

COUNCIL WORK SESSION

FEBRUARY 21, 2017

6:00 P.M. PROMPT

- **DISCUSSION OF DEER CULLING UPDATE**

- **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA**

- **DISCUSSION OF EQUALIZATION OF WARDS** – (Charter Art. II, Section 1 (c)) (11/21/16-12/5/16-12/19/16-1/3/17-1/17/17-2/6/17)

- **DISCUSSION OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION TOWERS, ANTENNAS & EQUIPMENT** (Ref: §1959) (1/17/17-2/6/17)

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – (Personnel / Litigation)

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Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 6:04 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Stan Koci, Sandy Spinks, Walter Genutis, Marilyn Zolata, Donald Saunders and Paula Mizesak. Absent: Greg Pozar. Also Present: Clerk of Council Lorree Villers. Administration: City Manager Michael Mallis, Finance Director Frank Gambosi, Law Director John Montello, Chief Kris Nietert and Sergeant Dennis Bergansky. Residents: Beth Housiaux-Stewart, Dot Schwende and a several Caryl Drive residents.

Mayor Koci began discussion of the Regular Council Meeting agenda.

Council had one minor change to the minutes of the Work Session of February 6, 2017 which was to clarify Mayor Koci was talking to David Wolfe only. Council had no changes to the Regular Meeting of February 6, 2017.

ORDINANCE NO. 9468-17 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A JOB CREATION AND RETENTION PROGRAM GRANT BY THE CITY OF BEDFORD TO DATA BASICS, INC. AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

This item was read as a first reading last meeting. Mr. Mallis and Mr. Gambosi explained again this was for six years, 35 employees at nearly a \$4 million payroll. The creation and retention of jobs and employment opportunities was integral to the continued economic health of the City. The use of governmental resources for the promotion of economic development in the community was in the public interest and proper exercise of municipal powers. A Job Creation and Retention Program was developed to provide incentives to businesses to create, retain and expand employment opportunities with the City without utilizing tax revenues or impacting negatively upon the local school system. Mr. Gambosi suggested a second reading this evening because he was still waiting on additional information to see if it was going to be six or seven years; one more employee could give them an additional year.

ORDINANCE NO. 9470-17 AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY ASSESSMENTS FOR DELINQUENT WATER BILLS IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Mallis explained property owners listed had not paid nor attempted to pay for water and sewer services and the accounts have been delinquent for at least 60 days. The Ohio Revised Code provides for municipalities to certify unpaid water accounts along with penalties to the County Auditor who shall place the amount on the real property tax duplicate and would become a lien on the property served from the date it was placed on the duplicate and was collected as other taxes. Discussion was held as to how foreclosures worked and it was determined the City would be paid in full of what it was owed for the assessed water accounts. Mr. Gambosi explained the City did not have total control in foreclosure situations; it was mandated by the State. Mrs. Mizesak questioned whether a couple of the addresses were vacant. Mr. Mallis would research it and follow up with her.

ORDINANCE NO. 9471-17 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CINTAS CORPORATION BEING THE LOWEST, RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Mallis explained Mr. Bellar advertised for bids for the purchase of a three (3) year uniform service and Cintas was the only one bidder that applied. He stated the cost was for mats and uniforms per the AFSCME contract. The question was asked as to who were the three Executives who received the uniforms; it was believed to be Mr. Bellar, Mr. Francis and Mr. Soltis. Mr. Saunders asked if this was bid every three years; Mr. Mallis thought it was but wasn't sure.

ORDINANCE NO. 9472-17 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9436-16
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE IMPACT
GROUP ("IMPACT") AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Mallis and Mr. Gambosi explained after careful review of the previous contract it was determined some of the services were covered in the first contract. It was determined some of the other items were not necessary for the additional costs. Council was asked to fail this Ordinance this evening.

Discussion of the Regular Meeting agenda was concluded.

DISCUSSION OF EQUALIZATION OF WARDS – (Charter Art. II, Section 1 (c)) (11/21/16-12/5/16-12/19/16-1/3/17-1/17/17-2/6/17)

Mr. Montello told Council he forgot his folder and was not able to comment this evening. Council felt the map previously passed out by Mr. Montello from the Board of Elections that reflected the numbers of voters per street was incorrect. Mr. Montello felt the one sheet was printed prior to the recent election. It was not clear if the Board of Elections was going to base it on population or registered voter count for each Ward. Mrs. Mizesak reminded everyone as to how it was handled 10 years ago. Council thought there was enough time to hold off on this issue because of the upcoming income tax increase issue; the residents could get confused as to where to vote. Mrs. Zolata reminded everyone that Mr. Pozar did not think it was necessary to address the issue; however, some felt it still needed addressed. Council did not make any decisions this evening and Mr. Montello would follow up with Council at the next Work Session.

DISCUSSION OF DEER CULLING UPDATE

Mr. Mallis announced there would be another informative wildlife presentation on May 8th regarding deer, coyotes and types of plantings with the same presenter as last year. Mr. Saunders suggested a different presenter than last year; the person he heard at a previous seminar was direct in educating the people.

Chief Nietert and Sergeant Bergansky were present this evening to address the concerns regarding deer culling in general and the specific situation that occurred in the area of Caryl Drive one morning.

Chief Nietert summarized: in the 2015/2016 season ODNR issued 20 permits and in the 2016/2017 season ODNR issued 60 permits. The main focus was to address the over population of deer, the complaints from the residents and to reduce vehicle deer accidents. The Police Department managed to keep the costs in 2015/2016 to approximately \$3,000 to \$4,500 utilizing three Officers with no overtime, obviously, there would be a report for this season at a later date. The 60 permits issued for this season was still a low number but manageable for the department. The Chief explained culling deer was not as easy as some would think as there were several things to consider: limited locations, small parcels of land, warmer weather conditions limiting feeding movement, limited backdrops, lack of hillsides, limited locations to enable downward shooting angles and with limited hunting areas the deer could not be chased. Plus, the City had to be selective where they culled because of the manual labor it takes to remove a deer from the woods without an ATV. He said to date 33 permits had been filled even with the warmer weather hampering the culling. The areas of high vehicle deer accidents were: Turney Road, Warrensville Center and Broadway Avenue. There were between 50-85 vehicle deer accidents every year and this was the number of focus to be reduced; safety was the goal. The focus was to cull in the areas that held the larger quantity of deer that also had the right conditions. Comparing Bedford to Solon, the City of Solon spent \$100,000+ per year for culling because their budget was a lot healthier than Bedford's. Some of the Solon residents spent a lot of money; upwards of \$50,000 to \$100,000 on their yards for landscaping and it was obvious Solon was a different demographic than Bedford and could afford it.

Mr. Mallis explained after careful studying and consideration of an overview map searching for larger areas of property to utilize for culling the Caryl Drive area was selected because of the track of woods/land that abutted the park system. After the Police Department received concerns regarding the

situation on Caryl Drive the culling came to a halt taking their concerns seriously. Mr. Mallis, the Chief and the Sergeant understood the residents' concerns; however, the program would still move forward elsewhere in hopes to cull the remaining permits. Sgt. Bergansky assured everyone the Officers were using suppression devices/silencers on their guns in hopes not to disturb any residents. In all his years of service he had never heard a resident being upset from a gunshot noise used to put down an injured deer. He stressed the Police Department had "never" received a loud gunshot call or complaint regarding any Officer using a shot gun or AR 15 to put a deer that had been hit out of its misery. He stressed a suppressed or silenced sound used in culling was much less offensive than an unsuppressed AR 15 or shotgun. Since this incident the Caryl Drive residents were assured the culling would not be done by Bedford Officers; however, maybe the park could cull a few deer on their property in this area. It was policy for Bedford Officers not to cross the property line onto park property and the Metroparks would not cross onto city property.

A different complaint was brought about during the Caryl Drive situation; the Police Department was made aware of a Caryl Drive neighbor who had been illegally poaching and feeding the deer. Sgt. Bergansky assured everyone the Police Department was never called about this guy poaching so how could the department address a problem if nobody made them aware of it. He told the residents now that the department was aware of the situation it would be addressed accordingly.

There was discussion of residents who were confusing the sound of what they thought was a crying deer or active coyotes. Sgt. Bergansky explained deer can make a crying noise if they were hurt. Mrs. Spinks told a story about an injured deer a resident found and questioned if she gave the correct instructions not to allow the resident to shoot the deer. It was determined if a resident saw an injured deer they were not to shoot it themselves but call for an Officer to address it professionally and safely. Mr. Genutis wondered if and/or when the program would be over/completed/finished. It was determined there was no set date on when the deer culling program would be satisfied. It could be possibly temporarily suspended; however, again the focus was to reduce the vehicle deer accidents and once that number of comfort was reached the program would be reconsidered. Mr. Genutis felt this program was another function to allow the Officers to kill deer.

It was explained reports/statistics were being compiled and reviewed to determine the number of deer that were tolerable within the Bedford boundaries in hopes to ensure safety to those driving vehicles, resident complaints of the deer eating their landscaping and to control a healthy herd and avoid starvation. The residents needed to understand the continual feeding of deer had to stop; they're not helping the deer they're hurting the deer. Maintaining a healthy deer count means a healthy herd but with the overfeeding it only exaggerates the problem and could create an unhealthy herd. Attention was brought to the number of coyotes in the area and the reason the coyotes were here was because of the well feed which had become a tamed food source that was available to them. Bottom line was "deer should be wild" and they should spook when a human approaches but this was no longer the case. A resident talked about how the coyotes were chasing the deer across/over the fence onto I-271 where they became trapped and sometimes got hit/killed.

Mrs. Beth Housiaux-Steward thought the Officers weren't supposed to be culling near neighborhoods. She felt it was a safety issue that deer were being culled near a neighborhood and gunshots were heard while children waited to get on their school bus. Mr. Mallis emphatically stated "never at any time were residents and/or children in danger; never"! He was totally offended by her unsubstantiated remark nor did he appreciate it. He had the highest respect for the Chief and Sergeant and never at any time were there any safety concerns and/or children at risk. The Chief and Sergeant were dedicated employees originally from Bedford, they both had integrity and were very professional. Chief Nietert and Sgt. Bergansky assured everyone there were no safety concerns and everyone was completely safe at all times. A resident questioned Chief Nietert if the Officers were going to return to the Caryl Drive area. Chief Nietert replied he was not ignorant; the residents' concerns were understood and taken seriously.

A resident thought the residents in the areas where deer were being culled should be notified in some manner; maybe a mailing. The Administration took this suggestion under advisement. Another resident felt the Officers should be fighting crime, arresting those with drugs, catching robbers instead of culling deer; the department had more important things to worry about. A resident felt the City should allow residents who were qualified trained hunters cull deer to assist the department so maybe the program should be revisited. Another resident felt residents shouldn't be culling deer and it should be left up to the City professionals; either way the issue needed revisited. Discussion was held that the venison was being distributed to those in need and it was not going to waste. Two residents felt a sterilization program should be put in place instead of culling the deer and this should be an option discussed at the May presentation.

Mr. Mallis, Chief Nietert and Sgt. Bergansky thanked the residents for their input and concerns.

DISCUSSION OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION TOWERS, ANTENNAS & EQUIPMENT -
(Ref: §1959) (1/17/17)

Mr. Mallis explained this issue was pushed through Columbus with an interested automotive industry behind it for the new upcoming types of vehicles. Some new automobiles would need the towers to operate; technology had come a long way. This was one of those situations where the City had little to no control; however, the City was going to stay on top of the issue and try to select the locations for the pole installations. There was still a lot of research and questions that needed to be addressed but he would keep everyone informed.

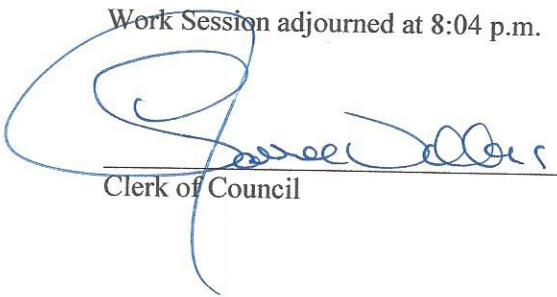
Motion made by Mizsak and seconded by Genutis to go into executive session to discuss Personnel / Litigation. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizsak, Genutis. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

At 7:55 p.m., Bedford City Council, City Manager Mike Mallis, Law Director John Montello and Finance Director Frank Gambosi went into an executive session to discuss Personnel / Litigation.

Motion by Saunders seconded by Spinks to adjourn executive session. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizsak, Genutis. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Work Session adjourned at 8:04 p.m.


Clerk of Council


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 February 6, 2017
 - b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 6, 2017

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

6. **OLD BUSINESS** – (1st Rdg: 2/6/17)
 - a. Ordinance No. 9468-17 adopt Job Creation and Retention Program w/Data Basics (6 yrs)

7. **REPORTS**
 - a. City Manager
 - b. Law Director
 - c. Finance Director
 - d. Council Reports

8. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Ordinance No. 9470-17 levy assessments for delinquent water bills (\$47,315.98)
 - b. Ordinance No. 9471-17 award bid contract to Cintas for uniforms (3 yrs)
 - c. Ordinance No. 9472-17 amend Ord. #9436-16 contract w/The Impact Group (\$20,500)

9. **HEARING OF CITIZENS**

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Bedford City Council met in Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Tuesday, February 21, 2017. Mayor Koci called the meeting to order at 8:05 P.M. The meeting was opened by pledging allegiance to the flag. The roll was called. Present: Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizensak, Genutis, Saunders. Absent: Pozar

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Mizensak to excuse Councilman Pozar. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizensak, Genutis, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Spinks to approve the minutes of the Work Session Meeting of February 6, 2017. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizensak, Genutis, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Zolata to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 6, 2017. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizensak, Genutis, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9468-17 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A JOB CREATION AND RETENTION PROGRAM GRANT BY THE CITY OF BEDFORD TO DATA BASICS, INC. PLACED ON FIRST READING ON FEBRUARY 6, 2017 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Mizensak to place Ordinance No. **9468-17** on second reading.

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

Council and the Administration expressed their condolences and spoke very kind words regarding the passing of Father Dan Begin; he was truly a wonderful person to know and will be missed by all. Mrs. Zolata and Mrs. Spinks received birthday wishes this evening. The Wards 1 & 2 meeting was February 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

City Manager Michael Mallis announced February 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. was the Wards 1 & 2 meeting; the staff would be available to answer questions and concerns. He urged everyone to review the additional information posted on the City's website regarding the proposed income tax increase in May. The City would announce the location of the Regional Dispatch Center when the agreement was finalized; he still believed in regionalism.

No reports from Law Director John Montello, Mayor Koci and Councilwoman Mizensak.

Finance Director Frank Gambosi said the Administration managed to cut the budget \$1.5 million since 2012. He said a few reasons the Moody's rating was downgraded were: 32% reduction in the evaluation of the City real estate values, income levels and departure of Ben Venue. The City managed without affecting the services. Mayor Koci felt the evaluation should have been done after the election in May; he appreciated everyone who was involved with the Moody's rating.

Councilwoman Zolata explained the Work Session this evening was productive regarding the deer culling topic; she thanked the residents for their input and felt the topic would be revisited at a later date. She was pleased the residents were being more involved.

Councilwoman Spinks explained she recently became a member of the NEOCCA and realized almost all the cities were experiencing the same problems regarding budget cuts and drugs.

Councilman Genutis told a story about hurtful comments made by young children to one another and the adults should be aware the children were listening.

Councilman Saunders talked about the tenure he served on the NEOCCA. He mentioned the City of Bedford was going to have another small cut to its budget again from the State. He hoped Bedford was installing a different type of water meter than the City of Cleveland. Cleveland's new meters were malfunctioning. Mr. Mallis thought the two cities were installing different meters.

ORDINANCE NO. 9470-17 AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY ASSESSMENTS FOR DELINQUENT WATER BILLS IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Mizesak to place Ordinance No. **9470-17** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis explained property owners listed have not paid nor attempted to pay for water and sewer services as provided by the City and the accounts have been delinquent for at least 60 days. The Ohio Revised Code provides for municipalities to certify unpaid water accounts along with penalties to the County Auditor who shall place the amount on the real property tax duplicate and further that this will be a lien on the property served from the date it is placed on the duplicate and is to be collected as other taxes. Mr. Gambosi explained the City received 100% of the payment and the County added 1%.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9471-17 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CINTAS CORPORATION BEING THE LOWEST, RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Spinks to place Ordinance No. **9471-17** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis explained Mr. Bellar had only one bidder apply. The City advertised for bids for the purchase of a three (3) year uniform service. It was determined this was the only lowest, responsive and responsible bidder. The cost had slightly increased since the last bidding process. The uniforms were dictated in the AFSCME union contract.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9472-17 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9436-16 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE IMPACT GROUP ("IMPACT") AND DECLARING AN EMERGENC WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Motion made by Mizensak seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. **9472-17** on third and final reading and passed.

Mayor Koci explained the Administration found some inconsistencies between the first and second contract so the recommendation was to fail the Ordinance. Mr. Mallis and others did not think some of the additional marketing strategies were necessary.

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

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

Kathy Williams, 491 Lamson, felt the Historical District downtown was lacking attention and depressing; one particular business store front was crumbling and many of the windows were filthy. She researched Codified Section 1949 and felt these laws should be enforced. The landlords needed to be responsible as the Historical District was starting to look urban, depressing and unattractive to new prospects/business owners. Mr. Mallis explained this specific area was recently discussed at the February 14, 2017 Bedford Historical Preservation Board so Mr. Beverly was aware of some of the concerns. The tattoo parlors have been a topic for a while and the bright lighting issues were recently addressed. He met last week with two building owners to discuss the interest of a butcher shop and bakery. Mrs. Williams suggested the City Engineer revisit the possibility of angle parking so it can be reinstated for more parking and to slow down the speeders. Mr. Mallis told a story of years back when they noticed the business owners actually parked in front of their own store fronts eliminating parking. He agreed to revisit the angle parking reinstatement. Ashley Fuller suggested from her seat in the audience the City should consider parking meters.

Leslie Fuller, 128 Garden Street, lived in Bedford her whole life and did not think parking was an issue in the downtown area plus there was additional parking in the nearby parking lots. She asked what water meters were being used in Bedford; she worked for the City of Solon and was aware of AMR meters. Mr. Mallis said he would follow up and get the information for her but he thought the meters were not high enough in Cleveland for accurate reads. He stated some of the residents were not responding to their fourth notice to have their meters installed so their next notice would be alerting them their water would be shut off until they get their new meter installed.

David Neff, 136 Archer Road, returned to still question line item titled "other" on the appropriation sheet from Mr. Gambosi. He was looking for employee salaries, lack of revenue, the number of rentals and how the Building Department handles the rentals or who was administering the duties to see if the renters were paying their share of the income tax. Mr. Gambosi suggested Mr. Neff read Codified Section 178 for details of his questions/concerns plus he had prepared ORC information for him to read to educate him as to what "other" means. There was a joint effort between the Water Department, Tax Department and the Building Department to address renters and collections. Bedford was very diligent in going after those who owe money to the City and those who move into the City. Mr. Neff asked what program the City

offered to the residents in assisting in upgrades to their homes. Mr. Gambosi explained there was a program for residents as long as they qualified; it's called a CRA residential abatement that specifically speaks to adding value to their property which was filed at the City and submitted to the County as offered in the ORC. Mr. Neff felt the City needed to offer a program to the residents or new homeowners to encourage them to stay in Bedford. Mr. Neff said regardless of the residency requirement some residents were not happy about people who were supposed to be managing the running of the City not living in the City; he was not referring to elected officials. Mayor Koci said the elected officials had to live in the City but per the State of Ohio employees did not have to. Mr. Neff felt advertising that the senior services would be cut if the tax increase did not pass was moot because they weren't paying additional taxes. Mr. Gambosi pointed out the employees who lived outside Bedford would be paying the tax increase. Mr. Neff added those employees who lived outside the City and worked in the City ultimately were taking a pay cut which he did not agree with but the City had to do what it had to do. He asked if there was a program that continued calibrating water meters. Mr. Mallis explained the City and/or separate company could address a meter that might be in question which was flagged by the computer system software. He understood meters never speed up they slow down over time. Mr. Neff suggested the City Officials and employees educate the resident concerning the upcoming ballot issue. At first he was completely against the increase but he was now reconsidering. Mr. Mallis explained to Mr. Neff the Administration and Council were already addressing the strategy to educate the residents as they did in 2008 with the assistance of The Impact Group. The City was also willing to do presentations for various groups/organizations no matter how large or small. Mr. Neff felt "logic" should be used when cutting positions in the Fire Department. Mr. Mallis explained there were a lot of discussions held addressing the budget: the overall costs, possible service(s) or employee cuts, limiting overtime, staffing count per department and so on. Mayor Koci explained to Mr. Neff the City was not making "threats" to the residents regarding the failure of the tax increase. The Administration and Council needed to know the exact direction to take if it "passed" or if it "failed"; it was imperative to have a plan in place for each outcome. Mrs. Zolata felt compelled to say the elected officials grew up in Bedford, their heart was with the City and they work harder than anybody.

Ashley Fuller, 95 Nordham, reported there was a Service truck that drove past her home for 2 -3 hours approximately every five minutes and she did not see the employees doing anything. The Service employees actually were sitting at the stop sign for ten minutes and never got out of the truck. She felt there was a need for them to address some winter clean up since it appeared they weren't doing anything but driving around. Leslie Fuller voiced her opinion from the audience stating that area was very messy. Ashley Fuller from her seat felt the street sweeper should be cleaning the streets.

Heather Young, 175 Harriman, suggested a No Parking sign at the corner of Northfield Road and Avery Road on the Lincoln Road side from the corner of the street to the first driveway. It was starting to be a safety concern. She also suggested the City work hand in hand with Neighborhood Connections to train the residents how to apply for small grants for various groups.

Bob Diederich, 137 Santin Circle, suggested the City contact the organization/business that painted the windows in downtown Cleveland to address the Historical District. Mr. Mallis and Mayor Koci explained the City had already contracted the Cleveland Institute of Art to paint the utility boxes in Bedford; however, the institute replied they were only focusing in an area in Cleveland. Mr. Diederich had heard of The Impact Group and wanted information. Mr. Mallis reiterated the City worked with this business in 2008 which was a professional marketing firm in advertising and delivering informational pieces. Currently Impact was working with the Bedford School system. He offered Mr. Diederich a copy of the contract. Mr. Gambosi explained it was wise to hire a business to professionally market, advertise and deliver a product. Employees were not professional marketing agents and it was important to get the right message from and to the residents/public and to the employees so they could respond correctly to any concerns or questions a resident may have. It was money well spent to pay a professional business as The Impact Group as they were the experts.

Jeff Duber, 134 Harriman, wanted to clarify from a previous meeting the location where Harriman and Franklin meet Washington Street was not an actual intersection. A true intersection streets oppose each other and in this situation the streets do not. He felt this area needed to be revisited for a possible stop sign. Mayor Koci remembered this area was addressed through a State Traffic Study years ago. Mr. Mallis agreed the City would revisit the issue.

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: Zolata, Spinks, Koci, Mizsak, Genutis, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 P.M.



Clerk of Council



Mayor - President of Council