

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016**

**6:30 P.M. PROMPT**

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- **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA**
- **DISCUSSION OF WARD MEETING DATES**
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – (Personnel / Economic Development)

Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, February 1, 2016 at 6:37 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Stan Koci, Sandy Spinks, Walter Genutis, Marilyn Zolata, Paula Mizsak, Greg Pozar, Don Saunders. Administration: City Manager Michael Mallis, Finance Director Frank Gambosi, Law Director John Montello, Clerk of Council Lorree Villers.

Mayor Koci began discussion of the Regular Council Meeting agenda.

Council had no changes to the minutes of the Work Session and the Regular Meeting of January 19, 2016.

A proclamation was being presented to Joe Mestnik the President of the Bedford Rotary Club.

**ORDINANCE NO. 9359-16 AN ORDINANCE CONDEMNING THE PROPERTY AND STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 38 GOULD AVENUE (P.P. NO. 811-21-029), ORDERING ACTION**

Mr. Mallis explained the deplorable condition of the home and the major ongoing infestation of cockroaches. This same person was before the Bedford Municipal Courts in 2011 for cockroach infestation. The two children that were living in the home had been removed and the two remaining adults would be out by the end of the week. There was dried sewage on the basement floor, some of the ceilings were falling down, garbage piled everywhere, the home was extremely filthy and cockroaches were crawling on everything in the home, the wall and ceilings. He described a metal cart in the basement that was covered with crawling cockroaches. He referred to the letter from Mr. Beverly and the Cuyahoga County District Board of Health Division of Environmental Health Report and Investigation Form. (See attachments to the Ordinance)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2501-16 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOUTHEAST EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION CENTER ("SECC") WHICH WAS FORMED BY RESOLUTION NO. 2464-12 PASSED NOVEMBER 19, 2012 AS A COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS ("COG") THROUGH A SUBGROUP OF THE SOUTHEAST REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS ("SRCG") TO SEPARATE FROM THE SRCG'S SO AS TO PERMIT THE SECC TO BE A SEPARATE COG FOR AUDITING AND OPERATIONAL PURPOSES**

Mr. Montello explained the original COG piggy backed on another City and it was best to separate from the SRCG's to permit the SECC to be a separate COG for auditing and operational purposes. Former Chief of Police Greg Duber who was recently hired to run the SECC was doing a good job creating policies and managing the staff. Mr. Mallis reminded everyone that each community had 25% of the involvement within the SECC.

Council did not have any issues appointing Laura Hulett to the Board of Zoning & Appeals or appointing Shawn Francis to Bedford's Record Retention Committee both for three year terms.

Discussion of the Regular Meeting agenda was concluded.

**DISCUSSION OF WARD MEETING DATES**

It was determined the Ward Meeting dates would be: March 14<sup>th</sup> for Wards 1 & 2, April 11<sup>th</sup> for Wards 3 & 5 and April 25<sup>th</sup> for Wards 4 & 6.

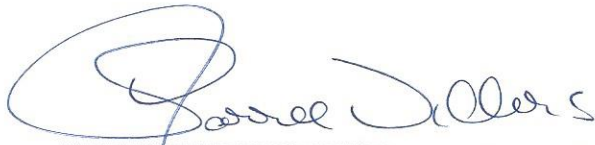
Motion made by Mizsak and seconded by Zolata to go into an executive session to discuss personnel and economic development. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizsak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

At 7:36 p.m., Bedford City Council, City Manager Mallis, Finance Director Gambosi and Law Director Montello went into an executive session to discuss personnel and economic development.

Executive session adjourned at 7:55 p.m.


Motion by Spinks and seconded by Genutis to adjourn work session. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizsak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Work Session adjourned at 7:57 p.m.



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Mayor – President of Council

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
  
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
  
3. **ROLL CALL**
  
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - a. Approval of Minutes of the Work Session of January 19, 2016
  - b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 19, 2016
  
5. **PRESENTATIONS** – Rotary
  
6. **OLD BUSINESS**
  
7. **REPORTS**
  - a. City Manager
  - b. Law Director
  - c. Finance Director
  - d. Council Reports
  
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. Ordinance No. 9359-16 authorize to condemn 38 Gould Avenue (# 811-21-029)
  - b. Resolution No. 2501-16 authorize SECC as COG through subgroup of SRCG to separate from the SRCG’S to permit the SECC to be a separate COG for auditing and operational purposes
  - c. Motion to appoint Laura Hulett to the Board of Zoning & Appeals (3 yr appt)
  - d. Motion to appoint Shawn Francis to Bedford’s Record Retention Committee (Eff. 2/2016 - 3 yr term)
  
9. **HEARING OF CITIZENS**
  
10. **ADJOURNMENT**



Bedford City Council met in Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, February 1, 2016. Mayor Koci called the meeting to order at 8:02 P.M. The meeting was opened by pledging allegiance to the flag. The roll was called. Present: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis. Absent: None.

Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Spinks to approve the minutes of the Work Session Meeting of January 19, 2016. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizesak and seconded by Saunders to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 19, 2016. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Koci presented a Certificate to Joe Mestnik the President of the Bedford Rotary Club. Mr. Mestnik thanked all of those who participate in the organization. The goal was to have 50 members and currently the organization was at 36 members.

The Administration and Council congratulated Mr. Mestnik and all the members for participating in the Bedford Rotary and for doing positive things for the community.

Council and the Administration congratulated the Rotary Club of Bedford as it celebrates its 90 Years of Service. It was started in 1926 and over the years has made worthwhile contributions to the communities in which it serves. Rotary Club of Bedford has been an integral part of the continued growth and prosperity of our community. Rotary Club of Bedford has always taken an active part in civic affairs and has consistently supported community projects and organizations.

City Manager Michael Mallis gave updates on the following projects: Broadway Avenue sewer, Union Street sewer and Columbus Road Bridge. He urged everyone to be alert when traveling in the areas. He said the 2016 grass cutting letters were underway and would be mailed shortly in hopes to avoid grass cutting issues starting in the spring and the grass cutting bid would be addressed shortly. He said the City was moving forward on the qualifications to develop a ten acre downtown site overlooking the scenic great falls of Tinkers Creek into a non-residential, mixed use development including restaurants, retail and light office. (See attached)

No reports from Law Director John Montello, Councilwoman Spinks, Councilman Pozar, Councilman Genutis and Finance Director Frank Gambosi.

Councilman Saunders noticed some of what appeared to be rental units were leaving their rubbish containers at the curb which needed to be addressed.

Councilwoman Zolata spoke about a recent fire in her neighborhood that was extinguished by a joint effort of three fire departments. She felt being proactive with the grass cutting notices worked well in 2015; however, some of the yards needed brush removed as well. She announced the Police Department won a laser unit and a window tint meter valued at over \$2,000.00. She spoke highly of the LOHV facility which was mentioned in a recent newspaper column.

Councilwoman Mizesak suggested the street sweeper be brought out of winter storage and the streets should be cleaned since there was no snow accumulation and Bedford was experiencing a mild winter. She questioned the New Management sign displayed at Los Gallos. Mr. Mallis thought it was the general manager not new owners.

Mayor Koci said the City reached a contact person at Wal-Mart in hopes the City would be kept in the loop; the building/property was owned by Wal-Mart.

ORDINANCE NO. 9359-16 AN ORDINANCE CONDEMNING THE PROPERTY AND STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 38 GOULD AVENUE (P.P. NO. 811-21-029), ORDERING ACTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

Motion made by Pozar seconded by Saunders to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizensak, Genutis. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Spinks to place Ordinance No. **9359-16** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis explained the City and the Cuyahoga County Board of Health had been diligently working on addressing this property for four years. There has been little to no cooperation from the property owner and the home had deteriorated. Mr. Beverly explained the property owner needed to start addressing the list of repairs/complaints within a 30 day time frame. If the property owner did not attempt to address the items on the list then the home would be torn down. Mr. Mallis noted during this time the City would be notifying the lienholders and addressed by the Law Director accordingly. Mr. Pozar was also concerned with the possible tax debt or lien to delay the process. Mr. Beverly stated there were no foreclosures or liens to delay the process.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizensak, Genutis. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion made by Spinks seconded by Zolata to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said resolution three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizensak, Genutis. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizensak seconded by Pozar to place Resolution No. **2501-16** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Montello explained it was best to separate from the SRCG's to permit the SECC to be a separate COG for auditing and operational purposes for the recent dispatch center. Mr. Saunders questioned if this set the percentages that each community was required to pay. Mr. Mallis replied this resolution was a separate issue.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizensak, Genutis. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.



Motion made by Mizensak seconded by Saunders to appoint Laura Hulett to the Board of Zoning & Appeals (3 yr app). The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizensak, Genutis. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Genutis to appoint Shawn Francis to Bedford's Record Retention Committee (Eff. 2/2016 - 3 yr term). The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizensak, Genutis. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Koci said that concluded the business portion of the meeting and asked if anyone in the audience had any comments.

Arlene Orlando, 98 Talbot Avenue, thanked Council for the recent ordinances passed addressing deer culling methods. She referred to the recent Lyndhurst news of how they were culling deer. She felt the City of Bedford should be the first town in Cleveland to start the deer sterilization program through the grant process. She felt the City should post deer crossing signs at the hot spots.

Benettia Falkner, 79 Dewhurst Lane, felt the City should revisit the excessive costs for grass cutting because of the low income of the residents. Mr. Gambosi explained the cost was approximately \$35 but the resident was charged a \$200 penalty because the City was not in the business to cut grass. He added this was an assessment and penalty for not cutting the grass. Ms. Falkner still felt the costs were excessive. She was not sure of the percentage of senior citizens in Bedford but their income did not increase in order to be able to pay the additional fees/penalties. She said she wanted to discuss another matter after the meeting.

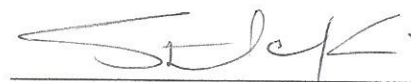
Laura Hulett, 37 Charles Street, heard some gossip around town that the Bedford Rotarians were thinking about cancelling the motorcycle show in conjunction with the Rib Festival and she stated for the record that she felt that decision was a mistake because it brought visitors to Bedford.

Mayor Koci asked if there were any further comments. There being no reply, motion made by Spinks seconded by Zolata to adjourn. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizensak, Genutis. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.



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Mayor – President of Council