



WORK SESSION MEETING

BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL

DATE: FEBRUARY 20, 2024

STATE OF OHIO

MINUTES

COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

TIME: 5:30 PM

165 CENTER ROAD BEDFORD, OH 44146

Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Stanley Koci, Sandy Spinks, Steve Salvi, Victor Fluharty, Frank Smith, Jeff Asbury, and Tony Longino.

Also present: Clerk of Council Tracy Simons. Administration: City Manager Michael Mallis, Law Director John Montello, Finance Director Jennifer Howland.

• **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA**

Council had no corrections to the Minutes of the Work Session or Regular Meeting of February 5, 2024.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 006-24: Amending Section 911.13: City Manager Mallis stated that this can be placed on Second Reading.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion for 639 Broadway Rd.: City Manager stated that the Administration is worried about over saturation but the Planning Commission was very impressed with the presentation and the applicant wants to go through the proper channels to get licensed.

Councilman Salvi stated that to be an esthetician one has to be licensed and not certified. He also stated the number of debts owed and that she has a PPP Loan.

Mr. Montello stated that the lease is between the landlord and her.

Ms. Zingale stated that lash salons can be under the state and that Ms. Hortons license is in escrow and that she is also inactive.

Councilman Salvi stated that the Director of Cosmetology told him that she may have hit the wrong button on the website.

Ms. Zingale stated that is one wants to have an apprenticeship there is a lot that is involved. She stated that this is for the health and safety of the students.

At this time Ms. Horton entered the Work Session Meeting.

Ms. Horton stated that she is a licensed esthetician but that she just needs her license to perform. She also stated that the goal is to bring education and beauty to the City and that the new students will learn financial, laws, and professional trade along with mentorship and entrepreneurship. She stated that they will be W-2 employees. She stated estheticians can wax, blading, micro blading and that in 2018 the state required those who are doing lashes to get their esthetician license. She also stated that Mr. Salvi came to her place of business and made her feel very uncomfortable. She stated that he came in not dressed up and was very intimidating and that he represented the City. She stated that she was told that she had personal unpaid debt and asked how she is going to pay her employees in front of people working in her place of business and that one of the people who was there worked for the City. She stated that the business is in her business name. She stated that she felt unwanted in the City and that she has her license.

Ordinance No. 008-24: Enter into an agreement with the City of Solon: City Manager Mallis stated that this is a renewal for the jail contract. He stated that there is an increase this year and if there are more than 6,000 people there would be additional charges.

Ordinance No. 009-24: Resurface Turney Rd.: City Manager Mallis stated that this is for the design and construction administration costs for the resurfacing of Turney Rd.

- **DISCUSSION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES**

City Manager Mallis stated that we have one dispensary located within Meadowbrook and wanted to know if we wanted to put limitations of dispensaries withing the City. For example, limiting to 1 for every 5 square miles or less.

- **DISCUSSION OF THE PALMETTO TOT LOT**

City Manager Mallis stated that they would like to rename it in honor of Councilwoman Mizesak and have it on the next meeting's agenda.

- **DISCUSSION OF PROPERTY, AUTO, AND LIABILITY INSURANCE**

City Manager Mallis stated that in doing some research the City was paying \$250,000.00 each of the last two years. with the OML Joint Pool. He stated that they have seen some members of the OML Joint Pool leave. He stated that this is a difficult decision and that they did look at other insurance pools and that one offered better coverage and is less expensive . He stated that the board has to stay active and that changing to the Ohio Plan is recommended by the City's broker.

- **DISCUSSION OF THE BEDFORD HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER REBATE**

City Manager Mallis stated that the City has offered a rebate of \$50.00 and that for non-residents of the City of Bedford Heights the cost of membership is \$350.00. Councilman Smith stated that the City's Recreation Center offers more that Bedford Heights. City Manager Mallis stated that he would see what they offer and how many rebates were issued last year.

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**
BEDFORD COMMONS
17000 ROCKSIDE RD.
- **LITIGATION:**
UH HOSPITALS
- **PERSONNEL:**
FIRE DEPARTMENT
POLICE DEPARTMENT

MOTION:	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Frank Smith to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:30 P.M. to discuss Economic Development: Bedford Commons, Litigation: UH Hospitals, and Personnel: Police Department Promotions at 6:30 P.M.
MOVER:	Sandy Spinks
SECONDER:	Frank Smith
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Longino

MOTION:	Motion made by Longino and seconded by Sandy Spinks to adjourn out of Executive Session at 6:58 P.M.
MOVER:	Anthony Longino
SECONDER:	Sandy Spinks
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Longino

The Work Session Meeting adjourned at 6:59 P.M.


Clerk of Council


Mayor-President of Council

Date: March 4, 2024



REGULAR MEETING BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL DATE: FEBRUARY 20, 2024
MINUTES STATE OF OHIO
COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA TIME: 7:00 PM
165 CENTER ROAD BEDFORD, OH 44146

1. CALL TO ORDER

Bedford City Council met in a Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Tuesday, February 20, 2024. Mayor Koci called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a Approval of Minutes of the Work Session of February 5, 2024

MOTION:	Motion made by Longino and seconded by Frank Smith to approve the minutes of the Work Session of February 5, 2024.
MOVER:	Tony Longino
SECONDER:	Frank Smith
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Longino
ABSTAIN:	Asbury

b Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 5, 2024

MOTION:	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Victor Fluharty to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 5, 2024.
MOVER:	Sandy Spinks
SECONDER:	Victor Fluharty
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Longino
ABSTAIN:	Asbury

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a ORDINANCE NO. 006-24: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 911.13 ENTITLED "BACKFLOW PROTECTION" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (1st Rdg.: 2/5/24)

MOTION:	Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Tony Longino to place said ordinance/resolution on Second Reading.
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MOVER:	Jeff Asbury
SECONDER:	Tony Longino
RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Longino

6. REPORTS

a. City Manager stated the following:

- Commended the Police Department for their recertification through the Ohio Collaborative Community Police Advisory Board. The board reviews all of our policies and makes sure that they are in place within the department. This process happens every two years.
- The City received a \$120,000.00 grant through Cuyahoga County for various preventative road maintenance; this will offset the cost of street stripping, crack sealing, numerous roadways, and other improvements. We will be working on the details of specific projects and update when available. .
- The City was awarded a \$250,000.00 grant from Cuyahoga County for the resurfacing of Turney Road. This will take place in 2024 and the road will be resurfaced from Lee Rd. to West Grace St.
- Staff members, the City Engineer, and a representative from ODOT were out looking at various intersections and traffic signals on Broadway Rd., specifically the intersection at West Grace St. and the intersection at Five Points. Those intersections were having problems with the program of traffic lights, so they're going to have to make those repairs.
- We are looking to install security cameras throughout the Historic District and the Commons. The City received a substantial donation from the Automobile Association to cover the cost. It will mirror the system that is set up along Broadway Rd. and Rockside Rd.
- The Department of Commerce established a hotline if you are dealing with cable problems, if you have questions as to who owns the unburied cable line, if there is a billing dispute, or if you have quality issues with your cable provider, they are there to help.

b. Finance Director Howland had no report this evening.

c. Council Reports

Councilman Fluharty stated the following:

- If a letter needs to be sent to Al's Electric to clean up the alley behind the building
There is a cable company going around the City knocking on doors asking residents about their bill.

Mayor Koci stated that solicitors have to be registered with the Police Department and they have to have an ID issued by our Police Department.

Councilman Smith asked City Manager Mallis if an officer could sit down by West Grace St. and watch the traffic, because two times this week he was almost hit.

Councilman Asbury stated the following:

- Asked City Manager Mallis if Warrensville Center at East Grace St. where Blane comes in if that traffic loop will be repaired as well
- Bedford Downtown Mitten Fence is still up, and the lovely people from the Bedford Senior Group restocked it yesterday with some handmade items. If anyone is in need of any items or if they would like to donate items please stop at the fence.
- Chipper service will start on April 1st for the full week.
- Congratulated the Police Department, our officers, detectives, and the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force were looking for the individual who committed a crime on school property last week and yesterday afternoon the suspect turned himself in.

Councilman Longino had no report this evening.

Councilwoman Spinks stated the following:

- The fire hydrant near 279 has been out of work for some time due to a part that they are waiting for; which is a brass thread from a nozzle.

City Manager Mallis stated that if anyone sees a hydrant tagged out of order the Water Department will have to coordinate with the Fire Department to flush it to see if it is working properly or see if it is a dated hydrant that we need to replace. He stated that if a hydrant is tagged, there is still hydrants in the area that would provide water in the event of an emergency and if multiple are tagged, staff would work to replace as soon as possible. He also stated that the hydrants are flushed twice a year

Councilwoman Spinks stated the following:

- Commended the Fire Department, Service Department, and all of our partnering Police Department for helping with a large fire over the weekend
- Informed residents that they are moving to inform the City that furniture or an appliance will be sitting out on the tree lawn for a week for the trash company to come and pick it up.
- On March 16th the Bedford Historical Society will have its reverse raffle down at Ellenwood

Councilman Salvi stated the following:

- Met with City Manager Mallis this past week to discuss Code Compliance with for Commercial Building in Ward 2
- Also met with the Administrator from the Cuyahoga County Soil and Water Conservation District and he had some information for residents who are interested in or thinking about putting in a rain garden or rain barrels.

City Manager Mallis stated that our ordinances would have to be amended.

Councilman Salvi stated the following:

- Spoke with City Manager Mallis about having a Police present after dusk at Taft Park.
- There are some streetlights out on Lincoln Blvd
- There are several trees that need to be trimmed on some of the tree lawns
- Meeting with the Superintendent Dr. Johnson of Bedford City Schools next week to discuss the current issues that are negatively affecting our local residents in Ward 2.
- Mr. Shaffer from the West Watershed for the Sewer Department will be sending him some grant information, but City Manager Mallis stated to him that the City is already participating in the grant program.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a Motion for the Planning Commission's decision to approve Roselynn Horton to open a lash salon to help develop future industry leaders through mentorship and influential development located at 637 Broadway Avenue. **Was read by title only.**

MOTION:	Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Sandy Spinks to approve Roselynn Horton to open a lash salon to help develop future industry leaders through mentorship and influential development located at 637 Broadway Ave..
MOVER:	Victor Fluharty
SECONDER:	Sandy Spinks
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 1]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Longino
NAYS:	Salvi

- b **ORDINANCE NO. 008-24: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SOLON FOR USE OF THE SOLON CITY JAIL FACILITIES ("JAIL") AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** **Was read by title only.**

MOTION:	Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Frank Smith to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days.
MOVER:	Jeff Asbury
SECONDER:	Frank Smith
RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Longino

City Manager Mallis stated the following:

- This is a three-year agreement with the City of Solon and that the City has been contracting with them for the past couple of years. The contract will stay the same, but there is a slight increase in the cost.
- The new contract states that the new amount is \$85,200.00, which is based on a cost per prisoner per day.

MOTION:	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Victor Fluharty to place said ordinance/resolution on third and final reading.
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MOVER:	Sandy Spinks
SECONDER:	Victor Fluharty
RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Longino

- c **ORDINANCE NO. 009-24:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF ENGINEERING FEE TO **GPD GROUP** FOR ITS SERVICES REGARDING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE **TURNEY ROAD** RESURFACING PROJECT IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY **Was read by title only.**

MOTION:	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Victor Fluharty to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days.
MOVER:	Sandy Spinks
SECONDER:	Victor Fluharty
RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Longino

City Manager Mallis stated the following:

- This is in regard to the design work and construction administration for Turney Rd.
- The City Engineer will be providing those services
- This project is partially funded through a county grant of up to \$250,000.00 and they are hoping to go out for bids approximately in two months

MOTION:	Motion made by Smith and seconded by Jeff Asbury to place said ordinance/resolution on third and final reading.
MOVER:	Frank Smith
SECONDER:	Jeff Asbury
RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Longino

8. HEARING OF CITIZENS

Marlon Lastor, 507 Button Rd., Bedford, OH: stated the following:

- That he is concerned about the safety of his family, the house a couple of doors down has been leaving a vehicle just beyond the sidewalk.
- This causes an obstruction in the sidewalk and for oncoming traffic.
- He has been complaining about it for the past couple of years. He has contacted the police, the City Manager's office, and his Council Member.

City Manager Mallis stated that the City will look at it again and that the challenge is the way the vehicle is parked and it is not breaking any laws.

Mr. Lastor stated the following:

- The City has an ordinance for parking vehicles on the grass.
- The safety of his family is a concern because when they try and back out of their driveway it is hard to see oncoming traffic. The vehicle is like an industrial truck.

City Manager Mallis stated that the truck didn't fit the prohibition of the type of vehicle and asked if Mr. Pastor spoke with the residents.

Mr. Lastor stated the following:

- The residents just started renting the place a couple of years ago and was told that they pay on the house and that they can park where they want.

City Manager Mallis stated that they will see if they can revisit it and have a conversation with the resident.

Barbra McDaniel, 186 Center Rd., Bedford, OH: inquired about the following:

- If the City knows anything about the rumor of the hospital having a Wellness Center. Wished that it would be nice to put some other clinic in there.

Mayor Koci stated that the Wellness Center is part of the medical building and that the City is still in negotiations with the hospital. He stated that they are looking at all kinds of options.

Fred Russell-Bay, 117 Greencroft Rd., Bedford, OH: stated the following:

- The staff members of the workforce went out and painted lines on properties of where the water pipe coming from the street into the house. Stated that it has been for more than two-years and has been patient and would like to speak to whoever about this matter.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Victor Fluharty to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 P.M.
MOVER:	Sandy Spinks
SECONDER:	Victor Fluharty
RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Longino


Clerk of Council


Mayor-President of Council

Date: March 4, 2024