way to remember those lives lost. At the same time though, it would be difficult to determine who would work in the building as so many departments had business functions that would have taken them to building 2 at some point. It would be difficult to find a department that has staff who weren't affected in some way. It may be difficult for the public to have to go into the building for personal business as well, so having other ways to take care of personal business without having to enter the building would be crucial as well. I don't know the right answer, but I agree no-one who was directly involved in the event should be forced to work in building 2. Great employees may agree to work there in the beginning, but once there, their feelings may change. We may lose great prospective employees too. Again, there really isn't a right answer.

Renovate it, but don't tear it down. Those of us who have worked in Building 2 for many years are tore by the event, however lets win the war and take the power back. We are VBStrong!!!!

I strong agree

Tear it down and make it the site of a permanent memorial park.

I recommend it be torn down and the VBStrong Memorial be built in its place. Reallocating it to the Police may be just as traumatic for the First Responders who were involved in the tragedy as it would be for those who worked there.

That building brings back what happened on 5/31. I can't even walk around the Municipal Center yet alone near building 2 without shock and anxiety because of what happened. I think the building should be torn down and a memorial should be made in the area where the building is torn down at. Something like GroundZero in New York where the Twin Towers stood.

If the final decision is to use the building again and not to demolish it entirely, at least by making it the new Police Headquarters/First Precinct, it would deter curiosity seekers who do not have official business from wandering around the building looking for any signs of where this tragedy occurred. The last thing the employees of this building need are individuals with no real purpose filling the stairwells and hallways with no real city business. The police department would not allow this type of traffic and dark tourism to occur.

Though the police department is the strongest organization, and they take ownership of all their responsibilities with great pride, I think it would be inappropriate and insensitive to relocate them to Building 2. The majority of the officers (on duty) in the 1st Precinct and those at HQ responded to the incident (obviously due to the location of the incident). I work with many of the police officers, and have seen some of the officers have flashbacks to 'triggers' (i.e. smells, noises, etc.). I think it to not be fair or helpful to their 'recovery' and 'return to a new normal' to force them back into a building where such carnage took place. I'm for tearing it down completely. I usually wouldn't vote for the tearing down of a building, but due to the extreme number of those affected in the city (i.e. the employees who continue to work for the city), I think tearing down the building and starting fresh would be the best option.

Tear it down. That is the only way to get rid of the negative energy it contains. After reading a lot of the comments, I had no idea that the Police Department felt so strongly about not wanted to occupy the building either.

BUILDING 2 SHOULD BECOME A PLACE THAT HELPS PEOPLE. SOMEWHERE THAT THEY KNOW THEY ARE GOING TO BE LISTENED TO AND RESPECTED AND ABOVE ALL KNOW THAT THEY ARE SAFE.

Tearing it down lets evil win. Fill it with good vibes and good deeds.

Look at expanding the footprint and site selection of the new building currently in design/starting construction (new city hall) and/or how to add an annex(s) to this building for offices that can also create some type of memorial plaza/reflection space that people can inhabit daily and be used for a variety of purposes.

Rebuild the building at the same time that Bldg. 1 is rebuilt. If that is not possible due to funds than tear it down and use the funds that were for Bldg. 1 to rebuild Bldg. 2. When you rebuild Bldg. 2 - design it completely different with a lobby for the public to check in with metal detectors and guards at every entrance

The community could help support funding a new building (not taxes but partnerships and or donations). I'm sure all of the businesses that the City has been so friendly to could support us in this. I know this will be a very expensive undertaking, but the building was going to need to be replaced at some point any way. Conditions for staff were less than optimal before and would be terrible if we tried to renovate or re-purpose. Sometimes we change because we want to, sometimes we change because it's time. It is our time to look forward and make changes for the future.

I would not consider demolishing Building 2. Either relocate other City departments or the Police Headquarter in the building. If any of the officers don't want to work in the building, they have other options like relocating to another precinct. Other City departments do not have that opportunity.

Whether officers are relocated to other precincts or not, Headquarters is where they come for meetings, training and property and evidence issues. To insinuate that dispersing them to other buildings/precincts will alleviate their need to ever re-enter Building 2 as police headquarters is an educated statement.

Tear down Building 2 and begin rebuilding a larger building that would combine the offices of Buildings 1 & 2. Once it is complete, then Building 1 could be torn down and turned into a parking lot. It does not have to be as big as Chesapeake, but make it the new Building 1. Maybe 6-9 floors high. Police Headquarters needs to stay in the current location. I'm sure the building needs to be renovated, but it is easy to find and next door to the Fire Station.

Survey departments asking for volunteers to inhabit a renovated Building Two -- maybe some would be honored to work in the building while others, such as Police would be emotionally traumatized to work in Building 2 even if it is completely renovated.

As a Public Utilities employee who was in the building at the time, I absolutely want the building torn down and do not think any City employee should be relocated there. Even passing the outside of the building is traumatizing and flashes me back to the horrific things I saw and experienced. Police officers saw just as much on that day in that building that we did, and I think it is very insensitive to expect them to work there. For me, the thought of someone working in the same office, walking through the same hallways, that my friends and coworkers were killed in is extremely upsetting. I understand the associated costs would make tearing the building down difficult, but I think the mental well-being of every City employee is more important.

The proposed sequencing of renovations makes it the relocation of the Police Department the most effective approach. There could be some sensitivities for a handful of officers who were in the building that day. That said, any public safety provider can point out businesses, streets or locations that bring up memories of bad calls. It's part of the job. With time and significant interior changes that make the building look completely new, we can overcome most of the concerns. Only one shift of one precinct along with the special ops folks responded. That leaves plenty of billets across the City for any officer that doesn't want to work in the new place.

Available officers from every precinct, whether day shift or evening shift responded. Officers came in ON THEIR DAY OFF to assist. No one is taking this lightly. If HQ is moved into this building so is Property and Evidence, the detective bureau, Uniform and supplies, Services... we would not be able to avoid it for ever as those are all entities we use daily. How Am I suppose to go back in there when I can't even make it down Courthouse Drive?

If you can completely remodel the EXTERIOR of this building as well as it's interior, and have the land/building blessed or cleansed, then reopen the building for other operations. But do NOT ask the police department and or anyone who worked in that building during that day to ever have to re-enter it again. Tearing it down and building anew is entirely too costly and since all of our city money goes to the tourist industry and certainly not the paychecks of city employees, where would one expect the funding to tear down and build anew to be generated from? We all KNOW it won't come out of the tourism funding.

I as well did not work in that building but look out of my window daily and get chills just looking at it. I will never be able to walk through the doors of that building to attend meetings or for any other reason. I cannot imagine how anyone that is employed by the City of Virginia Beach would ever want to enter that building again.

Due to costs and the need for a building for staff, the best option would be to renovate but do it in a way that it totally changes the interior of the building. Maybe also make subtle changes to the exterior of the building.

If you decide to keep the bldg. It needs to look totally different from what it is now. Building 2 employees don't want to see that building at all. You've already forced us back to work knowing we aren't ready to be back. Hate driving past any of it. Being a survivor and having to relive that whole thing every time I see that building makes my stomach turn. It needs to be a pile of rubble. No support for those who survived or responded. Feels like you care about being in front of the camera's more than the people still suffering.

I cannot speak for the officers and emergency personnel who entered the building, so I think the question of them being placed in that building should be theirs alone to answer. I know we as citizens expect that that they are able to handle what they saw, but they are human and even trained to respond, I am not certain that I would ever want to enter that building again - even with a different look.

Tear it down and place the permanent memorial there.

All of those buildings look dated on the inside. It's time to rebuild. I say tear it down. No one wants to go back in there. Tear it down and start anew.

Place the permanent memorial there.

Tearing it down will put to rest the sadness and despair that Building 2 holds for not only City employees but for our entire city. Like the 911 memorial, it should be a place where anyone can go to gather with friends for lunch, have quiet time or just to reflect on the day. Some day, to another generation who wasn't even around now, it could be a lovely place to go to eat lunch or just have some quiet time out of the office to refocus after a hard day. This is something that is sorely lacking in the municipal center. I've been a City employee for over 30 years and have always wished there was such a place. With lovely benches and picnic tables, perhaps covered for those really hot days, and beautiful landscaping. Just don't build another building in its place. No matter what, it will always be where Building 2 was.

Please do not force anyone to work there and make sure managers are not coercing employees to do so. What is being done to protect City employees? Nothing seems to have changed !

Tear down City Hall and Building 2. Build one larger building to house the offices from both buildings.

Tear it down. Make sure no one is forced to work there and that managers do not coerce employees to do so. Please what is being done to protect City employees ? Nothing seems to have changed !

Tear the building down and make the place a permanent memorial.

It should not resemble the existing building inside or out! If the structure is good totally redo the building

I feel the ONLY option for the city is to tear it down. For anyone to think that any of these options are viable is absurd. The emotional roller coaster and carnage that played out that afternoon is something nobody should have to relive.

Ask the employees who work there if they would like to go back in there after renovation. I think telling them that they would never have to return to the building when it first happened was definitely the right thing to do and I still think it should be that way if they don't want to go back. But I have spoken with some people who would like to return to their original worksite. I think the actual employees who worked in Building 2 should be asked.

It may be inconvenient to leave it empty, but it's too soon to make decisions. (No matter what decision is made, it will be said that it's the wrong one. Since this is a "no-win" situation, take care of those who were most closely affected first and foremost.)

I am a retired American Airlines pilot as well as a former law enforcement officer. On 9/11 I was in uniform walking out my door to fly a 3-day trip out of Washington D.C. where I was based when I was called by my wife to turn on the tv. On 9/15 I flew my first trip following the resumption of flying, again out of DC. It was then that I saw the Pentagon where both my friends and coworkers, along with many others that day, perished. I was once again filled with sorrow, but that sorrow was overcome by anger and a growing resolve that such an event must never happen again. I went to work that day and everyday thereafter with a renewed strength and determination to always remember and honor my friends and all those who perished by making what of the world I could, a safer and better place. Many in the airline industry shared my feelings and eventually the public returned to flying as a "normal" part of life.

Most workers, not all, returned to work at the Pentagon. Building 2 is NOT the Pentagon. It is smaller, employees there numbered in the few hundreds and not thousands, and many people in #2 knew each other and were friends. I have been in #2 many times to confer with traffic engineers. I know the layout and I can visualize it's interior, BUT, I cannot visualize those victims and the people who were there that day and what they suffered. I therefore understand the sentiment for those wish to never enter #2 again, nor have it remain standing as a reminder of their loss.

When I look at #2 , which occurs almost everyday, I can't help but remember what happened there and I feel the same sorrow and anger I experienced those many years ago. But, I also feel the resolve that this tragedy must never happen again and I fear that tearing down #2 will lead to memories fading making us once again vulnerable to another similar event in or near our city. I hope, therefore, that consideration will be made to retain #2 as a positive reminder of the strength of VB to overcome this event while at the same time providing the deserved honor, respect, memories, thoughts, and prayers for all those who suffered.

I feel having any department in there would be traumatizing. People are still going thru a lot of different emotions on so many different levels. I know its a big building, but so were the twin towers and they made them a memorial site.

Is it possible to re-work the proposed new city hall project to include razing building 2, and build the new city hall in its place?

Tear the building down and create a lake or reflection pond.

I am not in favor of putting Police in that building as they were on the front lines in confronting and dealing with the events of May 31. VBPD personnel who responded to the event and who processed and investigated the crime scene are going to be dealing with the trauma of it for many years to come. Putting them in that building, regardless of how much it is renovated, is going to affect them. While police frequently deal with difficult subject matter and respond to crime scenes, this was different and the impact of what they experienced is going to stay with them. They should not have to work in that building when other options are available.

Let those who worked in building 2 return to building 2. I am a Public Works employee and I want to work in my building again.

I am strongly opposed to putting Police in Building 2. VBPD personnel who responded to the shooting and who were involved in the processing and investigation of the crime scene are going to be forever impacted by this event. While they frequently respond to crime scenes and deal with violent subject matter, this was a different situation and they are processing and dealing with trauma from it. There is no question that being required to work in that building is going to be difficult for some officers and they should not be required to do it when other options are available.

There's too much trauma associated with this building. I can't imagine expecting any city employees, even those who weren't in the building that day, to work in that building again. It needs to be torn down.

Officers were in that building for a long time, seeing things that people should never have to see, just as traumatic for them to go back in that building as it would be for people that worked there.

I personally will not want to work in the building again. If it stays it shouldn't be renamed or created as a memorial where the building was. The memorial site needs to be somewhere else. I know our police department has endured a lot and processing this horrific event along with so many others. Renovating it will be best if the building is not going to be torn down. But I'm talking about walking into the space and not being able to picture anything of how it was. The stairways will need to be different, everything will need to change before anyone should have to go into the building again with the updated safety measures installed. People most likely need to see the change in order to feel safe again within all of the City buildings. People who work here spend majority of our day here and we need to feel safe and protected. I need to feel money well spent on keeping me safe instead of telling me one things and doing another cheaper solution.

Renovate, incorporate the VBStrong Center, a permanent memorial both inside and on the grounds (see suggestion for the temporary memorial with walkway connecting to the Volunteer Garden). Include a museum reflecting both our agricultural, military, and coastal history and tracing a path to a more inclusive city. Respect the lives lost and the pain suffered by those who were there by creating a place of beauty, hope and progress. The basement could possibly continue to house servers and storage. Demonstrate that we are resilient and will go on.

In agreement with other posts - tear down building 2 and create a memorial site. No one should ever have to enter that building again regardless if you worked in the building or not. To even consider that the police, or any other department, should occupy this building is unthinkable.

Not one person should be forced to have to enter Building 2 no matter the reason.

Tear it down and make it the location of the permanent memorial.

I don't think it's fair to make ANYONE work in that building after what occurred. It's too traumatic.

Use the site as the site for the memorial. No one should ever have to back in 'building 2'. it will become a place of gloom and discontent. In addition, you have some people who tend to believe in hauntings and ghost sitings and this would bring all of that if the building were to remain standing. Also

Do what's best for the City financially and emotionally.

It is very insensitive to do anything other than tear it down. The livelihood and the mental health for the employees are worth much more than any monetary value. It's disrespectful to the employees who worked in building two and the city employees in general. We will never forget, but we won't have to be reminded everyday by entering the building or even looking at the building. It's traumatizing.

I would suggest to tear it down, rebuild a new building that would be more on the lot of where building #3 used to be and name it building #3. I really don't like the idea of it being called building #531, too many memories. Maybe with a new building and in a new location, this would be better for all concerned.

I as a person could never go into that building, without thinking about the loss of lives and the carnage that took place . I would not feel comfortable in there at all and I am sure I am not alone .

I agree with nothing above

If building 2 is not good for any other department, it should not good for Police, as well.

Please consider a memorial or plaque inside the building recognizing the events of May 31, 2019

It would be absolutely insensitive to neglect the effects moving into that building would have on the Police Department, especially the officers who responded and were directly involved. I echo an earlier comment made here, "Making it the new HQ should not even be considered."

DO NOT change the name to Bldg 531

Make it a parking structure

Tearing it down is a waste of money. Please just renovate it and put different city departments in it.

While I understand the sentiment surrounding tearing the building down, the reality is that would be very costly. When other mass shootings have happened, in particular school shootings, students have unfortunately, had to go back to those schools or a section within that school. It is not always feasible to just tear down these buildings. I do agree, however, that anyone who was a firsthand witness to the horrific events of that day (i.e. Building 2 employees and first responders) should not go back in there. Completely gut the inside and redesign the building so that the layout, including location and direction of hallways, offices, bathrooms, etc. are completely different than before. Then, relocate other City departments who were not firsthand witness to this tragedy there.

Tearing down the building would be a huge cost to the tax payers because a new building would have to be constructed. It makes much more sense to refurbish the building and continue to use it. Virginia Tech still uses the building where there tragedy took place and we should do the same.

Out of respect for the victims both deceased and recovering and for those who survived the experience on that day as well as those that may not have been there but worked 40 hours a week all year long with the victims that building shouldn't be allowed to stand. Some say all the City buildings look alike, but that is not true. I don't see what I see when I look at building 1 as when I look at building 2 now.

I think the suggestion to have first responders/PD employees now be moved to Building 2 is a decision that lacks sensitivity. Let us not forget that some of those very employees that you suggest moving to Building 2 are the officers that responded to that call for assistance and are dealing with the memory of those actions.

NONE. IT NEEDS TO BE TORN DOWN.

Tear it down and make it into a much needed parking garage surrounded by 12 flags that honor the victims. Also, place the permanent memorial beside it in the open field that way employees and visitors have a place to park and can visit the memorial if they wish.

Build a memorial with public space for inspiration and comfort.

Renovate the bldg., change the name, give us nice library, memorial!, lunch room, along with other needs! Full time counselors. This sadness will never go away, the ground, the area will always be apart of us.

I worked in bldg. 2 for 31 years and was in the bldg. in my third floor office during the incident. I understand people not wanting to return to the building. But I am also bothered that we allow a crazed shooter to dictate our future in such a way. I feel that tearing down the building is a win for the shooter, and I hate to see us give him that. He doesn't deserve to dictate our futures. I think the building should be completely gutted and renovated. Maybe it could be used to house our governing and management offices.

Is it possible to tear down buildings 1 and 2, then build a completely new building in the center of the properties that would house employees and departments from both buildings?

Putting the Police in Building 2 would be just as bad as forcing Public Works, Public Utilities, et al. back into the building. Renovate the whole building and let it house City Hall. It is a beautiful, stately building and with renovation would make a lovely City Hall.

demo and redesign the site plan for the new City Hall to make the current Bldg 2 site the parking lot and construct a new Bldg 2 where the proposed parking lot is on the plans

Tear it down and put a Memorial Park there.

The building has an important (almost completely positive) role in the history of the City of Virginia Beach and simply tearing it down would erase all of the history and memories, not just those of the shooting. Also, the expense of tearing it down to replace it with something else seems out of character with the vale we (city employees) place on fiscal stewardship.

Please do not tear down building 2. You're letting the murderer win if you tear it down. I worked in that building and I strongly agree to not tear it down. And please don't rename the building 531 as that would be glorifying the masscare date!

It could be re-designed as the memorial/museum with indoor and outdoor gardens, spaces for reflection and everything that was described in the questions above.

Sites of such a tragic event are always demolished and in this case, it should not be any different. A memorial will keep the memory of those whose lives were lost, and no one should have to ever go back inside the building despite whether it is renovated or not.

Tear down the building. No one should ever have to enter those doors even if it is refurbished. Just knowing blood and guts were splattered all over the place is enough to weigh on anyone's mind. City officials don't want former employees that worked in that building to ever have to enter it again. Why should it be any different for other city employees like those that work for the police department? It seems like city officials have a different set of standards for the police department employees. When it comes to the cost, take some of the concessions (money) that are given to developers and apply it to the welfare of city employees by getting rid of Building 2 or let the high and mighty of Building 1 who are to be placed in a newly constructed ivory tower and put them in Building 2. Their employees wouldn't like it, but It sure would solve the space issue for the Administration Building. If they can't hack it, why should police department employees have to occupy that murderous building. Yes, police officers have to deal with many tragedies during their careers but to be reminded of what happened in that building everyday they enter those doors is horrific. No one should be asked to enter or occupy office space in Building 2.

Police and Training Center

I don't care who goes into the building. I support completely gutting it, giving it a modern office layout, and repurposing it. It is a solid piece of real estate that should not be wasted.

I do not believe any employee or citizen should have to re enter building 2 ever again. Too many people, Public Utilities, Public Works and Police have already been scarred enough. Demolish the building, put up a memorial and rebuild City Hall.

I was working that day and had to shelter in place - but I was not in building 2. I would never claim to understand how anyone else is feeling. Right now, people need to be able to decide how to care for themselves. For some, it is being assured that they will not be forced to enter building 2. Others might be empowered by being able to re-enter their building. Neither is wrong, and both may change over time, or not. I want everyone to heal, and I know our leaders want that as well.

I echo the sentiments of the retired American Airlines pilot (and some others that have commented on the hope of the city finding strength as a result of a fully-renovated building that looks NOTHING like it did before" inside or outside). I've watched enough HGTV to know that things can be done to the inside AND outside of a building to make it look completely different. How about paying tribute to LIFE and HOPE and the FUTURE by making it gold or platinum LEED certified?

Please do not make any city employee or citizen have to walk through those doors ever again. Tear it down, put up a granite memorial and rebuild City Hall

Renovate both buildings 1 and 2 and combine them into one large City Hall complex similar to the Court House. The tunnel connecting the buildings can be expanded to a larger basement area for IT servers to meet future communications needs. A partial part of the field to the west of building 2 can be an extended parking area to meet employee and citizen demands.

The IT Servers should be put on at least the second floor. One good flood and the city will be in a heap of trouble with servers in the basement!

Since it seems Senior Management feels the demolition and construction of a new building is too costly and outweighs the public and City Employee outcry to tear it down, and it would be awful for me to suggest sending those same Senior Level Managers and decision makers to work in the building, maybe send another survey to all City Employees regarding who wouldn't mind working in the building. But then again, you would be subjecting them to the same awful emotions and tragic reality of having to work in a building where this atrocity occurred. Still a very bad decision. Just do EVERYONE the favor and remove the constant reminder of that tragic event and day so those remaining aren't subjected to enduring the event over and over constantly.

Repurpose the building in some fashion.

Repurpose the building in some fashion. Renovation would be the most economical.

Keeping building 2 in place, no matter the renovation, means we'll constantly have a potential tourist attraction on our campus, with people entering to see the site of the crime. Don't force police, IT, or any other department to work there.

Tear it down, this building had terrible things happen in it and anyone who works and lives in the city will always have this in the back of their mind. Anyone that was affected by 5/31 should NEVER have to go into in for a place of work.

Ultimately I think you need to get the input of those that were in the building at the time of the event, many of whom I have heard say it would be painful to even have to walk by it. Due to the close proximity to both the current and future City Hall buildings, it will be almost impossible for people to avoid. While I worked in Building 2, I thankfully was off-site at a meeting during the time of the event. Even so, it is difficult for me to look at the building and not think about all that transpired on 5/31. With that being said, I cannot even fathom how it must feel for those that were in the building, specifically those who were face to face with the suspect or who had to pass by their injured/deceased coworkers on their way out of the building. While in time they will be able to better cope with all that they experienced that day, certain images/feelings will be forever engrained in their memories. Similarly, to Police that responded that day, I think it is insensitive to ask that they work in the building in the future, if that is not something they are "ok" with. While I think this survey is a step in the right direction, I feel it is imperative to talk to those that were directly impacted by the events of 5/31 and get their input, whether that be face-to-face for those who wish to speak, or through a department/division liaison for those who may not want to voice it directly to City Administration.

To even suggest putting police officers into a building where someone attempted to murder them, and murdered numerous other people is insensitive and callous! No one should have to work in that building. The appropriate option would be to tear it down and erect a memorial at that location in honor of the victims.

make it a memorial

make it a permanent memorial

The future of that resource should not be dictated by the actions of one madman. The building should be renovated for police, renamed Building 11, and allow our law enforcement room.

Tear it down and make it the memorial site

As someone that worked in that building and was there at that time, I don't even want to look at the building which is hard because we are right across from it and drive pass it almost everyday.

Tear it down and make it a memorial. NO ONE should be asked to - or ever have to - go back into that building. To think that my department could be moved into a renovated building since "we did not work in Building 2" makes me sick to my stomach. I also knew and loved those who were taken from us. Their lives and those of all the other hundreds of victims are priceless, aren't they? Or is that just what you say to our faces? Our leaders said that no one has to go into that building if they don't want to. But what are the consequences of saying no? Will those employees be separated from members of their team who choose to go back? Will they be offered a different position (like the employee who was arrested) instead of working in a job they love? What if another position is not available for someone with their skill set - will they be managed out of a job? This is all a logistical fiasco and adds insult to injury. TEAR IT DOWN. As for the IT people who were asked and are currently working in the building because they didn't want evil to win - many are having daily breakdowns, outbursts, and second thoughts about their decision. TEAR IT DOWN. That spot is where heaven touched the earth when those beautiful souls were called home. That spot is a burial ground. That spot is sacred. Please treat it that way.

As a Building 2 Employee, I would not feel comfortable going into Building 2, if it were for example the new Police Station or even if it were the new City Hall. For my position I frequently go into City Hall and if I had an emergency and need to visit the Police Station I would avoid that at all costs. Also, it would not be right for any of the First Responders to have to go into that building again. I feel as though all City Employees and Citizens are pretty traumatized by what occurred and would not want to be in a building where lives were lost.

close the chapter of what happen inside the building and let everyone be able to move on to a new chapter.

tear the building down let close that chapter and started a new chapter

make it a parking lot

only option I would suggest with the building not being torn down would be to use it for private business like insurance building or hotel or something.

I feel that many have not thought of the impact that this had on all police, fire, first responders etc. They did an awesome job and witnessed things that no one should ever have to witness. They were co-workers. Please tear it down!

A building is just that. People die in houses, and others move in. The building isn't home, the people who are there do.

We should not forget that funding this project is with public funds.

I'm not sure what the right answer is for Building 2, but I agree with those saying that both the employees of building 2 as well as the officers involved should not be forced to enter this building ever again.

No one that worked in that building or any officer that had to respond should ever have to step a foot in that building. If so, as it seems determined by City Staff, then the entrances/exits should be demolished as well and the entire exterior landscape changed in addition to the gutting of the building. Staff says that if anyone could accept the challenge of working in Building 2 it would be Police. Well Police are not super human, they have emotions too and are also susceptible to PTSD. Seeing enough death and destruction every day of work and then being forced to work in a place where the darkest day of Virginia Beach occurred is ridiculous. I have no perfect answer what is to be done with the building. But the way in which I have seen the Council meeting proceed with no care to the officers makes me upset.

Do not call it Building 531

We just need to keep praying about it and ask God to guide us to make a good decision through His son Jesus Christ.

Use the space for a memorial; rebuild a new building for PW and PU.

Tear it down and make the area a memorial site

In the 11p news cast, tonight, WAVY 10 is reporting City Council already approved to move the VBPD Headquarters to Bldg 2 and Bldg 2 employees will move into the VBPD building. It seems like the decision is already made.

WAVY 10 is reporting the decision to move BLDG 2 employees to VBPD Headquarters and vice versa, was approved by City Council this evening, which makes me question this portion of the survey.

Although there are very strong feelings to tear down the existing building, my feelings are that to remove the building would further the impact of the evil tragedy that occurred. I feel that leaving the building would stand as a testament that evil cannot destroy the strength and resolve of the good people and employees of the City of Virginia Beach.

Do not make VBPD move into Bldg 2; they have responders who should not be forced back into the facility.

If the building stays keep the building as #2 not 531 or any other number. If it is torn down wherever the memorial is, the building#2 sign that says building 2 should go with the memorial.

If City executive management and City Council want to use the building, they will make sure it is safe and limit entrances - as they have done in Building 1. We know that the same attention would not be given to any other units/teams/departments.

No one should ever have to enter that building again, especially not police and other first responders or family and friends of victims. Tear it down and use site for permanent memorial.

if its going to cost 100 million to renovate, tear it down. I understand that we need a new police headquarters, however, the price suggested is about 50million more then I as a taxpayer am willing to pay,

I understand that the cost is staggering to tear down the building; however, no other solution is appropriate. Raise taxes to facilitate a new structure. Our community will understand that effort. Look at Sandy Hook. They did not repurposes the elementary school. You cannot expect anyone to function appropriately in that position. If we as a City refuse to tear down the building - I recommend that the staff of Building one be placed into current Building 2. The staff of building 2 can repurpose into Building 1. This maintains the infrastructure connection with the tunnel. That is still a foolhardy choice. The building needs to be torn down to give people healing that we are moving past the nightmare. As a police officer I still reflect each time I drive by that location and relive the experience that I had. I imagine that everyone is doing the same and the experience was horrific. Symbolically tearing it down and building a new building is the required step for our City to heal and it will take decades to heal based on tragedies from other communities. Do not continue to permit the living memory of the horror, instead build anew and memorialize the victims without allowing the suspect's display to continue being a reality.

I feel no one should have to be subjected too the memories that lies in that building. Our offices should not have to relive this tragedy every time they approach building 2.

tear it down

You want to put the Police Department in that building, but have you considered the impact on the officers who had to go in there and step over people to get the shooter. The officers who had to guard bodies for hours. The officers who had to drag wounded out who later died, etc... some of my officers are still dealing with this issue. To ask them to go back in as their new Headquarters or place of work is just as bad as asking those who were originally assigned to building 2 before the shooting to go back in.

The exterior and interior of the building (if we keep it) should renovated (look totally different) to such a degree that there is nothing remaining that can trigger the trauma of those that may see it while passing by it. And it would need to be repurposed for non-essential services (so citizens and employees would not need to visit the building if they do not wish to) such as a memorial museum with a center focused on encouraging peaceful work environments, inclusion and diversity. If they tear building 2 down, the permanent memorial garden should be placed near building 2 in a way that one would have to purposely go there to see it (to help those who do not wish to have their memories triggered so they do not have to relive it) by creating a landscape buffer of trees and bushes with the memorial out of site in the center.

I do not feel that the building should be torn down but instead repurposed into something positive. Something to remember the employees, citizens and all police officers affected by the horrible event that happened on 5/31. Repurposing bldg. #2 will represent strength. But please what ever you do, DO NOT make it the new city hall.

Even before the incident, it was an awful, outdated, depressing building with terrible lighting, poorly designed stairwells, elevators that would constantly get stuck (or even fall), and poor electrical wiring. Now there's even less of a reason for anyone to be stuck there. Tear it down.

Renovate building 2 to incorporate what the needs are for City Hall. Combine functions of building one and building 2 into one complex of sorts.

Definitely not relocate police!

I would like to suggest we use some of the bricks to create a 3 dimensional brick wall sculpture depicting the faces of the fallen a waterfall that lands in a reflection pool filled with all of the memorial rocks made.

To have police (which includes officers and civilians) occupy the building is incredibly insensitive and lacking in compassion for the mental health struggles some, if not all of the officers and Forensics technicians are having. To say that they can go back to work in the building because they are strong is totally dismissive and self-serving. No matter what you do to the inside of the building, those who were around it and inside, will still see it as it was that day. Police HQ/First Precinct is not only a place where employees work, it's a place where meetings with other departments are held; it's where citizens go to get permits, background checks, fingerprints, file police reports, pick up their personal property, just to name a few. So, it is feasible to believe that if Police move into the space, those who were in the building that tragic day, may need to return to it as a citizen seeking services or an employee for work purposes. Finding parking at the Municipal Center is already problematic. With the new City Hall being built, that's three big buildings full of people competing for parking. You add designated spots for police cars, there won't be much parking left for employees, let alone citizens stopping by to conduct their personal business. If the building is not torn down, then it should have offices that are not open to the public.

Make it a place in which all/some of the victims enjoyed to do (i.e. Music store -various free music to listen for others to enjoy or a sit down area for others to take their families to enjoy (a park? or a yogurt/ice cream shop?)

I initially had thought that this may be a good location for police to relocate. However, after reading the comments below it is obvious that there is a feeling among some police and first responder personnel that this would be inappropriate. That being said they should not be asked to go where comfort levels diminish their abilities. In my opinion City Leadership has done an outstanding job of handling issues as they arise regarding the tragedy of May 31 in as transparent a model as possible. Perhaps the building should be remodeled and City Leadership should take possession of it. Over time we could relocate various departmental representatives into the building who have a desire in further developing Virginia Beach's Strength. These individuals would represent a model for change.

All we can do now is to take what we learn; modify; provide alternatives and become stronger. The memorial to the individuals could possibly be on the interior of this building in a magnificent lobby opened to the public. We are stronger because we remember, never to forget all individuals impacted by this tragedy. We are stronger because we live to tell the story of how so many brave individuals took action to care for, assist, to quickly show love and respect for all. We are stronger because we recognize weakness and take steps to support and reinforce.

Whether our intentions are to recall and remember the 12th, the 16, or the countless others impacted by this tragedy, our intentions are forevermore to honor.

There were 17 victims

Of course no one should be forced to go back to work in Building 2 but just a thought, what happens to the schools, churches and synagogues where shootings occur?

If you choose to renovate the building there will still be negative feelings associated w/it. No matter what position I hold in the city I would not want to work in Building 2!!

Recreate the entrance to keep the beauty and integrity of the architecture, but transform the entrance to something that will not feel as though you are entering the space where the tragedy occurred. If it is torn down, it seems as though violence wins.

I work for IT - I am currently working on the 1st floor in Bldg #2.

NONE of us should be working in this building...NO ONE should EVER have to work in this building!! I am overwhelmed with emotions EVERYDAY and working in here doesn't help me one single bit!! The emotions that are attached to this building are overpowering!!

I say, TEAR THE BUILDING DOWN AND BUILD THE MEMORIAL HERE IN ITS PLACE! This building is where 12 of our beloved coworkers were gunned down! It is where their stairway to heaven began. Jesus met them here to take them home with Him. It is NOT where business should be conducted. It is now SACRED GROUND.

Disregarding the lives that were lost HERE on this spot where I am typing my PLEA to you just adds to the hardship of healing! Some say that some suffered more than others "but who is to say whose suffering is greater or lesser than another's" not you and neither should anyone else! Each person has their own suffering to deal with and by continuing to FORCE people to work here now or in the future is heinous!!

Therefore; asking another city employee to move into a "renovated" Bldg. that they have no connectivity to is beyond ludicrous!! WE ALL HAVE CONNECTIVITY TO THIS BUILDING!! If no employer ever stepped foot in this door before you betcha your bottom dollar that when Bldg. #2 is mentioned now "they know EXACTLY which bldg. it is! And there IS a knee jerk reaction to it.

Asking the Police Department to move in here is the absolute worst thing to do! Are you not considering their mental and physical health in all of this either? WE love them and treat them as our Super Heroes "and they are" do not get me wrong on that "they are out there keeping us safe EVERYDAY and if I remember correctly they had a 2 minute response time saving building 2 employees that day RUNNING across the parking lot and diving in here not knowing WHAT the hell was going on!

It MUST be remembered that our beloved Police Officers are humans and have emotions too. I'd bet my right arm that they are more affected by this than you or !! How inconsiderate Council is tossing out there the possibility of our PD or any other department for that matter to "just move into" Building #2 after renovations are complete! . like renovations will make a difference! .HA! You want me to remain civil so put your own expletives inserted here!

How can money be an issue with a city this large? Provisions can and should be made; NO MATTER THE COST!! The last thing I want to hear is a bunch of nonsense of how expensive it will be. So, if you tell us it is too

I do not suggest putting any employee who was involved in that incident in that building. The police were in there as well as the public works, utilities, etc employees. The police had to enter and clear that building after the incident was said and done and saw the aftermath and carnage that happened in there. What they saw in there will never be erased from their minds no matter what kind of changes are made in there. I also don't think the building should be named 5-31. That could be a traumatic reminder to many people to constantly have to see that date as well as have citizens possibly have to do business in that building.

If the PD wants it, give them the right of first refusal, although I like the idea of making it the new City Hall too

Demolish the building and build permanent site for memorial.

I'm not sure what to do with it, but I don't think anybody really wants to work in it.

Tear it down and build the memorial there. That will ALWAYS be building 2. There's no renaming, cleaning or renovating that will change that. The emotional wounds from that day may never heal for some, specifically first responders. Asking them, or frankly any city employee to work there, is cruel and unethical.

To suggest that ANYONE go back in that building is overwhelming. It is painful to even look at it. The memories I have from that building on 5/31 give me nightmares almost every night.

I work for Public Utilities in Building 2 and I speak for everyone in the call center when I say.....it has to go. Seeing that building everyday is a constant reminder of that horrible day. No matter who works in that building, it will ALWAYS be the building where so many lives were lost and so many lives were ruined and changed forever. No good can ever come from that building knowing its history. Please do right by the victims, victim's families, employees and all of Virginia Beach and remove Building 2.

Swap with the School Board building, those employees have probably never been in building 2 or any departments that typically were not associated with going into building 2.

I believe that if it is renovated, it should be completely gutted and have a new floor plan with other occupants than the police and people who previously occupied it.

I'M CONFUSED AS TO WHY THERE IS NOT A PERCENTAGE OF THE ANSWER CHOICES SELECTED ON THIS QUESTION, BUT THERE IS A PERCENTAGE ON EVERY OTHER QUESTION??? OH AND ALSO ON ALL THE OTHER QUESTION YOU CAN SEE HOW MANY PEOPLE COMMENTED, BUT NOT ON THIS QUESTION. SEEMS SHADY AS IF YOU ALREADY HAVE YOUR MIND MADE UP ON WHAT YOU WANT TO DO BY NOT GIVING TH PERCENTAGES ON THE RESPONSES AND THE NUMBER OF COMMENTS.

WHY ARE THE PERCENTAGES FOR EACH ANSWER NOT ON THIS QUESTION??? THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION OUT OF ALL THE QUESTIONS??? IS IT BECAUSE YOU ALREADY HAVE YOUR MIND MADE UP AND ONLY ARE ASKING THIS QUESTION TO "ACT AS IF YOU CARE" WHAT WE REALLY THINK.

It should be torn down and a peaceful memorial should go in its place.

You simply cannot put the police back into that building. They are absolutely involved in it. Making Police go into that building on a daily basis is an absolute slap in the face and disrespectful towards the sergeant who is shot (Who, by the way, is getting absolutely no recognition as being the 17th Victim), the officers who engage the suspect, those who saved lives and evacuated the fearful, and those stuck with in the confines of those walls for hours and hours amongst all the horrendous bloodshed. None of these people can ever get those images out of their mind. Please respect us.

My husband and I both first responders who were in that building on that day. Our lives are forever changed. Our children are having a horrible time dealing with the fact that both mommy and daddy, as well as our brothers and sisters, could've been killed in the same day and the same incident by the actions of one evil person. Like most regular people, our children like to visit mommy and daddy at work. It would be disgraceful to make either of us work there.

17 people were shot. Can someone please make this a hashtag?!? I mean, that's all people nowadays really respect. #17Victims

Tear it down and build the new city hall in its place.

No police officer (or first responder) should have to enter that building again. They deserve better.

Use the building for something else (permanent memorial and storage) and build Building 3 on the land behind it. The departments that were in Building 2 will work in Building 3.

I do not think that police should be moved to the building. I understand the expenses involved in tearing it down. Is there a way to include gutting/renovations as part of the new city hall construction? Connect city hall to the newly renovated building and move other departments into building 2. Make it something better and prettier, demonstrating hope, rebirth, resilience. Perhaps include the memorial in these construction plans. I also wonder if there is a way to change the building exterior to make it look less like the old building 2 (size, shape, entrances). If plans could incorporate the new city hall and connecting the two somehow, perhaps that would get us there.

None

Renovate the damaged areas and leave the departments as it was before. Those who cannot return yet should be relocated elsewhere until they are ready to move back in even though it may take months. All other options is just adding too much cost at taxpayers' expense.

How can you even think about putting the police headquarters there. It's not okay for city employees to go into the building, but it's okay for officers that responded? Officers saw all the victims and violence that happened in there.... Unbelievable this is even an option. This clearly shows that city council has ZERO awareness or care about the police department.

While I understand tearing the building down would be costly, I think it is the best option. Even renovating it will not change the location of the stairs, entrances, etc. which are triggers for people who had to endure this tragedy. No person should have to walk back through those doors. Even individuals who have worked there in years past are haunted by the thought of having walked those stairs, halls, and offices.

If this building is in the same shape as the city claims the City Hall Building #1 filled with asbestos its should be torn down.

No one should have to work in that building as it can be tore down and rebuilt.

I don't like any of the options, but I don't have any ideas either. I think it's too soon to be making decisions about the building. My suggestion is to wait a year and see how people feel about it then. Right now everyone is grieving and may not be thinking as clearly as they will in a year. Create a memorial now and allow people to go through the grieving process. Make sure counseling is available for as long as it is needed.

Renovate this building so there is a temporary place for City Hall occupants when their building needs to be renovated.

Blow it up and rebuild the new City Hall there.

The new police academy building. There should be a day dedicated to studying the incident as well as learning building security and the challenges to these types of events.

Tear it down, make it the site of a memorial with benches, trees, etc. dedicated to the victims, living and deceased. If the plan was to tear down the current Building 1, renovate that building instead and tear down Building 2 to make it a memorial. I understand money is a factor, but it shouldn't be about the money. These are real people with real emotions.

Tear it down and make that area into the memorial park or reflection pool. No one should have to go back into that building and be expected to work. You can not ask the police officers who will forever have that day branded into their brains to go back into that building. Police officers are expected to handle stress better than others yes, however they are still human and need to be treated as such. They run towards danger to protect the citizens in this city, the least the city can do is ensure that they never have to be forced to work or go into that building ever again.

The people who worked in the building were promised they would never have to go back into that building. No one wants to go into that building. The members of the city all work together as a team and if the services the police department provides or the services that City Hall would hold are needed by those that experienced the shooting then they would potentially have to face returning to the building again.

This will not make one bit of difference as the city manager displayed last night in the council meeting. He and the mayor do not care, all they see is dollar signs. Valuing the lives of the 12 who died, the 4 injured, and the numerous employees who worked there at 25 million dollars just goes to show how we are not VB strong, at least not in the eyes of council and the city manager. I do not care if it was a brand new building and this happened, **TEAR IT DOWN!** To make the police go in there as well is just as insensitive. Why doesn't the city manager move in there. He can have the whole building to himself.

There are departments throughout the city with no citizen services that could occupy the building. Many of these departments never had staff in building 2. Since a large number of our Police Department staff were directly impacted by the event, relocating them to the building is not a good solution.

Move the offices from Building 1 to Building 2. Renovate building 1. There is existing infrastructure in Building 2 to accommodate the existing offices in Building 1 with little additional cost.

Completely renovate and update the inside of the building, and have a small memorial in the lobby. I worked in the building for over a decade (not recently) and I know so many good memories were made there. What happened May 31 is horrific and evil but we should not let it overshadow all the good that came before it. Whether the building is torn down or not, we will never forget what happened in it that day. But we should keep the building as a "living" memorial to our colleagues. But please do not rename it Bldg 531; that is too morbid.

If children can go back to their school after a shooting tragedy. Then I feel adults should certainly be able to go back.

Tear it down and build a new Building 2 behind it or beside it and make the current spot a memorial park.

The Building 2 site should be the location for the permanent memorial.

None of the above. Renovate the building and make it a museum of Virginia Beach history. Include all history of Virginia beach. Witch Duck landing, Pungo, Kemps landing the old Princess Anne courthouse etc. What Virginia beach looked like 100 years ago through today. Bring in inspiring artist to have a place to work, let people see them working and to show off their work. Have engaging activities for the community and tourist to participate in. Show off what we have to offer, how we have grown, how strong of a community we are and what a wonderful city Virginia Beach is. We are VB strong!

Have the same departments return to the building. Relocating to other buildings doesn't make the tragedy disappear. Create new memories in place.

Something in the build to honor the responders

Since cost is a factor that must be considered, I think renovating the building with an emphasis on significant changes to the façade so the building has a completely different look, feel and interior layout. I can't say that any department should have to occupy the building. Have there been any other considerations for how to use the space? Records storage and data center? Parking garage?

Tear it down and build the new City Hall at that location. Make the new building big enough for departments currently located at City Hall and the departments that were in Building 2.

The building needs to be torn down and its memory go with the victims. A roadway improvement project could be deferred to provide the funding to construct a new building. Rehabilitation of the building would not be appropriate. It would still be same in many ways that people who have worked there understand. I believe that putting city employees in this building would also be a deterrent to potential new hires moving forward. If this building was a school would this even be considered?

Old saying, "fall off the horse get back on it". By not placing the workers back into that building, you are making them more of a victim in the future. The Parkland school district had those children back into that school in a week. Building 2 had grown adults in it. It's a tough world, you can not tear down everything that hurts people. They did not tear down the Mandalay Bay Hotel in Las Vegas. Concerts are still being performed. We should learn and improve our security procedures. Final saying "Tough It Out".

I would go as far as to say you are almost nearing your retirement and are of the old generation with the comment above.

It would be nice to tear it down and put the memorial in place of it and build a new building next to it in the open field where bldg 3 used to be. But because IT has the main data center in the basement this probably would not be a good option at this time. Everything throughout the city is connected there. I think best choice would be to renovate and put non-public facing employees in that building but feel it should be by choice.

I support tearing the building down so no one ever has to use that building again. I understand that it will be a huge expense, but I simply don't believe it is right to make any City employee work in that building ever again.

Renovate the building - perhaps it could be used for different programs. A portion of the building could be turned into a permanent memorial.

I think it should either be the training center, tear it down, or anyone other than employees that were in building 2 originally and police. Police had to go in there and deal with that. You say you wouldn't want blding 2 employees to go back because of what they went through but what about the officers. Just because they wear a badge doesn't make them any less human to PTSD and emotional reactions. I understand the huge undertaking of the cost of tearing down the building but just redoing the inside doesn't change the outside appearance. Take the sandy hook shooting for instance, they tore down that school and built a completely new one from the inside out!! For another department to move in there, an example would be parks and rec. I think in this instance the money aspect of the decision shouldn't be first in the deciding factors.

Building #2 could be made available for the VBSO to use as an overflow for specific inmates. This would allow for additional room as needed to accommodate upon arrival to the jail

Once gutted inside and renovated, it can be a useful building. It does not make financial sense to just tear it down. Life goes on. Do NOT name it "Building 531". Just refer to buildings by name, not by numbers.

Tear it down and build a Memorial

I was in the building during the shooting and could hear the gunfire and saw the results, I am still devastated but I have relocated back in the building because it is my work home but it is not the same. it is empty and creepy all the energy from the building has been drained, However it needs to be open long enough to do a proper and planned relocation. We need a proper office space with room to do what we do, To me it is far worse work in a cramped space with an uncertain future and no reassurance that things will get better.

Tear it down, let the grass grow & plant a tree in memory of each victim.

Nobody wants to go back into that building

Tear it down and put the permanent memorial in its place

We should not require any employee or first responder to ever have to work in that building.

This building should not be used for anything. I believe we should rebuild building 2 in the existing parking lot and make the new parking lot where the old building 2 sat. No one should have to work inside those walls ever again renovated or not.

Tear it down. Too many responded or were in it. Too many chances of someone directly effected that day having to go back inside, even if remodeled. The building is always a reminder. Take it away. Look at other shootings, they tear it down.

That's where the permanent memorial should be located.

Needs to be torn down and put the permanent memorial there. Just like 9/11 and the twin towers

I think it should be torn down and the permanent memorial should be there. Just like the twin towers from 9/11.

It would be unfair to make anyone have to go into a building where such a horrific event took place. Tear it down, make it a memorial, but do not make workers go back there.

Make it a site for the memorial. There are too many bad memories in the building. People don't want to enter the building.

I retired from the city and do not think that I can suggest a good use of that building. I was in there many, many times for my job.

I only know that I would never be able to work in there, so how could I ever expect other city employees to? Perhaps lease out the spaces to private businesses, with a memorial fountain in the interior hall.

I don't think that all sites of horrible tragedies are demolished, so why should this one? (Although, my first thought was to tear that sucker down!)

Tear it down.

This building has nothing but bad memories. No one needs to be reminded of this on a daily basis. It may cost a lot of money to tear and rebuild, but why continue to create more mental issues for those who would have to work in that building.

Put back the departments that were there before. With all due respect, this is a city property and those are city employees who serve the CITY. City wants them back in that building. If they don't want to come back to their place of work (That building) than they should reside. P. S. I have been in the next building when the tragedy has happened... two people I knew died there. But that is not good enough reason to tear down a million dollar building. It can serve its purpose as well as the employees to the residents of this city.

Ask the victims families and the survivors what they want to happen. I think they should have the loudest voice.

Tear it down- it is the best way to move on. The police should not be required to be in that building.

Tear it down and put the memorial in its place!

Police officers don't want to work in building 2 a lot of them are mentally damaged too.

Make it the new City Hall but provide a beautiful lobby that reflects the people who lost their lives. Make a positive place.

Make the lobby a place of reflection. A place of something positive.

Definitely renovate but not sure about use, . I have heard that it needs work because it was fairly old but do not tear it down . Maybe inquire of other shooting places for how people felt going back in. How was Atlantic Christian handled after their shooting years ago.

I think either tear it down and rebuild, or completely renovate and switch out the departments that are in there. Anybody who was in that building shouldn't have to go back, but there's no reason to take up extra Gov space for them; just switch them and another building, after making it like new.

I would just say to renovate the areas where this happened. Remove cubicles, shift walls, move doors, add offices, relocate stairwells, etc. Make it so the people that worked there and those that frequent that building can't draw any visuals because so much has been changed. If the inside is changed, it will be difficult to draw any visuals.

If needed for police that is ok too! If that is what they want. I am reading comments saying they too are suffering from PTSD. Everyone should get together and decide what they think is best besides tearing it down. The inside can be gutted and it would no longer look like the same place. Cheaper than an entire new building.

It is a crying shame that city leadership is even considering this building staying around. RIDICULOUS, tear it down and build your new City Hall you desire to have there. Time to back your comments about taking care of employees no matter how much more it may cost.

This should be the new city hall to honor the victims!

No change. Clean & fix up the space & move the people & offices back in.

Tear it down. Build a Memorial in a park form for the tragedy. Like how they did 911. It will kind of be like the Memorial Cemetery for the souls lost on that land and in the building.

Make it to where people can morn or they can enjoy/love life. Swings for adults, lots of shade and places to sit and be silent. Yes adults swing too. lol A place to remember and relax and reflect on the tragedy with out feeling scared, worried, unsafe, or depressed.

Tear it down, place a reflection memorial in its place, and relocate a New Building 2 somewhere else.

Due to the horrific tragedy that took place there, I strongly feel that it should not be used for any public services. You have to remember, even if it is for police services, it may require family of those lost, and survivors and their family to have to conduct business there. Such as, it would undoubtedly have a terrible effect on those who suffer from PTSD should they have to deal with services of any kind at that location!

Giving plenty of respect to all affected, for what has occurred and those lost...It's an old building, that is past due to have old asbestos removed anyway, correct? ...Redesign & renovate with a major over hall...Incorporate revised safety access and security, making it a smart/eco friendly building. while revising the appearance to the structure. This would be cost effective and sensitive to our city family of employees. The renovated building should Include a memorial garden with a water feature...(Maybe a smaller garden/fountain on site and the bigger/independent full scale Peace/memorial/falls near by.) Though, employees should not have to return into the building, even so renovated.

I also have a friend who is a member of PD, and I asked about considerations for Bldg. 2. and it was said, "We need to all recognize and remember a tragedy has occurred, advocate for our employees, but use this as an opportunity to renovate, update/revitalize. To completely tear down the large \$20 million building, (even if empty), building something new would be an absolute waste. My friend mentioned that a completely "renovated building would be better than the set up we have now." Also closed with, "those who were affected, should never have to go into any building in it's place".

Make the first floor a community outreach center and relocate smaller departments to the other floors.

First responders and police don't seem to want to use it even if it's renovated. Based on the 6/18 city council presentation, we're talking about a \$10M difference between tearing it down or renovating (less than 10% of the total cost). Even if renovated, the shell or façade may still need some updates to make less recognizable as has been done in some other instances (I think VT did that). Tearing down also provides some extra flexibility for considering additional security practices, and alternatives for the permanent memorial. Flexibility and healing from the trauma is probably worth \$10M.

Tear it down my SISTER Mary Lou WAS IN THERE AND DID NOT MAKE IT OUT !!! Too many memories for the families and coworkers and friends. It's not worth having more. PTSD in the future from this building. Please listen to us !!!

What ever you do please remember you are stewards of the tax payers dollars and knowing this, make building two whatever but be mindful of what our tax dollars are spent on. I do not see why it can not be what it was used for before.

Being stewards of tax dollars tearing it down is not smart. We pay for this. even if it was privately funded, I do not see the reasoning. We do not replace roads or intersections when people die. Ok they were working, so same thought if an officer is killed at a stop we do not change the roadway. I know it is horrific but come on.

Stewards of tax dollars, keep the finances in mind. Yes it is bad what happen, but going into debt does not solve anything. We do not replace roadways when an officer is shot. So keeping the building and using it for the purpose it was built for is all good. The people that say it lingers evil... they must search in themselves. The building is inanimate and holds nothing.

it was told that no city employee involved will not be made to step foot back in there....Is he Police department not part of the city?????????

Let Building 2 employees, first responders and others that were there decide.

Permanent memorial ought to incorporate a labyrinth for contemplative walking, perhaps at bldg. 2' s site.

No current employee that worked in the building or, participated in the incident should be forced to work in an environment so attached to their memories and mental well being. However, Building 2 should continue to be a working asset for the City. All current employees should have an opportunity to continue their employment in a reasonable and healthy manner. Individual employees that do not wish to return are not forced to do so. Individual employees that want to continue working in Building 2 should also be considered and allowed to do so. Everyone should be able to trust that decisions made from this point forward at all levels will continue to consider current and future employees and be made from best intentions. There should be no regrets or peer pressure about deciding to leave or to continue to work in Building 2. Current generation employees can continue their career in an appropriate workplace. Future generations of employees will be hired, and they may work in Building 2.

No one should be forced to go back into Building 2. Fifty years down the road, one will know that a massacre happened here, and they will not feel comfortable going into a building. We already have enough mental illnesses in our world, let's not add to it.

I believe there are people who want to continue to working in Building 2, and they should be considered.

Retaliation is not good - firing Ms. Mann was excessive. Jon McIvor should NOT have been arrested and put in Jail. Taxpayers are going to pay

I do not think it should be torn down. It is a beautiful building and fits in with the Municipal Center architecture. It would cost a fortune to replicate a similar building in today's dollars. I have spoken to people who have a connection to that building and they do not want it torn down either. They have memories there. I think the brick footprint of the building should stay and it should be updated and reconfigured inside so it does not look the same.

I think it should be torn down and used as a place to make a permanent memorial.

I would think that with some minor remodeling within the building, it can still serve the citizens and a different group of employees as a viable workplace for many years to come. Yes, a horrible event took place here, but it doesn't warrant being torn down and replaced at such a huge cost to the taxpayers. The life use of a physical structure shouldn't end because of what happened.

I support it not being torn down, IF it's completely renovated and gutted to make the interior AND exterior look completely different.

Tearbit down and rebuild beside current building

Tear it down. VB should have the money to demolish it and build.a beautiful memorial. After posting this I'm not sure why I'm being asked to answer the following questions like renaming. Tear it down, don't rename.

Do not require first responders or the original employees of bldg 2 to work back in this building. That is cruel. Not a good way to support your first responders or city employees.

I was off when this tragedy occurred but would have been in in the thick of it otherwise. I hope I don't sound like a hypocrite but I feel putting the 1st precinct here is an awful idea as this has affected so many of the people I work with that responded to this call and the aftermath of staying in the building investigating for days on end. With that being said I suggest remodeling and updating the building and moving Leta (Police Academy) as a reminder why we do what we do. I do not feel we should make this huge building just a memorial as it's just not practical financially and other departments could be moved here.

I am amazed at the amount of people who say to tear it down. I understand their initial thought behind it, but the reality is, the exterior of that building is beautiful and goes with the theme of the entire area out there. There is nothing wrong with remodeling the interior and having a permanent memorial outside. I do not believe that previous B2 departments, police or 1st responders should be housed there. I do not believe it should be called 531. By tearing it down, evil wins. We as a City need to be strong and "take the power back". If I were a City employee, I would be honored to work there after the remodel and I would take great pride in it because many people needlessly lost their lives that day and I would want to honor them with everything I had to show that evil cannot win. We cannot erase what happened, so let's make it a building to be proud of in their honor. After researching numbers, I believe the building should be named any combination of any amount of the following numbers. Here are the numbers and their meanings:
2- Duality, Dual nature of the human being, 3 - growth, moving forward, 6 - balance, humanity, 7 - wonders of the world, branches to the tree of life, 8 - infinity, solidarity, Regeneration.

I typed up a very well thought out comment and it is not visible in any part of the 349+ comments. :(

We cannot afford to do nothing more than tear it down. City is always needing "More space"

Do not tear it down to avoid hate and angry winning

Part of staying strong

If young people go to schools that have had shootings adults can do the same

I believe we should also KEEP the existing olive station open as well and have two police stations

I believe we should keep the existing olive station open

Do not tear it down. That's ridiculous.

As Americans are prone to do, we concentrate too much on memorials instead of putting the past behind us and moving on.

None. No renovations are necessary. I think expenses should be kept to a minimum and the funds made available for more effective and prudent disbursement.

Tearing it down is a ludicrous waste. People will get over it. A small memorial in front of the building would be good. Life goes on and we need the courage to face up to good and bad and learn from it.

Create a building to help people with mental illness find recovery and maintain stability. Our city is one of the worst for mental health services. Charity starts at home -- help your neighbors and your friends to ensure that something like this does not happen again. The recovery services should be named for the victims.

If you renovate it any office should be able to go back into it. PW's employees have said this. It is a beautiful building that had a horrible thing happen in it, but we are strong and we should not let this man that did this have the power. You could tear down the building, but what happened happened and you can't take that away or out of the minds - you can only preserve.

I understood the City Manager's statement about Building 2 employees not being compelled to work there again to be a compassionate, albeit short-term measure applying to the current, terribly-traumatized staff. It is ridiculous to think current first responders are also not traumatized, so making Bldg 2 VBP HQ for that reason alone is insensitive and contradictory. If a memorial located precisely on the site of current Bldg 2 would not achieve its goals due to proximity to other buildings & parking lots, noise, public access, or other site-specific reasons, then place it nearby where it can be designed to truly honor the victims. The perpetrator chose his crime's location, but his cruel choice should not compromise our ability to give full honor to the memory & public service of his victims. In summary: if the site can be a Proper memorial, tear down Bldg 2 & build it there. If the site isn't right for a Proper memorial, tear down Bldg 2 and build a forward-looking building to serve for at least the next 50 years ... housing whatever units of City government make the most sense to be in that location.

Ask the police how they feel about using the building as headquarters. It is a nice building, if the whole interior would be renovated and modernized including the entrances, it would be good use for the building. Fire and rescue and police have always had to return to sites of traumatizing events.

I think it should remain and be used by City staff. Otherwise it implies some kinda credit to the evil act that is not overcome. Continuing to have Building 2 as part of the future is a positive statement about our great City and its ability to handle very bad situations in a positive way! One person is not representative of the entire City staff nor the City itself! Let's place a positive cover over this evil event and grow even stronger. Always remember and rest on the positive side!

Keep it, renovate it and move back in and occupy it! This is the true way to honor the victims and the other workers.

museum history and artifacts of this area of va beach a place where folks an go to learn our interesting-- demographics, social, economical,

turn it into museum of Va Beach. demographs, social history, agri change, time from 1500's to current, artifacts, all of the amazing tidbits of growth and change that has created our great city

history museum of Va Beack

convert to a VB history museum

Renovate and use the building to house City Hall employees during the construction of the NEW city hall building. Then decide who would occupy the building after the new city hall is completed. This would solve the problem of temporary offices for displaced city hall employees.

Renovate and relocate which ever city departments most need the facility and for which it would be a practical location. This includes a Police HQ or City Hall.

Move IT out of that building as well.

Don't make the officers that dealt with all this horror occupy that building.

Building 2 should be the permanent victims memorial and should be renovated as such.

Bldg 2 should become the permanent memorial site for the victims

Tear it down and make it a permanent memorial.

Do not empower the shooter by tearing it down. Renovate it and keep using it for city functions.

It must be kept and used, rather than giving future shooters the power to destroy our buildings and community.

It must be renovated and used. Otherwise, you empower future shooters to destroy our buildings and community.

Build a park with walking trails and memorials for each victim and their families where people can come and walk in a beautiful garden with seats at each memorial for each victim.

As Bob Williams wife Please tear down the bldg Under no circumstances should the police be moved there none

With all due respect, I do not believe the building should be demolished. It's a beautiful stately building. When the different crisis occurred at both Virginia Tech and the Pentagon, the buildings were not torn down. I believe we can honor the tragedy without tearing down the building.

I believe the Police Department alone should be surveyed on their future administration building location. Many of their staff were our first responders and as many say it will be okay for police to go into Building 2 because they deal with incidents of this nature there is always the feeling of "ghosts" = "This happened here and this happened over here" will be a subliminal thought no matter how you change up the inside... each floor has its remembrances.

make a memorial garden. Budget the money and/or procure donations for the demolition of existing building, development of garden, landscape, path, small seating along the way for quiet reflection. You might be surprised how many individuals, companies are willing to donate time/money to a worthy cause. No employee/citizen ever required to re-visit, always optional.

Begin renovations as soon as is humanly possible . . . The longer it stands there as is, it just seems to loom over everyone, a daily reminder of the tragedy. Look at what Columbine did - they renovated it in some way and changed the look, but did not tear it down. Likewise, the locations of some of the other mass shootings - see what they did under these same circumstances.

Building #2 is located in the Courthouse Historical and Cultural District. Demolition or changes to the exterior require a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historical Review Board. Building # 2 is also located in the Courthouse Village and Municipal Center National Register Historic District. Although it is not currently considered a contributing resource due to its construction date (1979) it will qualify to be a contributing resource to the district in 10 years.

The City lacks a general history museum. Most historic buildings are too small and too difficult to renovate to adequately serve the museum function. Building #2 is very large and could be creatively renovated on the interior to provide gallery and exhibit spaces where the story of Virginia Beach would be told. There could be a memorial room to the memory of those that were killed on May 31, as well as to those that were wounded. The building is large enough that it could provide sufficient storage space for museum collections in addition to the public gallery space. There could even be a small theater space incorporated into the building for lectures and other presentations.

If possible, it would be great to also centralize the City's archival collections here by moving those holdings from the Central Library and the Clerk of the Circuit Court. Perhaps many of the Clerk's functions could be moved here and patrons would not have to go through the same security restrictions they are burdened with in the Courthouse, such as no cellphones.

Don't have it continue to exist as another office building. Give it a rebirth as the Virginia Beach History Museum and Archives.

Tear the building down and build a parking garage. The new city hall can be built to allow space for the employees. Parking has always been an issue at the complex. This will keep people from having to reenter the halls and it will provide much needed parking for the area.

memorial gardens. a shaded area for family, friends, employees to gather, whether it is for silent reflection, prayer, or remembrances.

no one should ever be made to go back in that building. it is where people lost their lives.

With all the needs of this city we cannot afford to tear it down. If the Police Dept. does not want to move into it I'm sure it can be repurposed for some other use. It could become a decent storage site for city records which aren't always stored in the best of locations/conditions and aren't always convenient to get to. It could be a mixed use storage area and a few conference rooms (which are often in short supply). In any case, a few years down the road I'm sure an appropriate function can fill the building.

If it does not become a memorial it should become a place that contribute to the advancement and healing of the organization.

Tear it down. It is the site of a mass murder. I work in the complex & have to walk by it every day, it is difficult.

There were heroes in this story as well as loss: Ryan Keith Cox and our police officers. I think we should re-direct the attention towards them. Let's start by renaming building 2 The Ryan Keith Cox Building. How about a play fountain representing the first responders and 12 big stones with the names of the victims. The water serving as a symbol of life and our future. An invitation to take off your shoes and enjoy the present moment. The stops and starts of the fountain speak to the unpredictability of life itself. None of us are promised tomorrow. The stones, of course, are for remembrance. An intentional act that would cause the next generation to stop and ask why they are there. Their placement will offer an opportunity for us to retell the story of May 31.

Benches would serve as an open invitation for anyone to sit and relax or pray or talk with a friend. The use of such a place will certainly evolve as time passes. Some time down the road, perhaps in 5 or 10 years, the quiet murmurs and prayers of 2019 will start to give way to lively chatter, laughter, and singing.

On a different subject, before the building completes its makeover, it might be time to re-think the office setting. Perhaps the City should consider work from home alternatives and shared office spaces.

I completely understand how those first responders and employees directly affected are vowing to never step foot in Building 2 again. I don't blame them. Though 45 years have passed, there remain certain anniversaries and places that still bring sadness my way. But tearing down the building won't make the memories vanish. Let's let these employees work off site.

It's time to consider shared office space. Also increase employees who work from home.

Tear bldg 2 down...No amount of renovation is going to remove the anxiety, fear, terror of working there.

Tear it down, replace with a serene, tranquil garden or greenspace. Maybe a reflection pond with memorial bricks/stones within the pond wall/structure, flowers that attract butterflies, and some natural grasses for movement with breeze. Something peaceful to allow municipal workers a calm environment.

I hope I can add a second comment. After giving this some thought, I think it's really unfair to the taxpayers to demolish a \$20M building could still be structurally sound. Unless there is a positive and ambitious construction plan in place, with the objective of replacing building 2 with a larger and taller structure that will serve the City's needs more efficiently, there's really no point in going through with the expense. I do believe that over the years, that the City has outgrown building 2. I was here in '83, when it used to have a cafeteria inside of it. I believe that in the 1990's, the Cafeteria was demolished and replaced with offices, to accommodate departmental growth. This is an indicator that future buildings should be taller, with build-out space. The low rise Williamsburg style is just not very practical anymore. Building 2's footprint is huge. A taller building with the same footprint would meet the needs of growth as floors are not as expensive as land. However, until the City is ready to do that, they should just use Building 2 for now, for a purpose that would not even require an expensive renovation as the building is already approximately 40 years old. The city maintains and stores records that could be stored on one of the floors, while other floors could be used for computer servers, etc. These are purposes that can utilize the incumbent HVAC, electrical, plumbing, etc., without the expense of having to cosmetically "renovate" it. Moreover, It's just a building anyway and the building itself is not responsible for what happened. It's a hard pill to swallow, but it's just not realistic to demolish buildings every time a tragedy happens inside of it. It begs the unthinkable question. What if a brand new facility is built and a tragedy happens there too?

whatever is decided, shooter's property should be ceased, sold and any and all his funds used towards the expenses

Not to renumber the building to 531 to me this would have bad effects on those that were in the building and first responders. The city should be able to come up with a better building number than 531.

It should be torn down and be turned into a memorial park. It is where lives were lost any other use would desecrate it.

I believe it is not fair to expect the Police department to move into this building, after what they experienced inside. A new building design and footprint with a memorial garden on the grounds would offer a sense of hope and strength for the future to all VB staff and citizens. .

Completely gut the building down to the structural columns, beams, joists, and floor slabs and completely renovate it. Solicit and include input and feedback from design professionals and current and former employees who work or worked in the building. Return as many of the previously provided services back into the building redesigned to provide reasonable and modern safety practices and outstanding customer service for employees and the community at large. Over the life of the building it had become too cramped, inefficient, and ineffective at providing the services needed by citizens and visitors. In addition to the new City Hall building located behind Building #1, as well as the ultimate renovations to Building #1 itself, the services can be spread out, though logically and efficiently aligned, throughout the municipal center campus to provide enough room for employees to perform their duties well.

Kids at Parkland and Va Tech had to return to schools where shootings took place. People had to work at the movie theater and mandalay Bay....so I think we are being more than accomodating. We also need the reminder so that we do not forget.

Tear it down and rebuild it into a police facility. Top floor Chiefs office, Internal Affairs, HR.

Second floor detective bureau

First floor, First Pct

Leave since you don't hear schools being torn down because of shooting there! And we are talking about children that has gone though this too and they had a go back inside....

Tear it down and build a specific facility for police headquarters instead painting over everything.

Third floor Chiefs admin area, Internal Affairs and HR.

Second floor- Detective Bureau, interview rooms

First floor- First Pct including locker rooms

Never heard of any schools that had shooting being torn down, and they are children that had to go back into there! So why, tear down a building where adults work be any different, If VB strong, then let us so show how strong we are.

Tear down and rebuild a different shaped (c-shaped building) with beautiful memorial area in middle...benches, memorial to each victim, survivors tree, etc...

Tearing it down is a really bad idea. While I understand the emotional response to do so, I think it sets a terrible precedence. Move another group into the building after an appropriate period of time

Make it into something it's still a good strong building. But tearing it down seems too costly.

clean it up and go back to work. Did the USS Cole get decommissioned? Nope did the pentagon get torn down?

This was very tragic sure but don't let this define us. I used to go in that building weekly and was there just hours before and I would still go in there today if it was open.

The employees who used to work there must be moved to another location, and other city employees can move into Building 2. A memorial is essential.

Building 2 triggers trauma for police officers, first responders, city workers, and others. A fair solution is to demolish it and, perhaps, construct a new building.

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In my opinion, I think it would be an injustice to those that we lost there to erase the very essence of their daily lives. It should be a reminder to all of us how precious life is and how fragile every minute is to not only ourselves but to those we love and work with and communicate with every day of our lives. I'm all for design change within the building that would create an uplifting environment to all that work and enter the building but those people need to be remembered, that building was their home away from home and needs to be brought back to life. Don't let such a tragedy win over all the memories created in that building. I know everyone has an opinion and I understand the significance. Bottom line is whatever the majority of the employees want and need to allow them to come to work daily and be comfortable should be the choice.

You have to understand two things when it comes to this building.

1. Police responding to this "war zone" and are people too. Relocating them to this building (even after renovation) is making those who responded inside relive this incident everyday. Police have emotions and feelings too, and no one who saw inside that building on 5/31/19 should ever have to be required to go back in there if they do not want to.

2. Say you are insensitive and make this police HQ. Then that is a public building, and anyone who was in building 2 that day and wants to make a police report, or has to be fingerprinted or anything that requires them to go in that building, they now have to go inside building 2 and relive 5/31/19 even if they are not ready!

Let's not think about this in terms of money. Building 2 needs to be destroyed and a permanent memorial put in its place. The new city hall needs to include ALL city departments to signify we are all one and all in this together.

The people who worked in the building, the families of the victims and the 1st responders should be the ones making this decision. They are the one most effected by this horrible situation. Their thoughts should weigh more than anyone else. God Bless those effected.

If you take down everything that bothers everyone we would not have much left. Get thicker skins!

Renovate and offer it up for lease as part of an Economic Development incentive. Use the rental proceeds to offset the cost of relocating bldg 2 occupants. No City agency should be required to relocate there. Offer it up to Bldg 1 occupants.

Turn it into a train facility for Law enforcement, EMS and Fire. Let it be a place of education for those that will be responding to these type situations.

Keep it the same only renovate the area involved in the shootings

Tear it down and build another building that looks nothing like the old one. Put city offices in there. The Police should stay where they are by the 911 Center and the Courts. However, if the VBPD wants that building, I'd still tear it down and create a new building. Nobody needs to look at that building ever again.

Leave it exactly as it is.

If previous occupants can handle it - they should show that they are strong and not allowing themselves to be pushed aside by some random person/act. Stay if they can.

Definitely DO NOT TEAR it down. I am not being insensitive to those who experience the horrors of that day, but at what point and what number do we tear buildings down. Have more safe guards!. They don't tear buildings down, ie: schools anywhere else in the country when something like this happens.

No city employee will ever be comfortable working in Building 2. It will always have a tragedy memory associated with it. Bldg. 2 should be torn down and become the site for the permanent memorial. There should be a park area surrounding the permanent memorial.

Building 1 and building 2 house a number of city offices with heavy public interaction. The 2 buildings should be restructured so that all departments public access is completely contained in building one, and each department has an ancillary support department in building 2 for administration and records management that does not allow public access. This way building 2 can be remodeled at a lower net cost, And no one would be forced to return to work in building 2. Instead, employees of each department would have a choice of working in building 2 or working with the public in building 1.

You are going to have to tear it down. No one wants to work or go in that building. Build a memorial on some of the property. Reconfigure the whole lot and build a new structure on current parking lot.

The exterior of Building 2 needs to look totally different from what it is today. Renovating the inside is not enough. Those of us who worked there will have that building image as a permanent reminder of that day even if we work in a different location on the campus.

If the building is repurposed, gutting the inside is not enough. It needs to look completely different on the outside. It is a permanent visual reminder to every one of us who worked in that building and went through this terrible event that day. Seeing the building is traumatic for many who worked there. Working in a building in close proximity and seeing the building as it stands today will be difficult for many of us.

We should not waste tax payers money to tear it down. Building can be used for other useage

Fiscally irresponsible to tear down a perfectly serviceable public building. Tearing it down might feel good for a moment but won't fix anything whatsoever. If we tore down every building that someone died in and had bad memories attached our country would be a parking lot.

I don't care what Hansen thinks. Tear the place down. It's always about the money. You can change the floor plan but I can count the windows and tell you exactly where everything took place. I was in that building over 20 years.

I am strong believe in turning scars into stars. Renovating with an appropriate memorial near the building and making it a new city something - police, city hall, other departments....but it does need to be renovated. I do worry about the police going there because so many of them were on site for the shooting and will deal with the memories probably the rest of their lives.

If it is not torn down since the City's "Top Officials" are concerned about the finances let them have the building to work in!!!!

Tear it down and make a Memorial Garden to reflect and remember. Include a fountain, benches and plaques to memorialize the victims.

Memorial should include not only how negative the day was but how we can have hope for changes to each and every person who reads it to think about positive outcomes in the future and themselves.

If it is made into the new Police HQ, 1PCT I think it would be very important to have a statue honoring not only the brave officers who first went in. It should also demonstrate how even in the hardest of times we can have hope, faith, and know good men and women will step up to help!

Make the site of the building the memorial location!

Make it the location of the permanent Memorial

Possibly a new location for non emergency such as Animal Control and 311. Both need more room and better equipment.

Save money and make it the new city hall.

Slight remodel and city hall.

Tear it down and make that spot a memorial park so that nobody ever has to walk back into that building or any building on that spot.

I have tried to consider the cost of completely removing the building and constructing a new building and know we have an obligation to be fiscally responsible, but please know that no amount of money can be compared to the mental health of hundreds of employees forced to work in that building. You can not redesign it to make it better for people. Considering the combined total of years of service of the victims, there is a high probability that no matter which departments you move into a new building, many employees will likely have had contact with the victims and/or other employees that worked there. It also absolutely should NOT be made into Police Headquarters. No first responders should be forced to work there either. I have heard people upset by the notion that other departments may be moved into the building say that Building 1 should be moved into the new building before they make anyone else go there. I understand they are targeting City Council and City leadership, but they need to think about the other building 1 employees who are suffering from the tragedy and especially those that were on lock down not knowing what was happening. So, tear it down & build something else. Scale back on some of the excessive niceties in the new City Hall building and utilize some of the decreased cost from that project to assist in the new project. Or if you must keep the building, lease to a private sector company and utilize the lease money.

I have really tried to think of both sides of this question. I understand the cost and the City's responsibility to be fiscally prudent. But I also see wasted resources on a daily basis. Maybe we should redesign it and offer to lease it to a private company. But if not, then it should be destroyed. No employees, police or otherwise, should be forced to work in that building ever again. No amount of money saved will cover the future mental health risks. With the combined years of service of the victims, you will be hard pressed to find a department in the City with employees that did not know any one of the victims or other employees that worked there. Scale back the City Hall design to take out some of the more affluent designs and use the cost savings towards the building 2 re-design.

Tearing the building down would be one more victory for the shooter. If we really are #VBSstrong, we can take that building back, honor the past, and reclaim our future.

Create an alcove for a small chapel similar to those in hospitals, etc., where people can reflect.

Tearing down the building is fiscally irresponsible. Even one life is important and leaves people in mourning. Do you tear down every building in which a person is killed? In the wake of the VA Tech tragedy, they did not tear down the building; they simply closed off some areas.

Tear bldg 2 down and put the memorial "park" where it stood. It might help people get over all the stuff if the atmosphere is respectable, peaceful, and tranquil. Please listen to the employees!

Continue to use it we expect children to continue going to the schools with mass shootings why wouldn't we expect adults to continue using the building

Clean the building up and send the employees back to work. If they refuse to do their job, then give it to me. I am so tired of va beach wasting millions of dollars.

Do not tear down under any circumstances. That will not erase the memory. It should be sufficient to renovate and put different departments in the building. Cost still has to be considered.

Renovate it and return it to service, In school shootings - the children/students returned to the buildings.

(i.e. VT shooting, Florida shooting....) only in a couple instances did the building get torn down (Sandy Hook).

There has been ongoing plans to renovate all the buildings - place this one at the top of the list and get it done.

Create it is such a way that as other buildings are renovated it can be the "pass through " location until they are returned to their renovated building. By the time that is all done (which will be YEARS) many a wound will be if not healed at least not so raw and the "business of the business" can continue - at the end, final revision can be the chambers for public meetings, etc. DO NOT TEAR IT DOWN - it is an asset of the city and everyone is running on emotion right now - officials should be better stewards of the public interest.

Put memorial inside of building #2.

The police and EMS had to see more than anyone other than SWCD, PU-E, and PW-E staff did. To put VBPD in the building permanently is insensitive to the horrors they experienced. If the building must be reused, put departments in it that did not see, feel, hear, and smell the tragedy.

Tear it down

Make it the new Building 1.

Really what other compassionate choice is there? It is a place a tragedy and sorrow. Tear it down and the sooner the better.

With connections to first responders of the event, I believe it is completely unfair to ask either the survivors from the building or the first responders to the building to return to it. No one should have to be in that building, but especially not the officers who responded to it.

Do not demolish the building. Learn from life., don't run from the down points. We can't tear down all things that offend. Use the building in its current location to show tragedy doesn't derail us from our progress. If you can't keep the currently occupied services there then move other departments in. No memorial. No constant reminders. Let the people heal. Let's move on. Learn that people have problems and be more aware so this can be prevented in the future. If he hadn't had a gun he would have picked up something else to carry out this plan. Don't take the easy....ban guns. Find the real issues that cause this behavior. Use your common sense- ban guns they'll take a knife. Ban the knife and they'll pick up a rock etc

To tear it down and spend millions of tax payer dollars doesn't make sense. Renovate, memorialize, and/or rename. Sure some people are traumatized but this happens in our world today so often that we can't just tear down every structure that it happens. It would be cheaper just to place everyone who is medically destroyed on disability retirement instead. Do the math.

I have worked for the City for 40 + years. Until now I have never had an issue coming to the complex day or night. It was always a peaceful, serene and safe place to be, my second home. Since the incident, several days a week I have to take anxiety medication as I'm driving to the complex, especially when I turn down Admiral DeGrasse Way and see Building 2 in front of me. It is very difficult. Going in and out of that building prior to May 31 was just an everyday event, now I can never want set foot in that building again. I can't imagine making it the Police Headquarters and requiring our first responders to have to enter that building in connection with their jobs. Renovating the building is not going to change the memory of what took place within the doors and walls. It needs to be torn down, the city can find monies to do projects citizens don't support and/or agree with, so don't make this about the money. It is a terrible reminder TEAR IT DOWN!

Once gutted and renovated it can again be a useful building. It does not make financial sense to just tear it down. Life goes on. Do NOT name it "Building 531". Just refer to buildings by name, not by numbers.

Make it the police headquarters, but be sure to have it memorialized somehow. Such as the military does with maybe a wall of honor or something.

Tear it down and make it a memorial site. Then relocate other city departments somewhere else

Courage to continue to serve in the face of adversity.

I know the cost to take the building down is great, but the building needs to come down and we should be ready to help those people who continue to suffer from this tragedy. People who were there and people who lost loved ones, coworkers, friends should never have to look at that building, which represents pain, suffering, and evil. My child was in the building on May 31 and his life has been forever changed. Please take down the building.

Courage to continue to serve in the face of adversity. Our losses and our continued service underline's the courage to serve; although the losses were great those people were courageous, our first responders were courageous, all of our members returning to work are courageous. (I understand the feeling of those who can't...they were there...doesn't mean they aren't courageous) Tearing down a building that wasn't lost or damaged beyond repair makes the actions of one mentally challenged malicious individual, stronger than the City. Rarely do we see churches, schools or synagogues torn down after such events, we carry on despite the horrific actions of the few.

Memorialize its importance and make it into a museum. It gives the greatest effort to allow loved ones to mourn, celebrate, and find closure.

Move City Hall to a central location where we ALL can access the services. #VBTownCenter

leave it and reopen. Saving tax payers money.

leave it, reopen. if anyone doesn't want to go back in, then they can be resigned and/or find employment elsewhere. The City employs over 9,000 people. It is too large.

Renovate it and turn it into police dept.

None, I use to frequent that building and would NEVER feel right about entering it again, I could only imagine how the people whom would be asked to go back in would feel. Most of the people I know that work in that building have been there for quite some time and it's their second home and second family in which they spend equal amounts of time in (their homes). I believe a memorial should definitely be erected permanently for the people who passed at that exact site, I also believe that new building should be built in the lot next to it, built similar to the building's 'function' that had previously existed with a few departmental changes (layout). As far as the additional costs in addition to the plans in place already to rework the infrastructure of the city, there will be people that will complain but it is my belief that the people, contractors and developers in the area would all help to find ways to make this happen (I'm in). The city of Virginia Beach is an awesome city throughout and the people in that building are at the heart and soul of getting things started and completed professionally and most of all properly, in my opinion if the people that work in that building are not back into a building where things can be done in essentially a one stop shop in an efficient manner, and quickly, then the entire city as a whole both public and private will rapidly lose much more than the additional cost being discussed for a new building. No one ever wants to lose a dime or step backwards but sometimes those at the top need to step out of the box for a moment and take a long look at what's happening or simply take a vote at the poles if it comes down to it. Thank you for the chance to speak, this should have been advertised quite a bit more for public input

Tear it down and rebuild as part of new city hall project.

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Why not put the memorial in the space of the building. No one wants to go in there after May 31st tragedy.

The City lacks adequate training rooms and conference rooms. It would be useful to repurpose building 2 to contain training labs and have meeting rooms like the Stir office.

Tear down building 2. Build replacement for building 1 on the parking lot of building 2. Never designate another building as "Building 2" Treat it like a retired jersey from a sports team. Build a memorial/parking lot on the site of building 2. Tear down current building 1 for additional parking area. Leave the giant Oak tree alone.

Leave it alone. You cant erase what happened. Stop making it relevant and then maybe people would heal.

Police that would work in that building responded that day and were shot. And you want them to work in that building? Disgusting thought.

Tear it down and have the memorial in that area

As a citizen and taxpayer, I support tearing down Bldg 2 and establishing a permanent memorial on this site.

Donna Price

Tear it down. Perhaps create a water fountain/reflecting pool area with benches.

Who is going to pay for a new building?

Don't tear it down, it's fiscally irresponsible. But a complete renovation is in order.

While I understand why some may wish to tear Bldg. 2 down, I disagree. We should not tear this building down. That would imply that we have surrendered to these types of attacks. And it would be a confirmation that "VB Strong" has no meaning. Tragedies occur, but we have to show that while we are sad when they do, we are bigger and stronger than that.

For one thing upgrade the audio system if that is where CC will be moved, or any area that will house seating for a public meeting. The sound system in Bldg 1 and 19 are atrocious.

No city employee from any department should be asked to work in that building. Tear it down and build a Memorial.

Realizing that none of those were active military, if they were, we would not be having a discussion. We simply would repurpose the building. Take it down to just above the basement(since that must be saved due to the servers, etc...), build the new City Hall there, and then renovate the current City Hall placing the displaced divisions and groups into that building. We cannot just not use the building, nor can we require one to go back there and not the other. All employees are subject to the haunting that will come with going back into this building. It needs to look and smell completely different.

Love how people want to tear it down but we make children and teachers go back to the same schools that have shootings and private corporations do the same thing as well. If people who worked in the building have reservations about going back to work there, then they should be transferred to another department.

Move the School Board Employees from Building 6 over. Their building is old and has horrible electric, heat and no air most days.

None

No person, city worker or first responder, should have to put one foot back inside that building. Both were equally horrified and traumatized.

just fix the damage and put it back in use

They did not tear down the buildings at Va Tech, or the high schools in Florida or Colorado among other places that had mass shootings. They renovated those buildings instead. There is no need to tear down an otherwise good and expensive building. I say renovate it instead and house other departments such as the police.

Why did we already pay \$500k to "clean" the building if the intention is obviously to tear it down?

Non-government citizens of violence don't get to "tear it down" after tragedy occurs in their homes or offices.

Tear it down, otherwise It will always be a reminder of what happened.

I'd say offer it to all of our first responder departments (Police, Fire, EMS, etc.) who helped so many that day. Maybe it could be primarily an admin bldg. with minimal operations also working out of it. I completely understand if there's strong opposition to this from public safety personnel, and feel that should be respected. However, it is a nice building that hopefully someone would be willing to work out of.

Teat it down

It has asbestos and it at the end of it life cycle

The site of a mass murder seems to be the last straw for the building.

I'm a fiscal conservative and don't believe in wasting money but am willing to look at the cost of a replacement as a public service.

I think keeping Bldg 2 would remind our police how important their work to keep us all safe is. It would be nice to put pictures of all who were lost just inside the building.

Tear it down. It can not be said enough. The Manager has already stated to employees in an employee only meeting that he does not support tearing it down and that it's not the right thing to do. Then what is the purpose of this survey? Will all the comments and feelings of those who worked in the building be disregarded? It seems that way. The 400 employee voices should be heard louder and clearer than the Managers. Show the results of this survey filtering the responses of Building 2 employees and see what the results show. That should be the direction Council follows. Not the loud voice of the Manager who has already disregarded the thoughts of all employees who do not agree with his vision.

I worked in the Pentagon 9/11 and renovating/restoring it showed our strength. We can do the same with Bldg 2.

There is too much emotional trauma in that building now, nobody who was there on that should ever have to go back there period. For any reason. For all I care use it for the homeless. Nobody should have to be in there though. The chills.

Make it a half way house either for youth or homeless.

It makes the most sense to move the police headquarters into a renovated building 2. Please think about the practical use of limited resources (land, buildings, money, time). From a non emotional perspective it is in a critical spot of the municipal complex to go underutilized.

No matter howich renovating you do, it will never erase the emotions that linger from that day. It is equally insensitive to require any city employee or police officer or other first responder to call that place their work home. Knock down building 1 and 2 and make one great city hall with a memorial courtyard/garden.

People are ready to throw money down the drain by tearing down the building. This city can't afford to waste the money! Renovate the building and reuse it! Put someone in it who hasn't been in it before. Come on! Show some courage people!

Tear it down and build a memorial park teaching all who come about horrific incident and honoring the victims

If every building that had a tragedy associated with it were torn down, 20% of buildings and homes in the US would have to be destroyed.

If yes (keep temporary memorial), would you support relocating the temporary memorial to the parking lot across the street?

Open space in the complex----but that lot is used fairly often

The volunteer gazebo area or near there

I have concerns about the influx of people that would be going into that parking lot where Building 30 is housed. The security of Building 30 is critical to public safety.

Somewhere near building 2. Itâ€™s not being used and some of the grounds could be used.

back parking lot of building 2 between the building and George Mason Drive

On the open grounds behind Building 1 or the area along Mattaponi Road adjacent to Building 2.

Somewhere more central and accessible to the those wishing to visit, but not too far from the original location

In the flag plaza area between City Hall and Building 2 until ground breaking if the new City Hall

NONE

My prior post seem to be removed. I don't think a permanent memorial should be at City Hall. Let the Family members of the Victims decide, at a later date. Princess Anne Memorial Park is a safe location. Look what happened to the Memorial for little Noah Tomlin tthat was destroyed. This horrible tragedy needs to be less commercial and more about the victims and survivors. Thanks to all First Responders and Medical personnel.

The proposed temporary site is too â€œout of sight, out of mindâ€A site near the existing site would be ideal. Perhaps the open area between fire station 5 and voter registration. It has a parking lot nearby and would provide shade during the summer months.

A low granite monument with a bronze plate, a humble tribute with names of employees listed. Time will give some the opportunity to remember the best about each employee instead of the worst day in our citizens' memories.

Maybe a room in Building 2 where the memorial could be.

I disagree- it needs to be outside. Many people don't want to go back into that building and the memorial needs to be more accessible.

I know with the pending construction in the area it may present challenges, but closer (within eyesight) to Building 2 would be a more appropriate for both the temporary and permanent memorial.

On George Mason behind building 2

What part of "temporary" are we having trouble understanding?

This suggested location is very hidden from the public view (also poses a safety concern). Maybe in the parking lot on the north side of building 2.

Should always be at the site. Just like 9/11

Agreed

Agreed

I don't think a temporary memorial is necessary. However, if it remains I think the proposed area on the map is fine. It's does not have to be near or next to building 2. You are there for the memorial not because its close to building two.

Near the flags between Building 1 and 2

Closer to Building 2. The location by Building 30 feels out of sight and out of mind, almost like we're trying to hide it.

In front of Building 2

At the gazebo at North Landing and George Mason

On the grounds to the west of Building 2 would be a better site for a memorial. Something like a walk through garden with a dedication wall(s).

Between building one and two, near flag area closer to building 2....

The location should be as close to the tragic site location as possible until the new City Hall is built. The Flag Plaza is a good location.

The memorial temporary and permanent should be closer to Bldg. # 2. The Flag Plaza is a good location for now until the New City Hall bldg. is completed.

I would suggest the open field next to Building 2. This would help with congestion around the first precinct and over flow court parking. Also the field could become the permanent memorial area.

The Volunteer Garden behind Building #1(City Hall) and it could house a temporary memorial since it is closer and is better than a parking lot. There needs to be a chance for the community to submit ideas for the design of the temporary and the permanent memorial by committee of city employees and family members. It is important for the families to have the memorial as close to the original site of Building #2 for closure and morning. I want to feel without disrespecting anyone's opinion, that the Operations Building (Building #2) should be torn down although this will be hard and expensive. This site is sacred ground like 911 to me. Please respect the emotions that are carried by those of us that treasured these people who lost their lives. I do not want our City to forget the sacrifices that were made by those twelve human beings, as well as their family members and friends. I want to use my design skills to honor the victims of this terrible event. Please hold public meetings and arrange round tables for ideas to evolve and grow into something we all can be proud of no matter how difficult it will be moving forward. Time waits for no one so us to be healthy and try to survive we must love, cherish and learn from one another in a respectful manner to encourage healing and understanding for one another for the sake our community. Lets start together. Thanks so much for the opportunity to be heard. Warm regards and God bless, Beth

Entrance to "new" Bldg 2 or City Hall

Not to have it anywhere near the center. Think of how the 911 dispatchers feel. They took the calls, heard the despair now you are thinking of reminding them every day by putting it in their lot? Not a good option at all. Inconsiderate.

I do not feel a separate temporary memorial should be created but rather a section of the permanent memorial be utilized for people to leave mementos if desired. A separate temporary memorial would create an undue burden on those tasked with maintaining it and then the challenge becomes what to do with the temporary items, Do they continually get added to the permanent one or do they get discarded.

In the open space next to where building two currently stands, by the large tree is, at the corner of Mattaponi and Courthouse

none

Entrance to either "new" Building 2 or City Hall

It should be located near building number 2, or where the PW and PU staff will be located.

Grass field next to building 2

location should be near building 2

Just keep it where it currently is.

Should be at the site, on the large lawn area between Building 2 and School Administration Building.

Area close to bldg. 2

That is across from the police station. If people want a quiet place for reflection, this may not be the best place for it. On the other hand, if they want a symbol of strength, then this could help. Also, someone mentioned a gazebo area. Is it possible to build a similar monument in this corner of the parking lot?

grassy area beside bldg 2

I agree to move the memorial but it should remain somewhere at the Municipal Center. If the lot across the street is still the Municipal Center then, Yes.

Outside Building 2 on the large lawn area

The large lawn area outside Building 2

Closer to Bldg. 2

The temporary site would invoke feelings of tranquility and calmness overlooking the lake/pond. If you could incorporate that body of water, I feel it would enhance the impact of the site.

Leave it at building 2

It's not "out of sight out of mind" - some of us will never forget what we saw - but also, seeing the memorial daily is making it harder to heal and as we all heal differently, that needs to be respected. The proposed location allows an area for those that want or need to go to it, to seek it out, park and reflect, For those that cannot bear to be reminded daily, or who heal differently, they are able not to be forced to avoid an entire street. I believe this is a sensitive way to respect all views on the healing process.

I think if at all possible Building 2 could be used as the memorial.

NA

Closer to Building 2.

Should always be a memorial site for them. We lost good people and they deserve to be remembered.

The Volunteer Gazebo

The cherry tree area in front of Bldg 2.

I agree with those who believe a closer location to Building 2 would be most appropriate.

I think the memorial should be placed closer to building 2. Perhaps on the back side of the building ? Since the area surrounding building 2 has been blocked off, sidewalks included, the car and foot traffic seems to be minimal and people who want to come by and leave items or pay respects could park in the lot that is also there and not have to worry about crossing a busy road. The new proposed area is currently used by courthouse employees for parking Monday thru Friday and the memorial may not be as easily visible during those times because of the cars in the lot.

Leave it where it is until a permanent location has been determined. It has already been moved once.

I feel that moving the memorial to the extended parking of building 30 would cause it to become "removed" from the area. I propose that the memorial be moved to the far end of the building 2 parking lot closest to George Mason Drive. There is already a Gazebo on that end of the parking lot allowing for a place of quiet contemplation. This would also keep the memorial closer to where the tragedy occurred. Even though this moves the memorial to a more "secluded" section of the municipal center; it would allow for many employees who walk during their breaks to stop and give their condolences and love to the lost members of our city.

What about near the garden and gazebo area behind buildings 1 and 2? With the large, unused grassy area, there would be ample space to place the temporary memorial.

As a building #2 employee I passed by the gazebo everyday, it was always quiet place to go and reflect during a stressful day. You can still see the building from there and remember the better times and remember the people that we lost on that day.

I think it should be where it can be visibly seen across the street out of sight

I suggest it be relocated in the parking lot in front of Bldg. 2 on the side near the US Post Office. It would allow visitors to see the site of the tragedy as well as the site where one may be honored in the renaming of the US Post Office. I drive by every day to get to my work site. A temporary memorial would allow visitors a place to grieve until a permanent one is completed.

Seems like a bit of a waste of time and money to relocate a temporary memorial when work and resources can instead be allocated to the permanent memorial more promptly.

The parking lot is great. You would have parking for multiple people. It also needs to be seen while driving down the road. I almost missed where it was when I went to visit after the June 27th memorial service.

Site of permanent memorial - or just on outskirts - so moving forward can begin.

I like the idea of the parking lot across the street but I would want it visible while driving down PA rd. I went to the temporary memorial on June 27th after the Memorial Service at the amphitheater. I almost drove past it.

Tear down building 2 and create a memorial there.

If we have to have one, please put it somewhere accessible but not directly in sight every day.

I've heard of survivors looking away from this reminder as it is painful, so some place that can be bypassed if desired should be considered.

I would suggest the open field next to Building 2. This would help with congestion around the first precinct and overflow court parking. Also the field could become the permanent memorial area.

In my opinion, the new site is not very visible. Moving the memorial closer to Building 2 would be more appropriate.

keep it where it is, many people are use to the temporary memorial location now. If we are looking for a permanent place we do not want to keep displacing families and loved ones from place to place... out of site out of mind..

Should be at Bldg. 2

Anywhere more visible and easily accessible. The proposed location seems out of the way.

I think the gazebo behind building 1 would make a great location for the permanent memorial.

It should be located behind Building 1 on the corner of George Mason and North Landing where there is currently a flower garden, benches and a gazebo. Close enough to the tragedy but just enough away from it to allow for comfort.

Volunteer Garden area

The proposed location is out of the way and seems hidden. A location closer to Building 2 seems more appropriate.

In the parking lot behind Bldg. 2 and make the gazebo the permanent location.

I feel like I need it to be seen and I want to see it not because I work here and know where it is but because people can come down the main street and see it. Sometimes I see it and no one is there and I stop by to just be there.

Put the temporary and permanent memorials as close to Building 2 as possible.

Locate permanent and temporary memorial outside as close to Building 2 in a prominent site as possible -- Flag Lot, grassy field.

I would not take away parking for this site. Once the lot is used no one will see this so it will be an afterthought sitting in the back of a congested parking area. Moving it away from the site does not do anything for the concept of a memorial.

I believe it should be kept in the same spot until the final memorial is established. It does not seem right to me to have a intermediate site.

I think closer to Building 2 would be ideal

Keep it where it started.

Near or adjacent to the building 2 or the proposed BMP to be constructed with the new City Hall building.

I agree that the open field next to Bldg 2 would be a nice place for the memorial. It is close to where it happened and is within easy walking distance for most city employees.

On the grounds of building 2 on George Mason side - maybe with a walkway connecting it to the Volunteer Garden - separate but connecting. Volunteers played such an important role in the aftermath.

don't hide it

By the gazebo behind Building 1

In the Volunteer Garden

If you study post Trumatic events the absolute worst place you can put it at the courthouse where people have to be reminded of it every single day. You need to be at a remote site where people can travel to it should they wish to see it and where does not impede on other peoples grief or healing by being forced to see it every single day. Remember not everyone heals by being bombarded with emails about a memorial weâ€™re having to drive by Memorial every single day. Perhaps someone should study or discuss with people who have training in PTSD or trauma counseling before you decide to â€™in-your-face this memorial quote to people who heal differently then going to memorial services every three days. While the memorial is important itâ€™s also important to respect and understand that those who live through this have different perspectives with regards to how they heal.A memorial in a different site other than the courthouse would be appropriate.

Play sit at the oceanfront with the rest of the memorials that you have thereOr at one of the city parks

Near Building 2 - so it will something. The memorial is for the victims of Building 2 - needs to be close to the building.

On the grounds to the west of Building 2 would be a better site for a memorial. Something like a walk through garden with a dedication wall(s) .Do not call it Building 531

On the landscape in the Open Area next to the Building

Property where the old hardware store used to be at the intersection of North Landing and Princess Anne -or- in front of the building that appears to be abandon on the corner of Nimmo Pkwy and Princess Anne. Don't tuck it away somewhere.

Tear down building 2 and put memorial there. Please - what are you doing to protect our safety? Nothing seems to have changed !!

No! You are letting the murderer win by tearing down the building!

For temporary - leave it where it is.

I believe the Volunteer Garden Gazebo would be more appropriate as a temporary location. The location that has been suggestion across the street is very remote and not comforting.

Closer to Building 2

no

n/a

On the grounds of Bdg 2 - George Mason side with a walk connecting it to the volunteer garden - separate space but connected - Volunteers played such an important role in the aftermath. Could then be transitioned into the permanent memorial site.

Closer to Building 2. I believe the Volunteer Garden may be a good place, but I'm not sure that will remain with the development of the new City Hall Building. If not, perhaps near the corner of Courthouse Drive & Mattaponi Road.

The garden area behind building 1 & 2

On the grounds of building 2, with a walkway connecting it to the Volunteer Garden since volunteers played such an important role in the aftermath. This could then become part of a living and permanent memorial with plaques for each of the victims

Near the gazebo behind building 1

That is a great place but near the gazebo behind building 1 is another location to consider.

I think that the garden area behind building one would be an appropriate relocation for the temporary memorial. It is a shady area with benches and gazebo and is near building two. The grassy area on the west side of building two would be a nice permanent spot for the permanent memorial.

Closer to Building #2

The memorial should be close to building 2.

Behind Building 2, maybe near the Post Office

In the Parking Lot across from or next to Building 2.

Not sure what is wrong with the current location. Putting it in a parking lot seems disrespectful to the memory of the victims.

not sure what is wrong with the current location but putting it in a parking lot seems disrespectful.

If you are doing a permanent memorial site, I'm not sure we need to keep the temporary site. Just make sure all items are located in the new permanent site.

Why put it in a random parking lot no where near building two?????

If possible, move to the park in front of the old courthouse building and Building 20 facing North Landing Road. Employees and citizens can easily view and access.

I think we need to take the process of the memorial very slowly, allowing the full range of thoughts and emotions to pass so people at each level of proximity to the tragedy and victims can have a full understanding. It is also critical that the families of victims lost and surviving victims are included in the memorial development. They were the most impacted and it should be fulfilling to them. Whatever they feel closest too will surely be satisfying to the rest of the City and beyond.

I completely agree I think the most important opinions that need to be acknowledged are from the victims families of those who passed and the victims themselves who are the ones that will be most impacted by these decisions

Suggest moving the temporary memorial in front of building 2 or closer to that building. Most co workers and other employees as well as the general public are able to reflect, contemplate, and remember the ones who were taken from us far too soon from that building. Agreeing with the other comments that moving the temporary memorial to a corner lot not easily seen from people, feels like an "out of sight, out of mind" This tragedy has impacted not only Virginia Beach but the nation as well as the world.

The parking lot of Building 2

I think it should be located in the parking lot of Building 2

I would propose not keeping the temporary memorial were it is. I would suggest having a permanent memorial in the open field next to Building 2.

The proposed temporary site is too tucked away out of public view. While next to or close to Building 2 may be a painful reminder of that day's tragic event to some, mainly City employees, the Gazebo near George Mason Drive already provides a quiet area for reflection, contemplation, prayer and small gatherings.

I just think it is too soon to move it all together. We need it and we need it close by. It isn't bothering anyone or anything. Clean up the live (dead) flowers and leave it alone. Moving it across the street is okay but it doesn't need to be moved away right now.

MOVE IT BEHIND BLDG. 2, WHERE THE SMALLER MEMORIAL IS

Temporary only

Back parking lot behind building 2 and George mason drive

If construction of the new City Hall Bldg. doesn't impact it, I would like to see both the temporary and permanent locations near the Volunteer Garden.

No

I would suggest tearing down Building 2 and putting the memorial in that location.

Agree

I honestly don't know where it should be, but if it is put in the parking lot near building 30 (ECCS), can I suggest it be put as far away from building 30 as possible? Many of us worked the event on May 31st and are still having difficulty processing it, seeing the memorial now across the street is hard enough, I don't think it should be closer to us than it is now.

The temporary memorial need to be close to Building 2. Perhaps on top of the tunnel crossing where the flags are.

On top of the tunnel crossing by the flags

The permanent memorial should replace the temporary one

As close to Building # 2 as possible.

Would it have more significance closer to where the event happened near building 2? there is a large open area next to building 2. Could a small piece be utilized?

Somewhere immediately adjacent to Building 2 would make more sense

In the parking lot in between building 1 and 2

The parking lot In between building 1 and 2 is where the permanent site should be.

The permanent site should be the parking lot in between building one and 2

I would like to see the temporary memorial on the hill close to the flags between buildings 1 & 2. I would also like to suggest a granite monument with the victims names.

I choose not to have a continual temporary memorial.

None

Any Memorial should be closer to the building 2 site. I would suggest the gazebo area between buildings 1 and 2

Please do not move the Memorial to that parking lot, it should be in front of the flags between buildings 1 and 2

Any memorial should be near the building 2 site. I would suggest the gazebo area near building 1 and 2.

Temporary memorial should be in front of or next to city hall.

The permanent memorial moved to site of building 2 after it is demolished.

Lawn section in front of Building 1 on the North Landing Rd. Side(East side)

It seems to be more space for the memorial.

in the grass area to the west of building 2

A spot where it can be landscaped into a small reflecting sculpture garden away from bldg. 2 for meditation etc..

Lots of natural elements. Perhaps Landscape (P&R) can help with this. Putting it near bldg. 2 is too painful.

Teardown Bldg 2 and put it there

It needs to still be some place close to building 2.

Some place close

To place it in a concrete parking lot is insulting, unwelcoming, and unsettling. I recommend putting it near the Mary Russo memorial garden.

I believe that the memorial should be near the gazebo closest to building 2.

Closer to Building 2 if possible would be better though. I understand the current location may cause issues and it may be some time before a permanent location is selected, a memorial decided upon and constructed but the temporary memorial should be some place where municipal center employees and citizens can visit and reflect reasonably close to B2.

Not sure where specifically, but it should be an area of green space, not a parking lot, that's just tacky.

It needs to be by Building 2. That is Hollow ground. I would love to see the building torn down and have a beautiful garden with a monument to represent all lost and injured.

Building 2, South Lot near the location of the previous memorial that was removed.

Not on the cement. A place on the grass

Near the volunteer garden

It's not a good idea to stick it in the corner of the parking lot, either remove it as planned or leave it where it is. It is far enough to be away from those who are going back to work in building two but close enough to be visited by those who need to feel the love and support of the community.

It should be as close to Building 2 as possible, to pay proper respect to the victims.

Near Building 2, maybe adjacent to the pavilion on Georg Mason Dr. between Building 1 & Building 2.

Parking lot area at Building 1, near the flag poles.

Parking lot, building 1, near the three flag poles and PD memorial.

Building 2 Parking Lot

somewhere closer to building 2- maybe near the volunteer garden

The site you are proposing from a victim point of view is a bit disrespectful. It's as if the city once again is pushing it to the background. We all know out of sight out of mind but this is something that as one of the living victims I can never forget. As one of the 7 saved by Ryan Keith Cox I find it disrespectful to put the memorial so out of sight. There has to be an area closer to the memorial perhaps by the fire station that would be of better choice as a temporary memorial.

It should be in the complex near Building 2.

I believe the building should be leveled and a memorial should be incorporated some were in that square block area as the city should move forward in building that new city hall building on the same hallow land which should stand as a constant reminder to city counsel, residence and visitors of Virginia Beach. A memorial court yard would be appropriate to honor those we lost and all who serve this city.

The grass field between building 2 and building 4.

Somewhere where there are trees, bushes, and grass. It should feel like a place of peace and the green colors of nature would be like comfort and serenity. A parking lot is not a place of serenity, that would feel cold and desolate.

That parking lot is too far removed; it should be someplace nearby Building 2 which is easy to access but also quiet - like the gazebo area or flag plaza.

Should be closer to the crime scene, looks like you are hiding it in a corner to forget about it!

Mary Russo Park

If another temporary one is going to be set up, then the original should have been left alone.

Yes, maybe build a memory wall like there is for the vets with there names on it and keep it over at the location of building 2 and maybe to the side of building one with a garden and all.

no, it is too far out of the way and it looks like you're pushing the event out of sight so it'll be out of mind. The TEMPORARY site should be located in the lot next to building 2 and building 2 should be torn down for the memorial's PERMANENT location!

No, this is tucked away and pushing it out of sight. It should be TEMPORARLY located in the lot next to building 2, and building 2 should be torn down. The PERMANENT Memorial should be placed in building 2's lot...which is where I am currently typing this from.

Near building 2

I think it is fine in front of the Police Department until a permanent memorial is erected.

Bldg 3 site/Field beside building 2

Bldg 3 site/Field next to building 2

I think it is fine where it is until a permanent memorial is established.

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Right at Building 2

The temporary memorial was erected in a place that I felt had nothing to do w/ where the pain occurred so moving the temporary memorial to another temporary place seems of little importance or will have little impact. The permanent memorial is where the biggest efforts should go. Either way it will be hard to satisfy everyone. City leadership is trying to do its best to remain sensitive to the victims, their families, members, and the community. I hope that this does not go unnoticed and that we all keep light and love in our hearts and practice kindness and patience towards each other.

As a survivor of building 2, I don't want to see a temporary memorial AT ALL. It was painful to see that everyday and just served as a reminded of what I and several others went through on that horrific day.

It didn't happen at the Police Department and should have never been there to start with, if we're going to keep a temporary one than place it near/at the gazebo where the volunteer garden is.

It should not be near any public safety (Police, Fire, Dispatch) buildings since they responded to the shooting. Those employees are trying to move on and don't need the constant reminder in their own back yard. The parking lot or field next to Bldg 2 would be more appropriate.

Between St 5 and voter reg

Please keep the temporary memorial close to Building 2!! It's a big part of the healing process and more importantly a tribute to those that lost their lives!!

Same area as now

1. What about putting it in between Fire Station 5 and Voter Registration buildings?
2. What about on the grounds of Building 2? As horrendous as this is to me it only makes sense to have it where it all happened.

Open to other locations but the parking lot across the street seems out of the way like we are trying to forget the people we are trying to memorialize.

Open to other spaces but the parking lot across the street seems like we are trying to forget the people we are trying to memorialize.

No

NO

The proposed temporary site is not visible. I would suggest a temporary site near the volunteer garden, in the grassy area behind Building 1, or near the flag lot.

Both sites need to be near Bldg 2. Between City haul and Bldg 2. Include the flag plaza as part of the permanent memorial to include a flag to represent the temperance of the day similar to the POW/MIA flag.

That red box is not where it is. Why not near the garden behind building 1, closer to Building 2?

Is there a location closer to Building 2? Maybe the field behind Building 1?

If there is space in a grassy area nearby with a bench that would work.

I'm not familiar with the location shown so I would propose an area close the current Volunteer Garden and Gazebo.

The current Volunteer Garden and Gazebo offers a shaded area. If the memorial was in sight of this area, it would offer a protected, serene area for quiet reflection. I'm not sure how the construction of City Hall impacts this area.

The victims deserve a special place. Not in the back of a parking lot
It should be closer to Building 2.

Field next to Building 2

Volunteer Garden

Where the building 2 is.

I like the suggestion of putting in garden or Gazebo behind bldg 1

Leave it where it is for all to see, don't hide it in a back parking lot.

Any permanent memorial should be inside the building so it can be protected from weather, and destruction.

Should be at the same location as it is now. It takes away the meaning if you move it.

It should be at the site ... like 9/11

the garden and shelter behind building #2

Leave it where it is. It's inconvenient for the city, but it would be beyond disrespectful to move it

I think it should be left at the site where it was. Don't move it to where people won't see it. It needs to be a reminder that we are #VBSTRONG

Establish a green space that is out of the business of the day area - shaded trees with spanish moss and azaleas. A water feature and benches. Parking lot is too hard and cold.

Make a green space away from the hustle and bustle of city work.

In front of building 2

One location for any city employees who are/have been killed in the line of duty, keeping it centrally located with room for memorial stones to be added if the numbers (sadly) increase for any reason. Separate wall for police, first responders, one for 5/31, and others as needed. Hoping the numbers will not grow beyond the capacity of the central garden (making enough space for more to be added if necessary in future (and praying that won't happen!). Keeps any specific incident from being such a painful reminder to those who have to travel around the courthouse area on a daily or frequent basis.

The memorial should be kept at the current location

Why not provide families with places where they want to remember loved ones In other areas, not necessarily at the municipal center. Let them choose.

Ask the people of building 2. Some may not want to be reminded and some may want to reflect. They should be the ones to choose as a group. I personally am saddened by the crosses and flowers along the highways.

Moving to the Volunteer Gazebo to provide a quiet place to reflect and grieve.

By Building 2

No

Leave it where it is. These employees are traumatized. Moving it feels like the city wants to be done with this - like these employees lives being destroyed is an inconvenience to city officials. We need to respect what these individuals went through and honor the memories of lost lives. Whatever inconvenience it is to have the memorial where it is needs to be dealt with.

Out front of princes anne park

Building two needs to be closed.no one should ever have to wLk through the doors again!!!!

Building two should be closed and no one ever be-forced there again!

The temporary memorial should be closer to the site. Not moved away into a back corner to be lost and forgotten.

Where it happened at

This memorial needs to be located where it happened, near building 2. I think having a memorial wall would be nice.

I think the memorial should be at the site where this occurred. Having a memorial wall would be nice.

This memorial needs to be where it happened. Have a memorial wall.

Near Building 2 oh but is more room and sit and relax and pray

The location of the permanent memorial should be on location or right next to Building 2. There is something powerful to going to a place where something terrible happened and seeing the redemption rise above. People need to see this kind of hope in the wake of tragedy.

Please encase white crosses at permanent site. They are uniform. The crosses where the 1st at the site to show loss and respect to each victim and should placed forever. They are perfect for a permanent site

Please please do not call it Bldg 531!! Bad vibes.

I suggest the planting of twelve small trees forming a circle with twelve plaques designated for each of the victims.

By or at the gazebo. Definitely not in dispatchâ€™s parking lot

I suggest having 12 small trees and a plaque at each tree with the names of each of the victims.

Tear down building 2, use that site for memorial

If a permanent memorial will be built, (which I think there should be including the rocks decorated and written on in memoriam) why would you keep a temporary site? Or is the question about maintaining a temporary memorial site in reference to having one until a permanent one is decided upon? If Moving the temporary site is not near buildings and appears next to a wooded area, I agree it should be moved providing a space for peaceful reflection until a permanent site can be determined and erected.

I do not think anything should be moved until a permanent site is determined and the permanent site needs to be near Building 2.

Remove bldg 2 and put a permanent memorial there. Do NOT remodel bldg 2 and make people have to work there again, even the police shouldn't have to work there either.

I don't believe that a temporary memorial is any longer necessary. A permanent memorial should be immediately considered especially if the future plan for building 2 is to remain standing with a COMPLETE interior gutting and renovation and given a meaning full memorial name or number. The interior of bldg. 2 needs to be re-configured to the point of un- recognizable to any City worker, Law enforcement officer, First responder or citizen of Va. Beach.

Moving a memorial site will not make it a memorial site any longer.

I don't have strong feelings either way, but the ideas of by the flags or near the gazebo/gardens make some sense.

I feel that it should be off to the side in the parking lot. Please think about ALL the people who have to walk up to Building 2? Who wants a constant "in your face" reminder of what THEY lived through when OTHERS didn't. Give them a break and let them not have to be reminded every day. Trust me they are already scared for life. lets not make it worse by keeping it in their face.

I would not suggest taking the time and effort to rebuild a location for a temporary memorial

A peace memorial Garden with landscaped falls, and the decorated rock garden, someplace over near the open field close to building II would be more ideal, for location and in remembrance. Not sure what project(s) were planned for the open field across the street from VBSchools, but it might be a more relevant location, more accessible and a central place to enhance/beautify and remember those lost and what our City stands for.

Not for the temporary memorial.

Corner of PA and North Landing

I don't have strong feelings about this, but the ideas of locating near the gazebo/garden or the flags makes sense.

North side of George mason, in front of the new City Hall Building. Incorporate with the pagoda area (for volunteer remembrance?)that's already there.

Incorporate with pagoda area behind current City Hall.

It would be nice to incorporate with the current pagoda area behind current City Hall.

At the open grass area near the corner of George Mason & Princess Anne Rd or open area next to bldg. 2 unless a new building is going there. That's closer to Bldg 2.

It should be in building

I think it should be funded by private monies and not tax dollars.

agreed at or in the parking lot at the site

There is no need for a temporary memorial if there is to be a permanent one.

Buffet house grounds

It should be at the site or very close to it.

This memorial should be where the event happened. Build a memorial wall for those who lost their life.

It should be in an area near Building 2 where the space can be obligated and not reassigned.

A place near Building 2 that is in an area that can be obligated to the purpose and not reassigned in the future.

I think that the faces of these people should be painted on the wall or covering the parking lot. The faces should be remembered and seen.

It should stay where it happened why move it.

Off street James Madison Blvd by VBCPSCHOOLS

more natural area

The open grass outside Building 2

Would like it moves to a placed that is in site. Not behind a parking lot.

Somewhere closer to where the actual site is, if not closer to building 2.

Based on the equipment that is already over in that parking lot, it looks like you have already decided that is where it is going to go.

Some people will struggle with this temporary memorial, and many ECCS staff will be unable to move past this incident. if there is a temp memorial, perhaps the grassy area in front of the court house by the Jail would work.

Closer to the building would be more appropriate, as some other commenters have noted.

In the footprint of the building 2 would replace the horrible memory with a place to contemplate and gather

Near building 2.

See. Comment below

The memorial location should be at/near the location the tragedy occurred, a reminder. (Oklahoma City Memorial) It would give visitors a better understanding 'where' and what was surrounding vs. a map. - then mention how many steps away the tragedy happened. Shade needs to be provided.

Near the garden and gazebo would be peaceful.

Near the garden and gazebo would be a peaceful place.

I think the families of the victims should decide. I also think it's too soon for a memorial. Memorials take thought and time. Why rush it. It's too fresh.

Agree! I dont feel it should be an open discussion necessarily. Yes, It effected our whole city and we all mourn however it really needs to be up to the victims and their families having not lived through what they did I do not feel it is my place to say how it should be done.

Do not keep temporary memorial after permanent is built.

No

City council chambers

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I would suggest having the memorial at the site of the permanent memorial area.

Near the existing park behind Building One

A remote parking area near the Police Communications building is just a very bad solution. I would put it near the volunteer garden behind Building #1. There is a nice grassy area there. Yes, Building #2 is in the background, but that is where these people worked and perished. They will always be part of Building #2. If it can't go there due to pending construction of the new City Hall I would put it in the courtyard behind the current City Hall. It is an underutilized space and would also make a nice setting. Show these folks and their families that you care.

yes. tear down bldg. #2 and put the memorial gardens there in it's place.

The building should be torn down and used as the memorial site.

At the site.

Take down bldg 2 and replace it with a beautiful, green garden of trees, flowers, waterscapes and memorial benches or wall

This temporary area is okay, but I strongly agree with using the gazebo area on George Mason Dr. It is currently maintained by Landscape Services and parking is available.

be careful when making memorials because if done poorly it can lead to unhealthy consequences. incorporate plates inscribed with how to cope with depression, loss, positive conflict resolution, healthy ways to cope.

maybe this can be a spot to teach that.

no

There was nerves enough parking before. But take the mayors parking spot and that would be close to building 2

For a memorial A reflection waterfall (flowing stream type) with boulders for plaques with just the names would be sufficient. Everyone's lives were as precious as the others. Names should be enough. It could represent remembrance and moving on.

Don't push it off to the back where its not visible. That seems disrespectful.

To give up a parking slot in a very crowded parking lot is hard, could it be located on the grassy area ?

Leave where it is.

the Gazebo between bldg 1 and bldg 2.

It should be d stay where it happened in utmost respect to the victims and their families!

I believe that the most important opinions that need be acknowledged are those of the victims and their families both those that sadly passed away and those still living that will be the ones who will be the most impacted by these decisions

Behind buildings 1 and 2 near the gazebo

While the parking lot across the street is much safer, I would like to see something on the site of Building 2, which could also be safer than in front of the police station.

Somewhere closer to Bldg 2.

The victims families, survivors and employees of Building 2 should provide the input and guide the decisions about the memorial.

It should be right in front of the bldg

Do not tear the bldg down

Do not take that bldg down

Behind building 2 in the rear of the parking lot.

Everytime this happens, someone wants a memorial. We have memorials everywhere.

I feel like where is is, now is more appropriate. I don't want people to feel like the site was just stuck somewhere out of the way.

Memorial should be at building 2.

The building has 2 entrances. Each entrance should have the same permanent memorial. The wounded should be included.

Somewhere closer to Bldg 2. The proposed site is too far from the building. I think it should be closer so the memorial is remembered and visible.

Move it to building 2 doesn't need to be the entire bldg just the front first floor. It should reflect the lives that were lost maybe a section for each of the victims. And the. A space to add things. Otherwise we could make a garden for each victim

But nobody, including police officers should be forced to work here especially if they were present or worked this horrific scene. Police officers are people too.

Appears they've already taken the memorial down.

Beachfront as a reminder to all. Government employees won't want to always see it when they go to work.

This questionnaire is fatally flawed. You should not show responses, and then allow changing of answers. It's a psychological trap.

Oceanfront

Building 2 itself

Not sure where, but please do not combine the memorial with the Mary Russo Volunteer Garden. The garden is a tribute to Mrs. Russo to recognize her many years of volunteer service and as such should not be combined with a memorial to the victims of the shooting.

First off- that area is a site for the 911 dispatchers who took the calls. That is a constant reminder to them being in their parking lot day after day. The other problem is that currently (and it will be here for a couple of months) a drop site for cabling that is going on throughout the City. there are spools and spools of cables there and construction vehicles and people in and out of this area all the time. It is not a good place to have a memorial. How about the Memorial Garden? wouldn't that be more appropriate of a place to have that?

The Memorial Garden is right behind Bldg 2- that would be close to where it happened and set up in a peaceful environment.

no

I suggest the grass area west of Building 2

Do NOT agree with moving it to the parking lot as shown, why are you trying to HIDE it? As painful as it is the memorial needs to be in a place where it can be seen and easily accessed. It needs to be at the actual site!! It is absolutely important to remember the victims of this terrible incident but there are survivors too. They did not lose their lives but their lives will NEVER be the same. REMEMBER THEM!!

At the site

No

Line the crosses around the lake so that employees can go for their lunch break walks and pay their respects in a peaceful area and also so that the other citizens of VB can see it easily and always say a moment of prayer when passing by. And finally, so that everytime we drive by intersection where the lake it, we never forget

where it happened

These beautiful people gave their lives to a horrible man in that building, it should be gone & they should be remembered for ever in that spot!!

City Employees park in that parking lot. Do not disturb their daily routine.

Building 2 should be cleaned up and reopened for business. Saving tax payers money. This who do not wish to renter can be resigned or find another job.

reopen the building for business and save tax payers money.

Bldg 2 is the appropriate place for the memorial

No

The building should not be torn down. They didn't tear down Columbine High School or the buildings at VA Tech where other shootings occurred.

Somewhere on the site of the Municipal Center, not across the street.

There should relocate it near the post office as there are naming the the post office after Mr Cox

Move it to Bldg. 2

Moving is fine, that location seems like its just shoved to the back. I like that it is near a stormwater basin, considering that some of the victims worked in stormwater, however I feel like it's just hidden and shoved on a back shelf. It needs to be more in the public eye. I think the gazebo is a great place for it.

On one of the "green space"/lawn areas, away from traffic - parking lot is NOT a good idea.

Not the parking lot, a green space/lawn area, would be better, away from traffic. Close enough to Bldg #2 after renovations are made there.

Have the building blessed.

Should always be by site of incident just as 9-11. Place of tranquility, reflection and Love for the City

Tear down the building and put a memorial garden on the site

Near Bldg. 2

Tear the building down . Make a memorial there. The city sure spends a lot of money on a wave park and sport plex we donâ€™t need . Now when they really need the money for a important project they donâ€™t have the money. I would rather pay taxes for that project then on any other project.

It should be decided, at a later date, by all of the Victims Families. It is too soon to be making these decisions. Absolutely NOT at the Municipal Center. Absolutely NOT at the Oceanfront or anywhere Tourist Related. People who die, Deserve to Rest in Peace. Not be on Display for people who don't know them. To name a post office for ONLY 1 hero, is unfair. That decision was made too quickly by politicians. His family members and his Church, had a Go Fund Me page. They wanted a Scholarship in his Honor. We need to Honor, Respect and Remember Everyone lost in a dignified way.

Someplace more visible and safe for people visiting.

It is too soon to be discussing this. The location in front of Bldg 20 with trees, flowers and grassy areas, would have been so much nicer, then on the street in front of the Police Station, immediately after the shootings. Let the families of the Victims decide, when they are ready. Prayers for Peace and Justice, and Thanks to all First Responders and Medical personnel.

Building 2 parking lot.

I think the proposed location is close enough as a temporary memorial, yet out of the way for Building 2 to be worked on, demolished, or whatever is decided. I feel the permanent memorial should be in front of whatever building is finally decided upon.

No

No not at this time

Leave the memorial by building 2

Right where it is