



WORK SESSION MEETING

BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL

DATE: JULY 1, 2024

MINUTES

STATE OF OHIO

COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

TIME: 5:00 PM

165 CENTER ROAD BEDFORD, OH 44146

Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, July 1, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Stanley Koci, Sandy Spinks, Steve Salvi, Victor Fluharty, Frank Smith, Jeff Asbury, and Tony Longino. Absent: None.

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

• **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA**

Council did not have any corrections to the minutes of the Work Sessions or Regular Meetings of June 3, 2024.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2616-24: Accepting the Tax Budget for the year January 1, 2025: Mrs. Howland: This is to set the rates for 2025 collections, and it can be placed on the third and final reading this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

Motions to reappoint James Judd to the Assessment Equalization Board.

Resolution No. 2619-24: Greencroft Culvert Replacement: Mrs. Howland: This is so that the City can reimburse itself for the Greencroft Rd. Culvert Replacement Project.

Ordinance No. 034-24: Amending Ordinance No. 081-23: Mrs. Howland: This is for appropriations for this year. *(See the memo attached for what funds are being reappropriated)*

Ordinance No. 035-24: LPA Agreement: City Manager Mallis: The state needs approval from the City for the Union St. Bridge. The only thing that may come into play is the sandstone, and the City will have to pay for anything over a certain amount.

Ordinance No. 036-24: Landbank: City Manager Mallis: The City is gifting 65 Talbot to the Landbank. The City took ownership of it, and now the Landbank would like to build a new home on the property. The former County Treasurer knows of a new company that is looking to move into Northeast Ohio. This ordinance will transfer ownership to the Landbank.

Ordinance No. 037-24: Contract with Traffic Logix: City Manager Mallis: This is part of Omnia Purchasing. The City of Cleveland did a pilot study, and we did not budget for this. We sold some equipment to Bedford Heights for \$50,000.00, and we are looking to utilize that money. We are going to target one street in each ward. This is for the purchase of six (6) speed tables.

Ordinance No. 038-24: Contract with Campo: City Manager Mallis: We looked at some capital improvements, and the city received a grant of \$150,000.00 from the county, which needs to be spent by September. Campo's price is \$72,500.00, whereas JBL was cheaper, but they did not provide any references to the City, and we recommend going with Campo for the project.

Ordinance No. 039-24: TIRC: Mrs. Howland: this needs to be updated, and the county goes over CRA agreements, and the City Council can either accept or deny the TIRC recommendations regarding each agreement.

Ordinance No. 040-24: Contract with Business Network Team: City Manager Mallis: This will be attached to the County grant, and our plan is to install security cameras at the Commons, Ellenwood Recreation Center on the second floor, the pavilion, and that pathway that goes is behind City Hall. This will free up the money that was donated from the Auto Mile. In August or September, we will be coming back to Council to what the City will do with the money donated from the Auto Mile.

• **DISCUSSION OF NO FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVE STUDY**

City Manager Mallis: At the end of May, we submitted the NFA study to the OEPA. The study checks every box technically and legally. We have the EPA's assistance in discussions with other communities regarding the median household income and age. We need a partner to help identify the secondary treatment capacities at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The next step would be in mid-August. We do need to make improvements, and the EPA wants very minimal INI. in order for the City to do the improvements, we would have to fund it somehow.

• **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

• **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

LAND ACQUISITION

HIKMA

• **LITIGATION:**

17500 ROCKSIDE ROAD

UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS

MOTION:	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Victor Fluharty to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:23 P.M. to discuss Economic Development: Land Acquisition and Hikma and Litigation: 17500 Rockside Road and University Hospitals.
MOVER:	Sandy Spinks

SECONDER: Victor Fluharty
RESULT: Pass [7 TO 0]
YEAS: Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Longino

MOTION: Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Tony Longino to adjourn out of Executive Session at 7:00 P.M.
MOVER: Victory Fluharty
SECONDER: Tony Longino
RESULT: Pass [7 TO 0]
YEAS: Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Longino

The Work Session Meeting adjourned at 7:01 P.M.


Clerk of Council


Mayor-President of Council

Date: August 12, 2024



REGULAR MEETING

BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL

DATE: JULY 01, 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 Monday, July 1, 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 June 3, 2024

MOTION:	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Victor Fluharty to approve the minutes of the Work Session of June 3, 2024.
MOVER:	Sandy Spinks
SECONDER:	Victor Fluharty
RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, and Longino

b Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 3, 2024

MOTION:	Motion made by Smith and seconded by Tony Longino to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 3, 2024.
MOVER:	Frank Smith
SECONDER:	Tony Longino
RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, and Longino

5. PRESENTATIONS

At this time the swearing ceremony of Leonard Fechner, Joseph Hawthorne, and Lucas Kozar.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. REPORTS

- a. City Manager: First, I want to remind everyone that the contractor was given notice to proceed with the Turney Road Resurfacing Project on July 8th. The signage should be going up this week. That roadway is going to be a one-way street that will be open going south to Lee Road. The other lane will be redirected down the road to Rockside.

That project should be completed between 60 and 90 days. Obviously, we want to get that moving as quickly as possible while school is still out. Our July 4th parade is scheduled for Thursday, July 4th, at 10 a.m., and it will start on Columbus St. The Parks and Recreation Department has a movie night scheduled for July 12th down on the Bedford Commons. I want to remind residents of an opportunity that is being made available to children in Bedford with the Cleveland Guardians. We are partnering with them, which is actually being presented by Union Home Mortgage. The Guardians are putting on a summer baseball and softball camp for the children. These camps cost about \$425 per person to participate. We were able to get a donation for each camper for \$405. So, for children in Bedford who want to participate in the camp, it will start on July 29th and go till August 2nd at Ellenwood. It'll cost the children in Bedford \$20. There are still some spots remaining, so if you're interested, contact the Parks and Recreation Department directly. I also wanted to share that Cuyahoga County is going to be rolling out a new Code Red Alert System. In the past, we utilized this service if there were road closures, emergency notifications, or public meetings. The new service is expected to come out in September. With the new features, you will have the ability to request alerts from the National Weather Service. It will also provide the City the ability to really break down our notification radius. This new system will allow us to really narrow down who we can send notifications to. The one thing I will say is it does not matter if you were previously registered; you're going to have to re-register. We'll have information coming out as we get closer on how to do that. But I just wanted to start making that announcement now. Once that gets updated, hopefully we'll be able to utilize it more and be more efficient in doing so. We made some changes in our admissions policy at the Municipal Pool. In the past, we did allow residents to bring guests. We've limited that a little bit. Those that are season pass holders have the ability to bring a guest, and that is basically on a 1 to 1 basis. We want to make sure that we can operate that facility as efficiently and as safely as possible. We have 30-plus staff members at the pool, along with the director and assistant director. They've done a tremendous job operating it, and things are going very, very well. But we did make changes to limit the capacity, and we don't want to be in a position where we're turning away our residents because we have a high number of guests. A number of other municipalities are doing something similar. Lakewood and Parma Heights have gone through something similar. We've been discussing it for a few weeks, and it was rolled out last week. Lastly, we are looking to roll out a storefront grant program for the businesses in the Historic District. The city was awarded funding through the county to make that available to both business and property owners along Broadway in the Historic District for various improvements, for signage, storefront windows, and lighting. Information will be going out in the next two weeks to all of those property owners and business owners downtown.

- b. Law Director Montello: Congratulations to the new officers. Robin in our Building Department is retiring, and I just wanted to wish everyone a Happy 4th of July.
- c. Finance Director Howland: Congratulations to the new officers. I also wanted to wish everyone a happy and safe Independence Day. I want to remind everyone that the

Rotary Ribfest will be held downtown in the square from July 19th to the 21st.

d. Council Reports

Councilman Longino: Congratulations to the new officers. I used to be a member of the Civil Service Commission, and that was my first taste of working for the City of Bedford. I am a retired police officer with the City of Solon. I'm presently a police officer in Beachwood City Schools. So, it always warms my heart to see new officers. The Juneteenth festival we had at the high school was great. I was part of the committee for the 5K Freedom Run. We had 75 people come out, and it was pretty good for the first time, so we'll promote it more next time. Since our last meeting, a couple of residents got in contact with me; one stated they never see police officers, and then one had a problem with seeing them; where they saw two men. First of all, as I told them, I wasn't there, and two, you don't know what the situation is. So, to say that there were too many police officers there, how did you know? You don't know what the scenario was. So, to say that you never see police officers unless you sit in the front of your house 24/7. It's pretty hard to do because you have to sleep sometime, even if you don't work. So believe me, police officers are out there while you're sleeping. I want to go on the record to say that the Bedford Police Department does a great job.

Councilwoman Spinks: Welcome to our new officers. That's always a good thing to see and a fun part of the job. The Bedford Historical Society will have the Speaker Series on July 12th at 7:00 p.m. The speaker series is about "Movies in the Vault," so that's always very interesting. Yesterday, Mayor Koci, Councilman Longino, and I attended the book launch for one of my little buddies, Romeo. The young man's book is "Dream It, Then Build It." He was signing autographs, and the mayor got some pictures of him. He will be in fourth grade in the fall, and he's loves to read and loves math. He likes to build things, and his favorite sports are soccer and tennis. We've got so many amazing young people in our school district, from elementary to high school. We have several accomplished artists. We promoted him at the Strawberry Festival, which was very successful this year. I'm still waiting on numbers, but we were very, very pleased with the turnout, which was amazing. Mike, the trash on Rockside Rd., and I know that we did have some guys out a couple of weeks ago, but it is this morning, it was atrocious. I don't try to track all that because it's just too dangerous for me to get out and try to do it. It's pretty much all the way down Rockside from Broadway Ave. to Northfield Rd. On the agenda tonight, we will be talking about the Greencroft Road Culvert Replacement, and I want to touch base on it, and that Mike will go into a little bit more detail about it later on this evening. I want to let residents know when that happens that, the traffic will be rerouted. Right now, there is a barrier up, but once the signage is done for local traffic only and once the project is done, the barrier will go back up. We will also be talking about speed tables this evening. Everybody knows for years and years, I have been brining information back about speed table when attending the NLC City Summit. Kudos to City Manager Mallis and Chief Stemple for getting it done. We're going to start out with a small amount, but it's a start. They are writing tickets left and right. In a perfect world, we would have police officers just for traffic, and hopefully, one day, we will have that. When you see something, call it in. The next thing that I would like to talk about is fireworks. Several people have no respect for their neighbors or for people

who have pets. People think it just affects dogs and the elderly, but it also affects cats as well. They will start it at 10:30 at night, and people who have police scanners will hear them, and then the police don't see it, but the guys are out there. I did some calling myself this weekend, but please, if you see it and it's happening, you've got to call the police first, and then you can call me or your council person after calling the police. It seems like the more ordinances we write, the more they try to break them. I've always tried to go talk to the people first and say, listen, you know, we have elderly people, and sometimes people don't want to be nice. I hope everybody has a very safe and Happy 4th of July, and I hope to see everyone at the parade.

Councilman Salvi: Over the past month, I visited residents in the ward and responded to a variety of constituent concerns, where residents are encouraged to report quality of life issues they observe. My home phone number is (440) 232-8964. Please speak slowly and clearly, leaving your name, address, and phone number. Anyone interested in community volunteer opportunities may call me as well. If your call is not returned within 24 hours, please call me back. Loitering. I'm happy to report that the loitering around the businesses and parking lots on the east side of Northfield and Columbus roads has improved with the help of the Bedford Police Department. I monitor the area daily and call, the Bedford Police Department if I see suspicious, suspicious activity around this area, as should other residents. I appreciate the system, the assistance of the city manager and the BPD, and bringing about the substantial improvement in the quality of life for residents in the neighborhood. Taft Park Since last month's council meeting, I have continued daily monitoring of the park in an effort to reduce illegal activity at the park, with the overall goal of ending it, if possible, with the help of the city administration. Both security light poles are now working, which has greatly increased the visibility at night. Hopefully, the tourists will come after our visitors seeking a dark and secluded parking lot. I've made a number of calls to the BPD this past month to respond to people who have continued to disregard the closing time signage at all hours of the night. One example is an individual from Euclid I found pulling into Taft Park at 11:30 p.m. at night. That person had a warrant in another community and was arrested by the BPD. The recent dry spell temporarily reduced high grass issues, as well as people mowing grass clippings into the street. What residents have noticed is that many streets now have grass and weeds growing out of cracks in the streets along curb lines. Residents would appreciate it if the issue would be addressed with maintenance before the problem gets worse. No resident's peace of mind and quality of life should be stolen by absentee landlords who rent their properties to problem tenants who make the lives of other law-abiding residents miserable and fearful. One longtime resident recently told me that a rental next door made their life and other families on the street a nightmare, as the tenant's family had allegedly stolen items from neighbors. Neighbors routinely trespass and cause property damage to their homes. It was also stressful to have police at the rental address day and night to do the police. Due to police looking for the tenants, the city needs to utilize every legal tool available to help residents who find themselves in this situation and hold criminal tenants and their landlords accountable for destabilizing streets and neighborhoods. With the large number of rental properties in Bedford is unfair that longtime residents have to deal with the problems that absentee landlords create. If there is no reasonable

current legal remedy, then we need to pass a resolution seeking the help of state and federal legislators to provide a statutory solution for local government's property maintenance. A related problem with many rental properties is home furnishings left outside the rental for long periods of time without being disposed of. I had one resident recently indicate that an old, large TV cabinet had been sitting in a neighborhood dry for over one year. Residents are encouraged to notify the city so it can enforce city ordinances that are being violated. I reported this resident's concern, and I appreciate the quick response from the city manager mailers and the building department. Illegal parking by delivery vehicles in Bedford. To my knowledge, all delivery vehicles from those driven by Amazon subcontractors to the US Post Office are not exempt from obeying the same traffic laws as our average resident. You can observe private delivery services, parking in front of fire hydrants, and no parking signs or stop signs at intersections on almost a daily basis. On some occasions, the trucks have blocked traffic or created hazards to other drivers on more heavily trafficked streets. These drivers have the ability to do their jobs and obey our parking laws. They choose not to, and I believe they should be ticketed, just as any resident would. Mr. McKinley asked me to acknowledge the Animal Warden for his help in removing a number of groundhogs from his property and doing so in a very professional manner. The city has many professional and conscientious workers who care about Bedford residents and the city, and your work is appreciated, too. In conclusion, I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable 4th of July holiday.

Councilman Fluharty: I, too, would like to congratulate the three officers for coming onto the Bedford Police Force. I know that Councilwoman Spinks was just talking about the fireworks, but I have a problem with 13 and 14-year-olds in the middle of the street shooting off these big, huge bombs. Kids should not be playing with fireworks. If anybody reports them, I hope they come out and do something about the kid. We don't need kids doing this stuff because we're going to get hurt or set somebody's house on fire, and that's all it's going to take. Then we're all in trouble after that, and I don't want to see that. It's getting worse every year. Since the pandemic, they've been letting them do this way more, and I think we shouldn't be allowing people to do this stuff; it's a problem all over the city. I've called a couple of times already, and I don't know what the answer is, but I don't want to see it come down on somebody's house catching on fire or something. Then whose fault is it? Us. And then that's not going to be a good thing. I know that the police have a lot to do, but they have to try and be more visible. We have two RTA buses that travel back and forth on the Northfield Road bridge, one from Akron and one from Cleveland, going 25 to 35 miles an hour. They need to slow down; those are narrow lanes on the bridge. I don't know if you can contact RTA and tell them to slow down on that bridge, or do we radar them, because there's not much room. Hope to see everyone at the 4th of July parade.

Mayor Koci: Ohio came out and said that you can have fireworks, but they left it to the local cities to enact ordinances. We did prohibit fireworks in the City of Bedford. So they're illegal, there's no question about it. And they seem to be getting worse. People are getting bolder because all the states are letting us do it.

Councilman Smith: Congratulations to the three new officers. I hope that everyone has a safe and Happy 4th of July. Today, I received an email from Miss Layla Allen, who has a nonprofit organization called "Missing Link." It is also called "Hope," it is a youth mental health awareness program. For the past three years, she's been doing this program in Cleveland. But on August 2nd and 3rd, she's going to be doing a program here in Bedford at Messiah International Church, located at 9898 Center Road.

Councilman Fluharty mentioned the pandemic, and I think that it had a great effect on our youth. This is a great opportunity for youth to talk to someone about mental health. This is a disease, and it's not often recognized, diagnosed, or even treated in our youth. Her website is <http://flipcause.com>. If you know of any youth who have some problems or need to sit down and talk to someone who is versed in mental health, this would be a great opportunity for them here in Bedford.

Councilman Asbury: I want to let everybody know that the chipper service is this week for the month of July. The next week for the chipper service is August 5th, so make sure you call the Service Department and get on their list. The movie on the Square is Friday, July 12th at 8:30 p.m. There are pre-show activities for the kids starting at 6:30 pm., and the movie is "Trolls Band Together." On Wednesday, July 10th is the continuation of our summer concert series starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Square. There will be a junior jazz flutist, so come on down on Wednesday, July 10th at seven. Then on Wednesday, July 24th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The individual Tweed will be performing Irish folk and contemporary music. Congratulations to our new officers. Hopefully, you'll have a long, healthy, and safe career here in Bedford. Join us Thursday at 10:00 a.m. for the Independence Day parade. We took our grandkids to Garrettsville for their big parade yesterday, and my brother-in-law lives right on the main route. And we saw a little toddler, maybe two and a half, three years old, who decided to run into the street to chase a piece of candy. He came very, very close to getting hit by one of the vehicles in the parade. So please keep your kids on the tree lawn. Everybody that's throwing candy is going to try and get it to the tree lawn. If it doesn't quite make it, let it go. There's going to be tons and tons of candy. Let that one that's in the street let it go. I mean, my heart sank when I saw this kid run into the street. It was close. So, anyway, keep hold of your kids.

Mayor Koci: I had the opportunity to go to Central School a couple of Wednesdays ago. They had a program for the kids from Safety Town who were graduating from their Safety Town class. They also honored Miss Dorothy Schlad, the lady who created a safe town. It was actually started by a Mansfield Police Officer in 1937. He did it for a couple of years but didn't get anywhere with it. In 1964, Dorothy Schlad saw the program and brought it to Bedford. I think that now it is in 150 countries. She started the Safety Town Program right here in Bedford, and it has just exploded across the whole world. It's a nonprofit organization, and she never took a penny for doing it. She received an award from President Reagan. At the graduation, I presented a proclamation to her from the City, and there were people that were there talking about what Safety Town was all about. Then we went out to the Safety Town village at Central School, and the kids rode their bikes around and showed us what they were doing. It was a lot of fun. It's the first and only organization dedicated solely to

promoting preschool and early childhood safety education. It's important to get the kids thinking about when they're young. Dorthy is looking to start a little museum for Safety Town, so I will be talking with the Bedford Historical Society to see if we can make that happen here in town. I mean, what a great feature we have in so many countries around the world. The next Council Meeting will be on August 5th.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Motion to reappoint James Judd to the Assessment Equalization Board

MOTION:	Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Tony Longino to reappoint James Judd to the Assessment Equalization Board.
MOVER:	Jeff Asbury
SECONDER:	Tony Longino
RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, and Longino

b. **Resolution number 2619-24:** A resolution declaring the official intent and reasonable expectation of the City of Bedford on behalf of the State of Ohio to reimburse its capital improvement fund for the year 2024 Greencroft Road Culvert Replacement Project with the proceeds of a tax exempt debt of the State of Ohio and declaring an emergency **Was read by title only**

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

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

Mrs. Howland: This is just a formality since the City of Bedford is receiving a loan from the State Infrastructure Bank for the Greencroft Road culvert replacement project. This resolution states that the city will reimburse itself with the loan's proceeds. It's a formality required by our debt policy and state law.

c. **Ordinance No. 034-24:** An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 081-23, making additional appropriations for current expenditures of the City of Bedford during the year 2024 and declaring an emergency **Was read by title only**

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

Mrs. Howland: This is the second appropriation ordinance this year. This amends the current budget with more expenditures for approved items, including projects and grants the city is receiving. The General Fund needs an increase for clothing allowance for the Police Department because of all the new hires. The SEAL Narcotics Fund is continuously getting grants to do to their efforts regarding drug crime. In the Grants Fund, the police received a Body-worn Camera grant that will cover 100% of the cameras this year. A loan for body armor the grant is covering 75% of that expenditure. The Parks and Recreation Department received a grant from the Adult Services Healthy Aging Grant for \$120,000. The court received a computer for \$21,000, which is covered 100% through the Supreme Court Technology Grant. Also, we are appropriating expenditures for the Turney Road Project including maintenance that we just approved recently. The expenditure for the Greencroft Culvert Project is \$500,000, which is part of the resolution that we passed earlier to reimburse ourselves for those expenditures. The Head Works Project at the WWTP will be reimbursed with a loan that will be paid back over the next five years.

- d. **Ordinance No. 035-24:** An ordinance enacted by the City of Bedford referred to as the Local Public Agency Agreement in the matter of the stated described project therein **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:	Victory Fluharty
RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, and Longino
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, and Longino

City Manager Mallis: This ordinance is an agreement with the Local Public Agency, and in this case, the City of Bedford is giving consent to the Director of Transportation to move forward with the replacement of the Union Street Bridge. The state is assuming 100% of all the costs of the improvements outside of any specific request that the City of Bedford has made. Now, we have submitted a request, and there is a chance that it will be covered under the state's funds. For those of you who know, the Union Street Bridge historic stone will not work moving forward. The state's not going to do something like that. We had asked for the visualization of stone-stamped concrete. It will look like the stone-stamped bridge on Glenwillow, and that's what the one on Union St. is going to look like. We have made that request, and they are going to honor it. There is the possibility that it will fall under their budgeted amount, which will be great. If not, we would need to work with them to cover those costs. This project is being sold, going out to bid later this year, and will begin next year and could last more than 12 months. During that time frame, the section between Egbert and Taylor will be closed the entire time. There are going to be detours, but I don't want to get too far ahead of ourselves. This is merely us consenting to them coming into town and making that replacement.

- e. **Ordinance No. 036-24:** An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for conveyance with the Cuyahoga County Landbank and declaring an emergency **Was read by title only**

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

City Manager Mallis: The property located at 65 Talbot Dr. was a vacant and abandoned home for years. We had condemned that property and ordered it to be demolished. The landbank did come in and take that home down at their cost. The City of Bedford owns that property, and we did not put out any capital to acquire it. Since then, the county landbank has a program where they are looking to construct a new home at that site in Bedford. They submitted initial renderings, which will fit the neighborhood of roughly 1,500 to 1,600 square feet. In order for them to move forward, we would need to gift this piece of property to the landbank. We are conveying that land; we have no capital invested in that property outside of just the regular grass-cutting that we've been doing.

- f. **Ordinance No. 037-24:** An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Traffic Logix Corporation for the purchase of six-speed tables for the Bedford Police Department 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, and Longino
MOTION:	Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Tony Longino to place said ordinance/resolution on third and final reading.
MOVER:	Jeff Asbury
SECONDER:	Tony Asbury
RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, and Longino

- g. **Ordinance No. 038-24:** An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Campo Roofing and Construction for a new roof over the gymnasium at the Ellenwood Recreation Center and declaring an emergency **Was read by title only**

MOTION:	Motion made by Longino and seconded by Jeff Asbury to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days.
MOVER:	Tony Longino
SECONDER:	Jeff Asbury
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 1]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, and Longino
NAYS:	Salvi
MOTION:	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Victor Fluharty to place said ordinance/resolution on third and final reading.
MOVER:	Sandy Spinks
SECONDER:	Victor Fluharty
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 1]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, and Longino
NAYS:	Salvi

City Manager Mallis: The City is working with Cuyahoga County for a grant of \$150,000 available to Bedford. Those funds are earmarked toward the community center and surrounding areas. There is a requirement that those funds have to be spent by September, so we need to move pretty quickly. We do have a five-year capital improvement plan. One of the items on that plan was the replacement of the gymnasium roof, which is 30-plus years old. It's clearly failing. Campo was the most responsive of the quotes that we've

received. We would like to move forward with them to replace that, which is a full tear-off and full replacement of the roof. They also had previously replaced the roof in the kitchen area. We didn't move forward with the gymnasium because we did not have the funds available. This is going to cover that at 100%.

- h. **Ordinance No. 039-24:** An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 9185-14 designating the city's members to the Housing Council and Tax Incentive Review Commission for the Tax Incentive Programs for the City of Bedford and declaring an emergency **Was read by title only**

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

City Manager Mallis: This is reappointing two members to the TIRC Committee. The city is required to provide residential tax abatements for new constructions and large improvements. Those are typically five years, 50%. We have a board that reviews those annually, and part of that review is we go out and we'll do an exterior maintenance inspection to make sure the home is being properly kept, as well as make sure they are current on their taxes before we agree to continue a tax incentive. The two individuals who are being reappointed this evening also sit on the Tax Review Committee to review all of the commercial tax abatements. So what we do is we look at those agreements. A lot of information goes into it as far as jobs and payroll. At the meeting, the TIRC Committee, city representation, county representation, and school district representation review those tax incentives and tax abatements; they could be ten years, 50%, or 15 years, 75%. There are a number of them out there, and a lot of them depend on and are based on the amount of investment that businesses have made and the number of jobs that are created or retained. So, during that review, the committee then basically makes a recommendation to continue that incentive to amend the agreement or to cancel the agreement. Once that's done, that recommendation comes back to City Council. City Council will ultimately, once a year, we'll make the final vote. These two positions were due for reappointment. The two members of the committee are Mayor Kochi and Keith Laffin.

- i. **Ordinance No. 040-24:** An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Business Network Team for security cameras at the Ellenwood Recreation Center and declaring an emergency **Was read by title only**

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

City Manager Mallis: This is the second improvement that we're making down at Ellenwood and the surrounding area. This is tied to the \$150,000 Grant funding through the county. We had previously installed cameras at the municipal pool, and we also have some cameras at the community center, specifically on the first floor. We have added a number of different programs that utilize the second floor of the facility. So it has been our goal to add cameras up there, as well as through the back of the facility, throughout the pavilion area, and throughout the trail that extends all the way back behind City Hall. The cameras that we acquired previously at the pool were through the Omni purchasing partnership. They're cloud-based, and we do not need servers for them. They also come with a ten-year warranty. We're looking to install them throughout the area and spend the remainder of the grant money. The other thing I will add is that we still have funds remaining from a large donation from the Bedford Auto Mile. We're looking to utilize those funds to put similar cameras throughout the Historic District, especially at the Bedford Commons, and we're also exploring specific pocket parks.

9. HEARING OF CITIZENS

Dot Schwende, 513 Lamson Ave., Bedford, OH: I'm here representing the Bedford Garden Club. We are having our 13th year of promoting Bedford Beauties in the city of Bedford. The judging week is from July 14th to 20th. Nominations will be taken by email, and they are due by July 7th. So there are a lot of little posters around town. I'm going to leave some here. You can go to the library and find these little ones around, and it's been quite a thing. People are really enjoying this. I think it's a credit to Bedford. So, a number of other cities that are copying this, as well. I wanted to say one thing about the Union Street Bridge. I'm just curious if you know what they are going to do with the stones. Are they going to be utilized in the reconstruction?

City Manager Mallis: The service department inquired about the same thing.

Ms. Schwende: The Cleveland Metroparks in Garfield Heights were constructed in the same time period with the same stone, so I think I'm going to take a look. They've been renovating the bridges there, and there's also some kind of pool or lake there. I'm going to see what they're

doing with the stone and how they're incorporating it into their new plan. So it'll be interesting. Let you know.

Mayor Koci: Do you want to give the email to people who want to nominate?

Ms. Schwende: The email to nominate is pnreed@msn.com, and it's Paula Saint John.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:	Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Sandy Spinks to adjourn the meeting at 8: P.M.
MOVER:	Victor Fluharty
SECONDER:	Sandy Spinks
RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, and Longino


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