

City Manager Mallis: I can assure you we note all of that and our attorneys note all of that, and we've shared that frustration with Jud Gall. UH announced a couple of weeks ago, and I think it was eye-opening to Northeast Ohio and eye-opening to other providers that they lost \$500 Million. That's alarming for an institution. I think that the hospital would have been resolved last year if we didn't have the vandalism. There was vandalism at the Bedford Hospital. University Hospital left that building open, and an individual went inside and caused millions of dollars in damage, basically flooding it. The person was caught and charged. I think it would have been an amicable resolution that really halted everything because there needs to be the best solution to that. Our primary goal is health care. They have some use of that if it's a 24-hour urgent care or if it's an emergency room. I think there are other things that you need to look at as far as, and maybe it's not that existing building. Maybe it's the land that something can be constructed. Because any time, no matter who it is, you gotta look at if it's a health care or business or manufacturing, they look at the space and say, okay, this is what we want to do, how much is it going to cost? And then there's a calculation where whatever that is, for the last 30 years, I think looking at this past year was, okay, if we're going to put \$25 million, it's gotta last 30 years. Now we're talking about a 90-year-old building. Does it make more sense to build a new well? Who's going to address what's there? And that's kind of where I want to end the conversation. But we're not walking away. The vandalism really hit the way things pass.

Member of the Audience: CVS exited are there any new tenants? Any interest in the property?

City Manager Mallis: We looked at it but no ones come forward. CVS closed a number of locations. We've reached out to the owner of that property but the city's not going to acquire that property. I don't know how much longer they have on their lease; the lease did not expire.

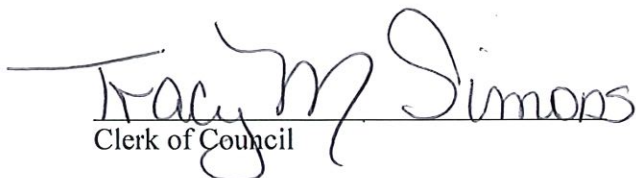
Member of the Audience: Thanked everyone for the outstanding jobs that they do trying to keel all of us safe, happy, and well situated here.

Mayor Koci: These guys work hard every day. You don't get to see the behind-the-scenes as to what they're doing all day long. It's a lot, and I appreciate it.

Councilman Asbury: I appreciate everybody coming out. Everybody is watching on YouTube land. I'm honored to be your council representative. Keep me busy. Call us. Let us know your concerns, your complaints, your opinions. We just do our jobs.

Councilman Salvi: Thank you all for coming, as well as the people who are watching on YouTube. Make sure you get a card if you don't have one already. Feel free to call me anytime. We can talk on the phone, or if you want, I can come to your home and we can discuss whatever issues that you have. Have a good evening.

Mayor Koci: Thank you. With that, we're done.


Clerk of Council


Chairman

Date: May 20, 2024

COMMUNITY MEETING WARDS 2 & 5

COUNCILMAN STEVE SALVI
COUNCILMAN JEFF ASBURY



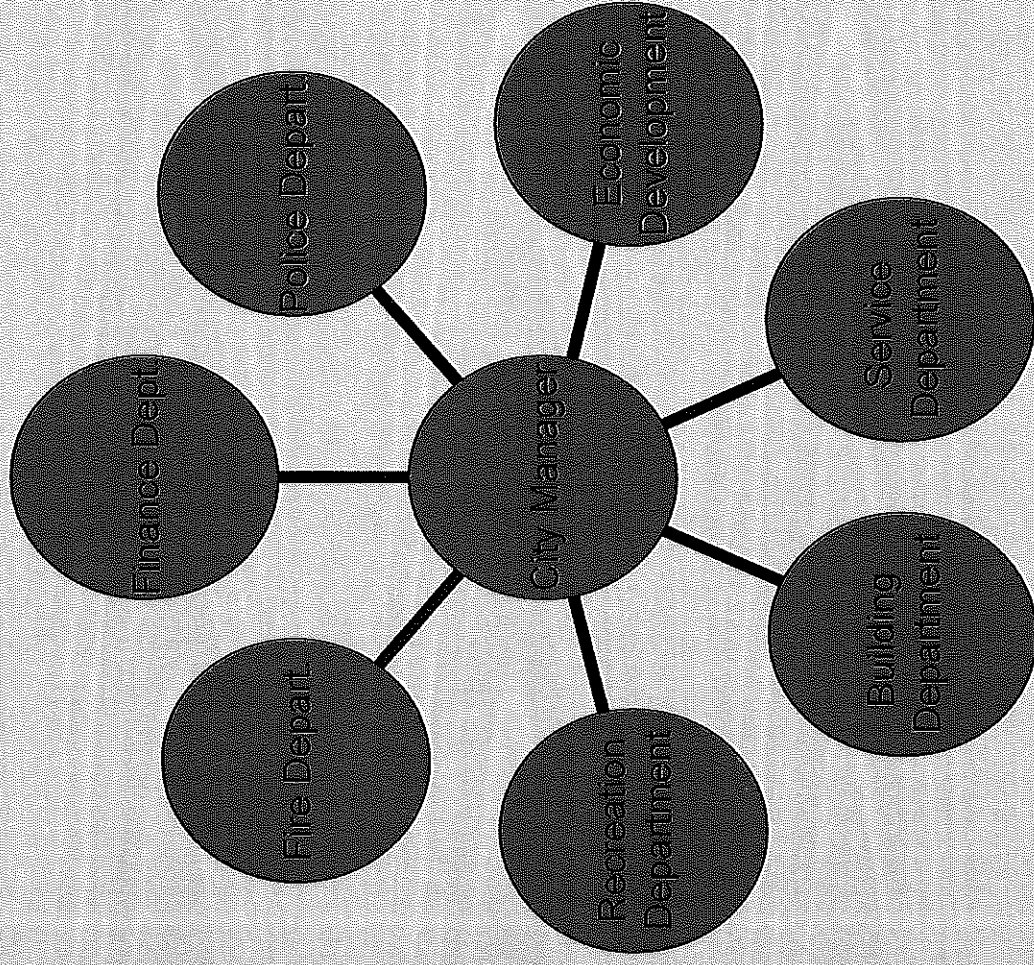
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PRESENTED BY: MAYOR STAN KOCCI &
CITY MANAGER MIKE MALLIS

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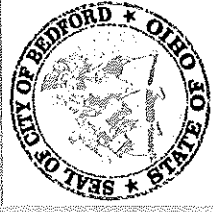
2023 YEAR END



- ❑ City concluded 2023 with over \$3 million in general fund cash balance
 - ❑ \$5.8 million reserve currently in place
- ❑ 2024 Budget will experience a loss.
 - ❑ Direct result of Bedford Hospital – UH responsible for over \$1 million dollars in income tax collections
 - ❑ Currently in litigation – stay granted is continued.
 - ❑ Medical Building will remain with Doctors, labs, etc..
 - ❑ Primary focus is to reestablish 24 hr. emergency room operations
- ❑ Administration will continue to review operations and staffing in order to operate as efficiently and effectively as possible



2024 NEWS AND INITIATIVES



- Tinkers Creek Commerce Park
- Fire Dept.:
 - Received \$1 million grant for new ladder truck
- Police Dept.:
 - Flock cameras installed
 - Body & Dash Cameras upgrades
- Parks & Recreation:
 - Facility upgrades
 - Programming
 - Grant awards – senior and CCDDD
- Infrastructure Improvements:
 - Union St. Bridge replacement 2025
 - Northfield Rd. Bridge upgrades 2024
 - Turney Road Resurfacing 2024
 - Greencroft Culvert replacement
 - \$500,000.00 - 2024
 - Storm & Sanitary Sewer Program
 - \$10,000 annually
 - Upcoming Opportunities
 - Community Groups

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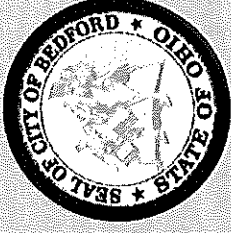


Grant Awards

- Received a \$250,000.00 for the Turney Road Resurfacing Project
- Through a 50/50 County grant, \$70,000.00 for crack sealing and striping
- \$150,000.00 for the purchase of police cruisers
- \$700,000.00 for the Bedford Commons Expansion Project
- \$50,000.00 for Historic District Improvements



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Maintaining our Neighborhoods

- The City of Bedford has partnered with the County Landbank to demolish blighted commercial and residential properties and to explore redevelopment opportunities.
- The number of vacant homes, which includes bank owned, and estate owned has continued to decline.
- Quality of life concerns such as traffic enforcement - speeding and parking citations on doubled between 2022 and 2023

XELLIA CLEVELAND



- ❑ Xellia Cleveland & Hikma continues to build the foundation for Xellia's future
- ❑ Committed to a future in Bedford (300+ FTE)



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Business Investment

- Lake Shore Electric – 100,000 sq. ft. facility
- Cleveland Tank & Supply – 50+ employees
- APEC Engineering remaining in Bedford



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Bedford's Partnership with The Auto Mile

- Collectively City's largest employer and has invested roughly \$40 million into Bedford with various dealer renovations and improvements over the last 9 years.
- Substantial donation to the security of Bedford.
 - ▣ Funding for cameras, K-9 and improvement to Commons.
- Honda of Bedford site update.

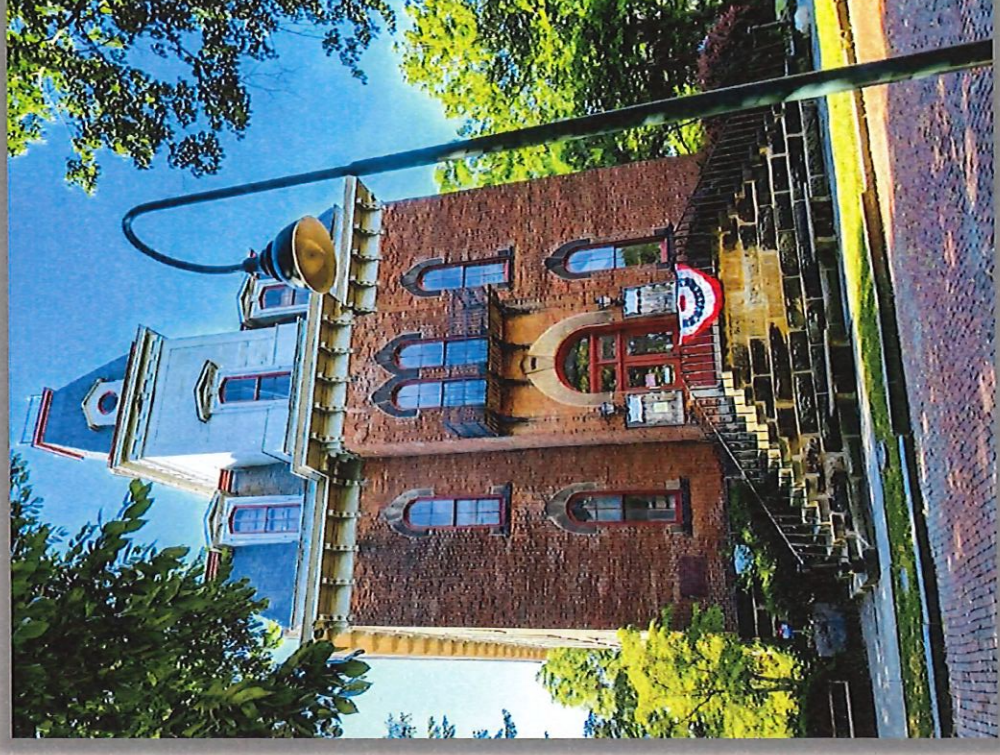


ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



2024 & Beyond

- Tinkers Creek Commerce Park
- CDSG award
 - ▣ Small business grants
- Partnership with County Landbank - residential lots
- NOACA TLCI Study recommendations; grant applications
- Taylor & Willis property developments; Cleveland Metroparks & Bedford Reservation master plan.



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TLCI Study Completion





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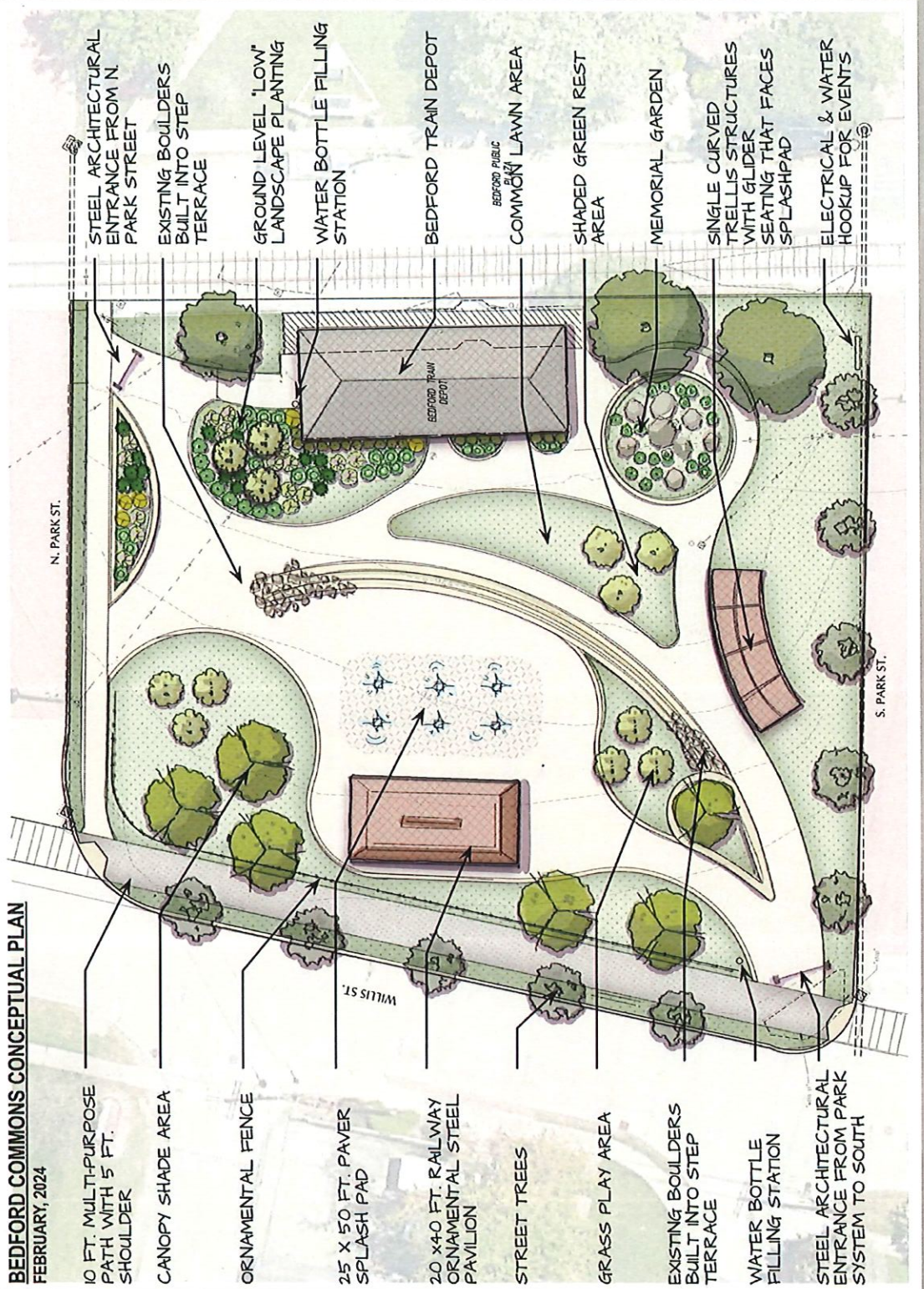




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BEDFORD COMMONS CONCEPTUAL PLAN

FEBRUARY, 2024



10 FT. MULTI-PURPOSE PATH WITH 5 FT. SHOULDER

CANOPY SHADE AREA

ORNAMENTAL FENCE

25 X 50 FT. PAVER SPLASH PAD

20 X 40 FT. RAILWAY ORNAMENTAL STEEL PAVILION

STREET TREES

GRASS PLAY AREA

EXISTING BOULDERS BUILT INTO STEP TERRACE

WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATION

STEEL ARCHITECTURAL ENTRANCE FROM PARK SYSTEM TO SOUTH

STEEL ARCHITECTURAL ENTRANCE FROM N PARK STREET

EXISTING BOULDERS BUILT INTO STEP TERRACE

GROUND LEVEL "LOW" LANDSCAPE PLANTING

WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATION

BEDFORD TRAIN DEPOT

BEDFORD PUBLIC COMMONS LAWN AREA

SHADED GREEN REST AREA

MEMORIAL GARDEN

SINGLE CURVED TRELLIS STRUCTURES WITH GLIDER SEATING THAT FACES SPLASHPAD

ELECTRICAL & WATER HOOKUP FOR EVENTS

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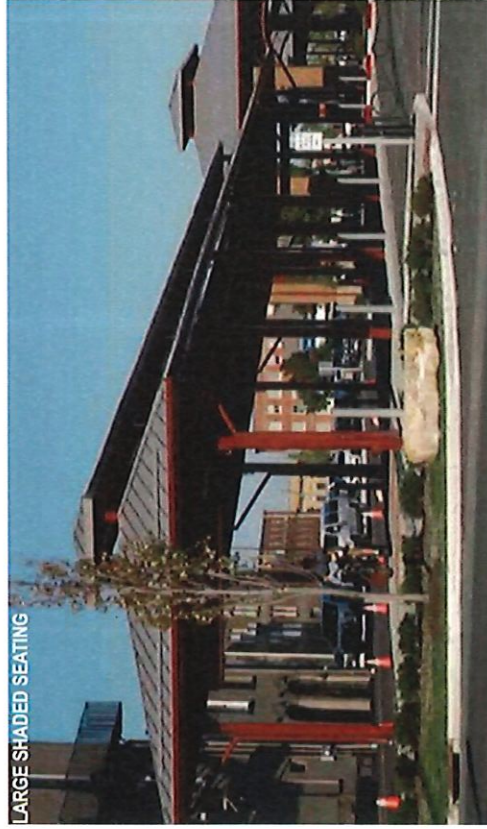
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BEDFORD COMMONS PRECEDENTS JANUARY, 2024



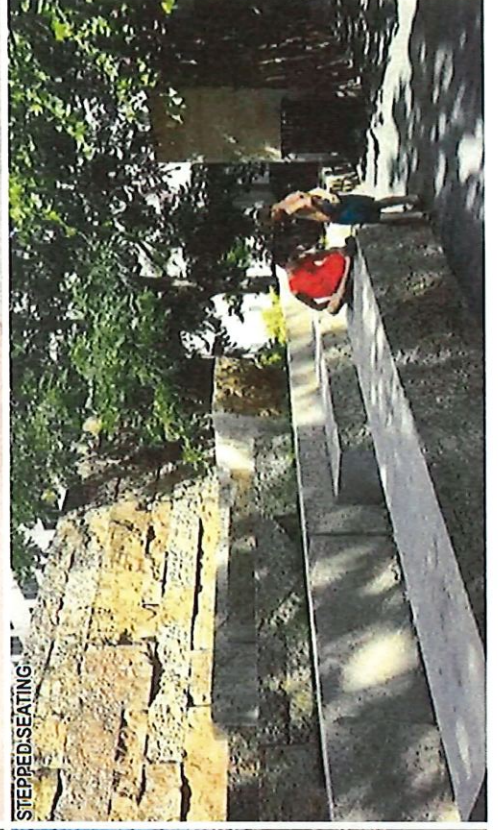
LARGE SHADED SEATING



CURVED TRELLIS GLIDER SEATING



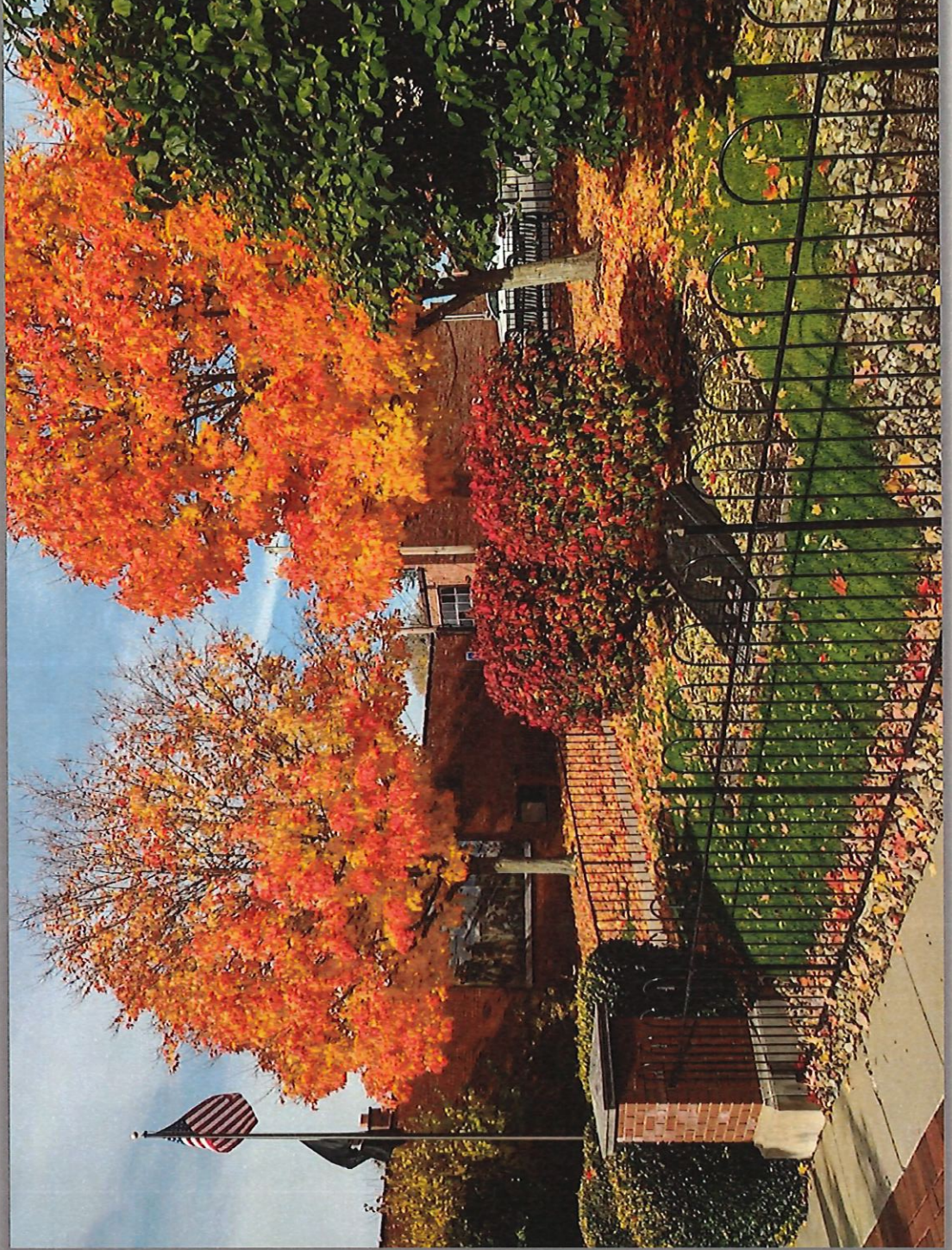
DECORATIVE SPLASH PAD



STEPPED SEATING



QUESTIONS / COMMENTS



Mayor Koci: Welcomed everyone to the Ward Meeting for Wards 2 and 5. They'll be saying a couple of words here in a minute, and I want to welcome and introduce our Council Members; they are Ward 2, Steve Salvi, and Ward 5, Jeff Asbury; in the audience from Council are Sandy Spinks and Tony Longino. And our clerk, Mrs. Simons, does all our behind the scenes work in the Council Office. After the Council Members for Wards 2 and 5 speak, City Manager Mallis will introduce the administration and give us a short presentation on what's happening around the city.

Councilman Salvi: Good evening! Thank you for taking the time to attend tonight. If you don't have my contact information yet, please take one of my city business cards before you go home.

1. I encourage everyone to attend Council Work Sessions, which usually begin at 5:30 pm, prior to regular 7:00 pm Council Meetings. Deliberations of ordinances and resolutions primarily occurred during the 90-minute Council Work Sessions prior to the 7:00 pm council meetings. Work sessions are open to the public, excluding executive sessions. Members of Council cast their votes generally without further debate during the 7:00 pm Council Meetings. Call or check the city website to verify the time of that day's work session since the time does vary on occasion.
2. During my first four months representing Ward 2 I have begun to address a varied number of issues that residents have brought to my attention. Examples include:
 - Storm tree damage on Briar Lane
 - inoperable tornado siren on Solon Rd.
 - poor street lighting on Lincoln
 - dog bite on Darlington
 - commercial vehicle hauling violations on Wenso Rd.
 - alleged squatter on McKinley
 - gunshots on Lincoln
 - speeding on Columbus Rd.
 - group home issue on Archer Rd.
 - parking issue on Welmon Street hill
 - loiters on Northfield Rd.
 - alleged drug use, speeding
 - trespassers, and wrong-way drivers on Darlington & Helper Dr.
 - illegal parading and parking on Taft Avenue
 - illegal public consumption of alcohol and after-hours trespassers at Taft Park, and more.
3. During the past four months I have had to vote on a number of Ordinances, Resolutions, and Motions to approve or deny zoning and planning commission decisions.
4. I spend a great deal of time doing research on these issues prior to Council Work Sessions. After reviewing the documents we're given on Friday evening, I prepare questions that are typically directed to either the City Manager, Finance Director, or Law Director so I can make the best-informed decision for Ward 2 residents prior to casting my vote.
5. Sometimes, I visit properties or the location of city infrastructure to be repaired in order to better understand the issue we will be asked to consider for approval. I may speak to nearby residents who may have additional information to share.
6. Most of the Ordinances we vote upon have to do with spending grant and tax revenues to repair or replace basic public infrastructure and to keep other city services functioning, such as police and fire departments. Like you, the city has felt the pinch of inflation as costs rise. One example is the dramatic increase in the city's insurance premium.
7. The City of Bedford faces some serious issues, financial and otherwise. I will let City Manager Mallis expound upon those as much as he is able due to the sensitive nature of discussions and

or litigation.

Issues specific to Ward 2

1. Taft Park

I grew up on Taft Avenue and spent many hours playing with neighborhood kids at Taft Park. Taft Park is in need of renovation. Required work includes renovation of the remaining baseball field, playground and playground equipment, and pavilion. I have also asked City Manager Mallis to add more detailed signage regarding park use prohibitions and police surveillance. The Bedford Police Department, local residents, and I are giving Taft Park additional attention and surveillance to deter after-hour misuse and abuse of the Park. I want mothers and fathers to be able to bring their children to the Playground and feel completely safe. The word is getting out that Taft Park is now a no-go zone for troublemakers.

2. Commercial Strip Centers on Northfield Rd.

A priority of mine is to improve the quality and cleanliness of the commercial strip centers on the east side of Northfield Road. The now closed Baye Market was a longtime eyesore inside and out. The strip center's asphalt parking lot has been unkempt, with weeds, trash, and debris a common sight. This property has been an embarrassment to the city and it is long past time to have the landlord and or tenants make the appropriate corrections. This is a problem that did not occur overnight. I will continue to request that the city administration does all it can legally do to make progress. I will also contact the property owner myself so I can understand their position and perhaps get their voluntary cooperation to make needed improvements.

3. Bedford High School Student Behavior

Several residents who live on Helper and Darlington near Bedford High School have reported incidents of trespassing, speeding, driving down the wrong way on a one-way street, littering, and drug use. The superintendent of schools has agreed to meet with me to discuss the problems. As soon as I obtain a copy of video evidence of some of the allegations, I will reschedule a meeting with the Superintendent.

4. Speeding, Traffic Signal and Sign Violations

The most common feedback I get from Ward 2 residents is the number of drivers who seemingly ignore speed limits, traffic signals, and ignore traffic signs. I have asked City Manager Mallis to increase BPD presence in Ward 2 to enforce these violations which often happen without an officer to see and ticket the violation. I myself have seen people running solid red lights dangerously too often at the intersection of Northfield and Columbus roads and at other intersections. Amazon trucks and Lawn Mowing Service trucks routinely park illegally in Ward 2 and elsewhere, including in front of fire hydrants. Speeders make it difficult for Columbus Road residents who live on the dip in the roadway from Archer Rd to Bartlett Rd to safely exit their driveways.

5. At last week's council meeting, a resident suggested I repeat the following point in my last Ward 2 report.

6. One hidden issue in Ward 2 and perhaps other areas of the city is the dilapidated condition of some apartment buildings and single-family homes. I became aware of this problem myself while walking Ward 2 and visiting residents. I was shocked by the conditions and obvious failure to do repairs. If the city does not have the legal authority to demand landlords make these repairs, I suggest these apartment residents organize and seek legal assistance from The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, 216-687-1900. Renters of single-family homes can do the same.

7. I am just highlighting a few issues I am working on tonight. It is not inclusive, and I am aware and working on others. I expect Ward 2 residents will speak about other issues during the public comment section of tonight's meeting. I will be happy to meet with you after the meeting to get your contact information so you can inform me about your specific concern.

My first priority is public safety. As I told residents last fall, I want you and your family to be safe in your home, safe walking down your street, and safe in your car. I believe you are now safer than you were when I was first sworn in on January 1st. Thanks to the cooperation I have received from the city administration. My challenging goal is to make Bedford the safest city in Cuyahoga County by making it the most difficult place for criminals to ply their illegal trades and have real consequences for their behavior.

Councilman Asbury: I've been a Council Member since April of 2021. As some of you know, we had to redraw our Ward boundaries in January 2023 because they were all out of whack. They've got to be within a certain percentage of the voting population to keep it under control. I lost a couple of streets to Ward 3 and a couple of Ward 1. I gained a big section of Ward 4 all down West Glendale to West Grace and West Glendale all the way down to Glendale. The whole area over on Palmetto is now Ward 5. I believe June, the Palmetto Tot Lot is going to be dedicated to Paula Mizsak, who was the Councilwoman for Ward 4 for a long time. It is part of Ward 5 now, but when she was here was part of Ward 4. So we're going to do a bench and a little plaque and a dedication in her memory this summer. Palmetto Street leading into Palmetto Woods from Daisy Ave. into Palmetto Woods is crumbling and we do have plans to fix that. We will be getting some quotes on that. We had to wait and see if the culvert was safe enough to actually repave the road, and it is in good condition. Turney Road, I'm sure you heard, is going to be resurfaced from Lee Road south all the way down to just past Button Road. So part of that Ward 5, part of it is Ward 4, traffic will be maintained for our safety forces heading from Broadway going to Lee Road South. That way they can get to where they need in a hurry, and they'll just have to detour on the way back. So plan ahead for that. That should be in June, slightly after school lets out. One of the things that happened is that Broadway Ave. got repaved last year. We had our TLCI study, and there are some posters up there if you want to take a look at them. We are looking at some looking traffic calming solutions for Broadway downtown. We are hoping to get a couple of traffic tables to slow them down a little bit. It might be a little noisy because it's a state route, and the semi's going over speed humps. If it helps and makes it safer, that's what we're going to do. Last year the electrical and sound systems all got upgraded on the square. The gazebo and the train station, both got new roofs. The train station was repainted, and the restrooms were completely modernized. Those were all funded through grants. Later this summer, we are going to go ahead with the Commons Expansion. There are some handouts here that you can take a look at. That'll show you a brief synopsis of what's going to happen on the Commons. I just want to let you know that I'm a part of the Bedford Facebook pages, and I'm sure some of you are, too. And complaining and making comments on there is great, right? It'll let you blow off a little steam. You'll get some people behind you. You talk back and forth and that's great. A lot of our council people are not on Facebook, so you need to contact them personally. I spend entirely too much time on Facebook, especially the Bedford pages, but I consider that part of my job. So if I see something going on, I'm going to throw some information out there if I can help you. If we get, like, a traffic accident or something like that, please avoid the area. The best way to get ahold of us is to contact us personally. If you see something safety-related, contact the police involved. They should be called first, then contact your council person. Because if you're trying to contact your council person and expecting them to call the police, we can do that. But then there's a time-lapse. So if there are any safety issues, always call the police first. Then you can call us and let us know what's going on. My phone number is (216) 401-7806. Our business cards are up here. My email is jasburyward5@bedfordoh.gov. I work a full-time job from 6:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. If you call, email, or text me early in the morning, I will generally get back to you at

lunchtime. If you call after lunchtime, I'll get back to you on my ride home at 2:30 p.m.. If you call after that, I'll call you whenever you want me to call. That's my promise to you. And thanks for showing up. Hope everybody had a great Mother's Day.

City Manager Mallis: At this time, City Manager Mallis presented a Mini State of the City presentation. (Presentation is attached)

Present from the Administration: Service Director Bellar, Fire Chief Nagy, Lieutenant Stask, Finance Director Howland, Assistant Recreation Director Pliske, Economic Development Director Kuzma, and Assistant Superintendent of the Service Department Francis.

Mayor Koci: Now it's the residents' turn to ask questions. We have all our department heads here. If you wish to ask a question or have a comment, just raise your hand.

Member of the Audience: Is there something happening with what used to be the Friends Restaurant on the corner of Northfield Rd. and Columbus St.? Every once in a while, it looks like a sign will go up, and then it gets covered.

Mayor Koci: The guy there wants to open up a carry-out for seafood, which would be a nice addition. Not hamburgers, not chicken, some seafood.

City Manager Mallis: He acquired it right before COVID and everything got put on pause during that process. But his intent is to open it up; he's pulled permits. It's just obvious it's taking some time.

Member of the Audience: I appreciate the improvement of Northfield Rd. and Solon Rd. it was really bad. But what about Solon Rd. all the way to Bedford Heights?

City Manager Mallis: So that's a County road. We met with Cuyahoga County officials at the end of last year. I believe it's one of the top three lowest-rated roads in Cuyahoga County. Bedford Heights paid a portion of theirs when they did their section. They put out a significant amount of money to do that. It was done with asphalt, and I totally understand that. That was obviously their choice. We believe that when we did Solon Road originally almost 20 years ago, it was concrete. It needs to be concrete because of the amount of trash haulers and trucks that utilize it. We can redo it with asphalt, but it's not going to hold up. I think that I've written a letter every year for the past ten years to the county stating that we need to address this roadway. We finally met with them at the end of last year, and we mapped out a plan. They said it wasn't in their immediate plans to put that on their resurfacing schedule, but they understood our concerns. We looked at a funding opportunity for this year, and it's called Issue Two Funds. They indicated tentatively that they were looking at applying on behalf of the city. We would have to put up a little bit of money because there's a cap on the grant. They notified us two weeks ago that they were not applying for that roadway. So, obviously, that spurred some frustration on our end and we have a meeting with county officials next week to figure out when that road is getting done. I personally do not believe the city should say, okay, you're not going to do it; it's a County road; we're going to pay for all. I think the county should be involved at some level. All we're looking for is a partnership to apply for funds to do so. Not to make it too complicated, but the grant that I mentioned was Issue Two Fund. It's open to all municipalities, as well as the county in Cuyahoga County. And there are certain criteria that they use to score. One of the criteria is the poverty level rates. If you're at whatever the numbers are, you get more points. We will never compete with the City of Cleveland or with Cuyahoga County. They're huge, and it's always been a critique of the suburbs and the smaller municipalities that we can't compete with the data. If you look at who gets awarded, the county usually gets four projects,

Cleveland gets two projects, and leaves 2 or 3 for the suburbs. So that's why we were asking the County to apply for us. It's a County loan, and we thought they were going to. They told us they weren't, but we're pushing that and it needs to get done. I completely agree with you. But I think it needs to get done with concrete because I don't think the asphalt will hold up.

Member of the Audience: On Broadway Ave. from Glendale to Columbus, what was the purpose of funneling traffic to one lane to get right back over to a turning lane?

Mayor Koci: That has to do with ODOT's traffic guidelines, which are set up this way.

City Manager Mallis: The city is responsible for 20% of projects. We challenged that and said, hey, we're not paying 20% because we had to maintain large sections of Broadway. The Service Department submitted all these records of the money we spent over the years, and they came back and said that they would settle for 15%, 15% on a \$4 million job 5% is a lot. One of the things is for them to contribute to remaining, we needed to follow ODOT traffic guidelines. I'm not disagreeing with you that it's a little odd. But what we didn't want to do is have a project design that doesn't follow ODOT standards; when we're pushing ODOT to pay 85%. Now, the only thing I will also add is we did recognize the traffic signal at West Grace wasn't programmed correctly. It was causing the backups during rush hour, in the early morning and, later in the day. That has since been corrected, and the flow is a little better.

Member of the Audience: People disregard the arrow and stay in the lane to get to the turning lane.

Member of the Audience: I wanted to add a plug-in for HAR Adhesive. You know, Dave was renting a good portion of that building. That company produces 85% of the country's glue. I had no idea that much glue comes out of their factory.

City Manager Mallis: Mr. Selino runs an outstanding business. When he was looking for a space, he didn't want to lose any space, and he needed to expand. It was a win-win for both Bedford and the business, allowing them to stay here and expand.

Member of the Audience: I have two concerns; my first concern is in the winter, going up the hill from Wenso down to Mainline Truck is gridlocked. The traffic can't get down it. I called Steve twice and took pictures. When there's a bad snowstorm, it's impassable. My second is that my neighbors park in the street 24/7. I had patio furniture delivered today and the box truck parked in front of my driveway, and all of these people coming both ways were angry at the box truck driver. My neighbors parked in the street every day, all night long. What is the maximum amount of time at night that you're allowed to be there?

Mayor Koci: You have to be off the street between 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Member of the Audience: They ignore that in the winter, too, when there's a snow band and don't care about the snow band, and they ignore that. So the cars are still on the street.

City Manager Mallis: Afterwards, if you just want to share an address or two we will look at that.

Member of the Audience: Somebody called the police today, probably somebody who had trouble getting through. He told me I should probably reschedule my delivery only for a time when my neighbors are not parked in the street. The patrolman told me that today, and that's why I'm here tonight.

Member of the Audience: What is the purpose of the parking ban between 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.? I was just wondering. Normally, when you have a parking ban, street services are provided, like street sweeping and things that, naturally, we are not getting that.

City Manager Mallis: The 24-hour parking ban is in place for weather issues, construction, or construction on an adjoining street. We had no parking on the street 24/7 because of traffic. We've never allowed for 24-hour overnight parking. I would say 99% of the homes in town have plenty of drive. We do not permit 24-hour overnight parking.

Member of the Audience: Your hours are 3:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.; normally, no one is in transit, and these services are not being provided. That's why I was wondering because I never see the street sweeper come out and sweep the streets.

Mr. Bellar: The whole city has been done once.

Member of the Audience: I'm just asking because I've been living in Bedford for the past ten years, and there have been times when a plow truck comes down the street, and the plow is slapping the ground. I'm just wondering what was the sole purpose of the parking ban. But that's not why I'm here. I'm here because I want to understand what is the, the limitations of inspectors you're trying to replace a fence or anything like that on your property? When is okay for the inspector to tell you that you can place a fence or do something on your property?

City Manager Mallis: There are certain Code Restrictions on fencing. I can go over all of that with you after the meeting and I can give you all of the information. But if it's a type of fence or height of fence, there are ordinances on the type of fence. Also, how far the fence has to come off of your property line. You can't go right up to the property line. There are other restrictions on corner properties. It has to be even more off. And that. So if certain designs are like that, we're not obligated to approve. It doesn't mean that it can't happen; there are certain steps that need to be taken. Let's say that you don't want to be five feet off of the sidewalk. You have the right to appeal it. We can't grant something if it is against what the ordinance says. But what you can do is we have a BZA Board. We have residents on that board. You can fill out an application. From there, you would then present to the board that I don't want to put up a six-foot fence; I want to put up a ten-foot.

Member of the Audience: I have a neighbor, and I feel like my neighbor is using the local PD. The inspector is fining me because he doesn't want me to put the fence up because it would separate our yards and cut his property off. I did all the proper things, getting a survey, paying \$1,500, and doing all of the proper steps. But he's more concerned about what my neighbor wants.

City Manager Mallis: If it follows the items in the ordinances.

Member of the Audience: He's continually denied me, and he's doing this based off of that he doesn't like my personality.

City Manager Mallis: If you give me your information after the meeting I will look into it in the morning.

Member of the Audience: Going back to the hill on Welmon St. is terrible. Is there any way to ban parking there completely?

Mayor Koci: I wondered that myself. There's a double yellow line there. If there's a double yellow line, it means you can't go over it. Legally, you're not allowed to cross that double yellow line. So there should be no parking, but that is something to check out.

Mr. Bellar: Those yellow lines are illegal, parking illegally.

Mayor Koci: We can take a look at them.

City Manager Mallis: We will look into it and have an internal discussion between the Police, Fire, and Service Departments. We will then provide a recommendation to the Council.

Member of the Audience: Is there anything about blowing grass clippings on the street?

Mayor Koci: It's illegal

Member of the Audience: Is there anything about paving Glendale Ave.?

City Manager Mallis: Glendale is near the top of our list of streets that we are aware of. What we've done over the last couple of years and I'm going to talk about Broadway Ave., that took up a couple a couple of years from our Road Funds. We budget annually about \$450,000.00 a year for road work. This year we were about to get the grant for Turney Road, but that project's going to be about \$600,000.00 to \$700,000.00 just for that road. Every year, the Service Department and the City Engineer go down every street, and they rank them, and we know that Glendale is near the top. I will say that one of the challenges that we are seeing is inflation. A year ago, for \$450,000.00, we could do three to four streets; now, what we are seeing is that we can barely have two streets done. Asphalt prices have skyrocketed. It won't be done this year and I don't want to make a promise in the future, but it is at the top of the list.

Member of the Audience: I have to complain because there's a lot of great news, and I like sharing that positivity from the City. But I have a huge complaint, and it's reinforced by the presentation tonight. Meadowbrook Plaza is so bad and it's unbelievable the shape that it's in. I was doing some research before tonight that the GetGo station closed when I was in high school. Now I own a home, and there's been nothing going on there.

City Manager Mallis: GetGo closed, and we have had a number of companies that wanted to buy it. A family owns it, and to this day, they are still collecting rent from Giant Eagle. I will tell you that we are in conversations, but we believe that a sale is going to take place, and it should close in a couple of weeks. We are awaiting renderings on a new use for that site. When we were presenting the Mazda project about three or four years ago, we said that it was going to be a challenge and I was dealing with the property owner for decades. It is going to take somebody to jump in the pool to be able to tell everybody that the water is not that cold. It took people like the Mazda Dealership and the dental company. I sat in a courtroom with the owner of Hudac Dental to challenge the owner of Meadowbrook, and it took people like that to get it done. The gentleman who bought the strip center brought in the BMV, the BMV, and the Title Bureau employees almost 100 employees. In the old Walmart building is a company that is doing a major distribution for the Midwest on fiber optics. I think that's why you're seeing someone interested in making a move on the GetGo property; I am going to build a Honda Supercenter on the corner of Bartlett and Rockside.

Member of the Audience: I love seeing the positive news. I was concerned when NTB closed. Is it going to sit vacant for 15 to 20 years? Those are the things that concern me the most.

City Manager Mallis: Those are valid points, and I think that Meadowbrook we've had a challenging time dealing with the former property. He has nearly liquidated the whole one side and when you have Mazda, JD Harpo, the BMV, and Hudac Dental that is not a surprise. The Top's building went through a tax foreclosure. The owner of the strip where Zak's is could not fill the end stores because if you look at the parcel map, you will find it's a Target footprint. That former owner said that you are not doing anything on my property unless you want to buy it. He has liquidated 90% of his parcels in Bedford. Amplify is up there and it is a medical marijuana dispensary. When Amplify first came out, we looked at our zoning, and we were only going to permit that in our Mixed-Use District, which was not allowed. That used to be zoned retail and we know that retail was not going to work. We had private consultants put together a Mixed-Use District, we zoned all that Mixed-Use District. It would allow for a new auto and a distribution center, which would allow for medical marijuana. That business there, the tax and revenue that we received is probably equivalent to a 30 to 50-employee business.

Mayor Koci: That is private property, so we are limited to what we can do. We have to play by the rules.

Mrs. Kuzma: The last piece that he owns, he's not looking to sell. He's looking to land lease, and it's really hard to find someone to want to build on piece of property that they are not going to own.

Member of the Audience: Where Chanel used to be what is that going to be?

Mayor Koci: The Bedford Schools bought that and they are going to put a school there.

Member of the Audience: Do we still have K-9? Does it always have to be that someone has to call in and ask about the grass in the street? He said that's against the law. And then also if an officer is driving down the street, and he sees all the grass in the street does he have the right to stop and ask the homeowner, you know, this is a violation. Could you please have somebody clean it up? We always hear complaints about the garbage cans being out from Tuesday to Monday. I have seen officers pull out, and there's the garbage cans sitting there, and they keep right on going. Does somebody always have to call, or if an officer sees a violation, can he stop and say, that's just a warning?

Lieutenant Stask: If an officer is on patrol and they observe something they can take action on it.

Member of the Audience: Like leaving cars parked overnight?

Lieutenant Stask: People can call in and request permission to park on the street. There may be a car parked on the street that called and requested parking permission, and there may be cars on another street that didn't, and those cars will be cited.

Member of the Audience: So the officer can take the initiative without a call?

Lieutenant Stask: Yes

City Manager Mallis: It would depend on maybe what a violation is? There are some that are cited through the Building Department, and they are not necessarily criminally cited through the Police Department. It's not necessarily an officer driving by ignoring that; they may notify the Building Department wanting to know if a contractor is registered. If it's the cans, the Service Department is sticking a fluorescent orange tag on it stating that this is the ordinance that they need to take their cans in. Then, if they aren't moved, the Service Department notifies the Police Department. Then we will go ahead and deal with the citation. That's our process right now.

Lieutenant Stask: Regarding the grass clippings complaint, it may very well be the resident, but many times, we are dealing with the landscapers. So we have to track down who the landscaper is and then contact them.

Member of the Audience: As long as they take the initiative that's the main thing.

Mayor Koci: They issue hundreds of tickets for the parking.

Member of the Audience: Something related to something that might be in violation of an ordinance. There are a lot of things that the city communicates through the monthly newsletter that comes out with the water bill, on the website. As we're hitting the summer months why not put it in the monthly newsletter for the next month about homeowners are responsible for your landscaping properties and that the property owners are responsible for the landscaping service, and that it is a violation to blow that grass into the street. People aren't aware of the ordinances and that there can be an exception for a special request to parking in the street overnight. There are lots of things that the residential population is not aware of, so it might be a mechanism to communicate that sort of thing.

City Manager Mallis: We'll looking at adding it, and we've done things in the water bill. The one thing that we did last year was distribute to every mailing address in the City of Good Neighbor Day. In there, you have all of those quality-of-life issues. We can look at doing that again, but we can absolutely look at that additional information.

Mayor Koci: It gets mentioned in Council Meetings too.

Member of the Audience: How many people really tune in or attend the Council Meetings? It's a very small percentage of the population. The water bill seems like a good way to do it because it's sent out monthly and highlights it.

Mr. Bellar: Many people doing it with the grass don't get the water bill. Tenants don't get the water bill; property owners do.

Member of the Audience: That's why I'm saying it's a challenge because it is a mix of residents and property owners as well.

Member of the Audience: The one thing that I did notice is that the new cul-da-sac development is a very small cul-da-sac, and occasionally, there is overnight parking, which is not permitted in such a small space. The Amazon and the Kimble trucks have a hard time maneuvering when there is a car there. There's no signage or some type of enforcement, but that is something that I have noticed.

City Manager Mallis: We'll talk about that when we talk about Walmart.

Member of the Audience: What number do we call if we see cars parked overnight?

Mayor Koci: Call the Police at (440)232-1234.

Member of the Audience: Throughout the winter, it's kind of frustrating when people don't follow the snow ban, ignore it, or are not aware of it. Maybe even in the newsletter, put a friendly reminder to the residents about it. You feel really bad for the plow trucks when there are two inches or more of snow on the ground, and they are coming down the hill, and there is a car parked on the street

Mayor Koci: I believe that when they are plowing, when they see something, they call it in.

Mr. Bellar: They get called in, but usually, if it's snowing really bad, the Police Department is busy with accidents, and so the parked cars take a backseat to everything else.

Member of the Audience: Was there ever a traffic study done on Solon Rd.?

City Manager Mallis: I haven't, but I can look. Mr. Bellar, do you recall?

Member of the Audience: I think we did one on Northfield Rd. years ago.

City Manager Mallis: I remember doing one on West Grace, West Glendale, and Broadway years ago with the whole quiet zone discussion. I will look into it.

Member of the Audience: With the garbage trucks we do have a lot of traffic that goes down Solon Rd. at any given time, even in the middle of the night. We live on Welmon, and we can hear it.

City Manager Mallis: We are frustrated by that when they told us that they weren't going to apply, but they did share that they didn't finalize their upcoming Road Program and what it's going to entail. I have a meeting with them, I believe, next week.

Member of the Audience: Glad that the corner of Northfield and Solon got fixed.

Mayor Koci: The City took that on ourselves even though that's state property.

City Manager Mallis: We did the whole curb lane by Xellia, did the whole lane of the road and the waterline. Our Engineers, Service Department, and Finance Department pulled all of those costs that we put out over the years, and that is what we use to negotiate a lower percentage for Broadway. But when it comes time to do Northfield Rd., if it is \$5 million, we can negotiate 5% less, or maybe 10% less. That's hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Member of the Audience: I read a lot of backlash about grass-cutting. How high should it be?

Mayor Koci: Our housing inspector is out doing inspections.

City Manager Mallis: Our staff have been out, and I will tell you that this time of year, we're aggressive with it. We send notices to properties with zero water usage. That usually hits the bank if a family is a deceased family or if it's vacant. We get them that information in March. That counts as that they've been notified. Our process then is if we go out there and it's still high, we take a picture of it, and then we cut it, then the property is assessed \$200.00. We do not want to be in the grass-cutting business.

Member of the Audience: It's embarrassing.

City Manager Mallis: I direct the staff and the Building Department as far as making sure we're on top of the grass. Last week I think we sent out like 300 notices. We have a dedicated staff member in the Service Department who maintains all of our city-owned properties. But he's also getting the notice from the Building Department. He will go out and take a picture. We have to have the notice to legally assess; we take a photo because every year, I will deal with five individuals who call and complain.

Councilman Salvi: Can you also talk about people who then cut the front yard, but they don't cut the back yard?

City Manager Mallis: Gaining access to the property can be a challenge. At one home, we did have to go out with assistance from the Police Department to take care of the back grass; it was more so because it was a public nuisance in that case.

Member of the Audience: Trees that are on the tree lawn who is responsible for them? Is that the city's responsibility?

Mr. Bellar: Usually, if it's on the tree lawn, it's the City's responsibility.

Mayor Koci: We have an arborist who works in the Service Department.

Member of the Audience: Regarding the construction that will take place around the parking lot. Many years ago, Hezekiah and Clarissa Dunning donated that whole city to be used for public use in perpetuity. I think Hezekiah and Clarissa would be very pleased.

Member of the Audience: Going back to tree lawns, what about people that cut the front lawn but not the tree lawn. Is that the responsibility of the homeowner?

Mayor Koci: The homeowner. Years ago, the fine was \$25.00, and then we upped it to \$200.00, not that we want to collect it; we want to get action. It's just a compliance or a gentle nudge.

Member of the audience: I've lived in the city since 1989, and I've watched businesses grow really fast and come in kind of slow. Is there someone designated to bring businesses into the City?

City Manager Mallis: It's my job, and it's Mrs. Kuzma's job. If you talk about why a business left, sometimes you look at what those circumstances might be. Tops sat vacant for ten years, and Giant Eagle signed a lease with Tops. Walmart announces that they're going to build a Walmart, but Giant Eagle doesn't want to go there. Giant Eagle, that gentleman prime rent for almost a decade, and then it went into tax foreclosure. Just like GetGo, there were businesses in town and out of town that wanted that corner property, but they did not want to break that lease. We want to see development from a family who's collecting rent from a corporation like Giant Eagle, the best tenant you can have. That's the challenge where we get frustrated.

Member of the Audience: Is the Giant Eagle on Solon Rd. going to close?

City Manager Mallis: No, we've not been made aware of that.

Member of the Audience: They just don't have food.

Member of the Audience: When we were talking about the tree lawn and whose responsibility it is, I'm talking about the city trees that have sprouts on the bottom of the tree.

Mr. Bellar: Call it in and report it.

Member of the Audience: Some of our trees are old and dying branches or falling off, and the people that live in those homes, for some reason, don't clean up the sidewalk no matter what.

Mayor Koci: We have people out there picking up trash that care about the city, and it's terrific to see people doing that.

Member of the Audience: I just wanted to get your opinion as to what you know. Something broke in September and again in December, and I was going to my neighbor if it was not resolved by the end of the week. What is there to consider your suggestions as to what they are supposed to do because it hasn't been resolved in the last five months?

City Manager Mallis: I don't think that we are going to get to that point. The intent is to make sure that's fixed once and for all. But if not, I will reach out to you. I think us as well as the Law Director discuss Civil Action in that regard. We're advocating for the two of you, I assure you that.

Member of the Audience: Two visibility requests for the Service Department for driver safety. At the top end of Archer Rd. near Columbus, when you turn right, there are bushes hanging down.

Mr. Bellar: Are they bushes in someone's yard?

Member of the Audience: It's a sloped yard. It comes down from Archer, but the bushes come down at an angle.

Mr. Bellar: That would have to be something the Building Department would have to cite them on, so I'll pass it along.

Member of the Audience: Then down at Solon Rd. turning left it's all cleared out but by the guardrail.

Member of the Audience: When you guys replace the sidewalks, what do you guys do with the slate? And could I have it?

Mr. Bellar: The contractor usually takes it.

Member of the Audience: Is there any likelihood that the residential sidewalk program is going to get reinstated?

City Manager Mallis: We've been doing walks on some streets where we do the resurfacing. Last year all the funds and the walks went for Broadway. The city was required to replace every single sidewalk entry as well as the ADA pieces. I think that was when we had \$50,000.00 a year for the sidewalk, and in that portion of the block on Broadway, there were 207 of them. We didn't think we should have had to replace them, but because we did a number of years back, ODOT required us to because they made a slight change in the design. When ODOT does the resurfacing it is only curb to curb. We've utilized and done some walks as best as we could. It hasn't been reinstated, but we're doing it typically on roads that we're getting resurfaced we're trying to tackle it that way.

Member of the Audience: What if there's one that's a senior residential safety issue and concern because it's picked up so much from damage? Do we let the city know?

City Manager Mallis: Let me know of the location.

Member of the Audience: I know that typically there's been we're still in negotiations with UH, but it's really disappointing and frustrating to see UH announcing new health care centers and urgent care centers in Solon or in this city or that city going all around us. Because there's nothing that we're hearing about Bedford. And I understand it's negotiation stuff, but is there any kind of update that can be provided?