

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. Approval of Minutes of the Work Session of May 1, 2017
 - b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 1, 2017
5. **PRESENTATIONS** – Swearing in: Marty Stemple / Rick Suts / Mike Stask / Mark Witkiewicz
6. **OLD BUSINESS** (1st Rdg: 4/17/17 – 2nd 5/1/15)
 - a. Resolution No. 2512-17 declaring the necessity to improve certain streets by lighting same
 - b. Ordinance No. 9479-17 to proceed with the improvement of certain streets by lighting same
 - c. Ordinance No. 9480-17 levying special assessments for the improvement of the street and public places
 - d. Resolution No. 2513-17 approving and accepting the proposed 2017 Tax Budget for the year January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 (Rdgs: 5/1/17, 5/15/17, PH 5/15/17, Pass 6/5/17)
 - e. Ordinance No. 9483-17 amend §123.08 “Regular and Adjourned Meetings” (7:00 p.m.) (1st Rdg: 5/1/17)
7. **REPORTS**
 - a. City Manager
 - b. Law Director
 - c. Finance Director
 - d. Council Reports
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Resolution No. 2514-17 opposing elimination of HUD Programs
 - b. Ordinance No. 9485-17 contract w/Kermira Water Solution, Inc.
 - c. Ordinance No. 9486-17 authorize agreement w/MRLM regarding West Krick Road (#794-30-001)
 - d. Ordinance No. 9487-17 levying assessments for garbage/refuse collection, recycling and disposal
 - e. Ordinance No. 9488-17 designating CCLRC as the Community Improvement Corporation of the City (42 Harrison #812-04-001)
9. **HEARING OF CITIZENS**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Bedford, Ohio

May 15, 2017

Bedford City Council met in Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, May 15, 2017. Mayor Koci called the meeting to order at 8:01 P.M. The meeting was opened by pledging allegiance to the flag. The roll was called. Present: Zolata, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders. Absent: Spinks.

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

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Genutis to approve the minutes of the Work Session Meeting of May 1, 2017. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Zolata, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizesak seconded by Pozar to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 1, 2017. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Zolata, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Koci welcomed everyone in attendance for the Police Department swearing-in for the following: Marty Stemple as Police Chief, Rick Suts as Deputy Chief, Mike Stask as Lieutenant and Mark Witkiewicz as Sergeant. These gentlemen introduced their families and friends and gave thanks to the Administration and Council for their positions. Chief Nietert who would be retiring very soon gave praise and supporting words to the Chief, Deputy Chief, Lieutenant and Sergeant in their new positions. He stressed these new assignments shouldn't be about the money. The new assignments should be about having a compelling interest in maintaining the integrity and the reputation of the Police Department. This interest is not only about yourself or future Officers but those Officers who were before them. Additionally, honesty and trust are the foundation of every great relationship and if this is maintained they will have the support and trust of the community. Chief Nietert congratulated them all on their new positions. He reminded them to honor their badges and their Oaths. Also in attendance were former Police Chiefs, City Managers and Police Department employees: Greg Duber, Robert Reid, Hank Angelo, Bryan Byard and Bob Kohn.

The next three (3) pieces of legislation were in regards to the street lighting assessment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2512-17 A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO IMPROVE CERTAIN STREETS IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO BY LIGHTING THE SAME PLACED ON FIRST READING ON APRIL 17, 2017 AND SECOND READING ON MAY 1, 2017 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Motion made by Mizesak seconded by Saunders to place Resolution No. **2512-17** on third and final reading and passed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9479-17 AN ORDINANCE DETERMINED TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN STREETS IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO BY LIGHTING THE SAME PLACED ON FIRST READING ON APRIL 17, 2017 AND SECOND READING ON MAY 1, 2017 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Motion made by Mizsak seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. **9479-17** on third and final reading and passed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9480-17 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE STREET AND PUBLIC PLACES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO BY LIGHTING OF THE SAME IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION NO. 2512-17 AND ORDINANCE NO. 9479-17 PLACED ON FIRST READING ON APRIL 17, 2017 AND SECOND READING ON MAY 1, 2017 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Motion made by Mizsak seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. **9480-17** on third and final reading and passed.

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

The reading of this Resolution would be as follows: May 1, 2017, May 15, 2017 with the Public Hearing on May 15, 2017 and considered for passage on June 5, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 2513-17 BEING A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE PROPOSED 2017 TAX BUDGET FOR THE YEAR JANUARY 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018 PLACED ON FIRST READING ON MAY 1, 2017 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

Motion made by Genutis seconded by Zolata to place Resolution No. **2513-17** on second reading.

Mr. Gambosi explained this process was per the Ohio Revised Code. There were three reasons for the tax budget process. He said the tax budget allowed the County Auditor to set the property tax rate for next year. It also allowed the City to receive Undivided Local Government funds and Local Government Revenue Assistance. It also allowed the County Auditor to provide the City with a Certificate of Estimated Resources which limits the amount of money Council can appropriate for the tax year 2018.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9483-17 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1475-55 SECTION 123.08 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ENTITLED "REGULAR AND ADJOURNED MEETINGS" OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO PLACED ON FIRST READING ON MAY 1, 2017 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Pozar to place Ordinance No. **9483-17** on second reading.

Mayor Koci explained again some residents had requested the meeting time be changed to encourage additional public participation at the meetings by changing the time from 8:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. starting in September. He added to date he had only one concern regarding the change in time.

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

The Administration and Council gave their congratulations to the four gentlemen in the Police Department who were promoted this evening. The Administration and Council thanked the residents/voters for supporting/passing the much needed income tax increase. The voters supporting Issue #1 spoke volumes. The residents were reminded to attend the upcoming Memorial Day Parade, participate in the May 20th Shred Day 9:00 a.m. to noon and the May 20th Flag Ceremony at the Fire Department at 1:00 p.m.

City Manager Michael Mallis explained the Dominion gas line project was continuing from last year. Those areas that need addressed from the 2016 restoration were being addressed. The 2017 project would be in the area of Washington Street starting at Tarbell to Taylor, Taylor to Union and Union to Egbert. Union Street was supposed to be addressed by the County in 2014 which obviously hadn't happened. The City would continue to discuss with the County the repairs that needed to be done to Union Street. It was clarified Dominion would also be repaving Northfield Road because it was not accepted by the City in 2016. Mr. Mallis shared his heartfelt respect for the upcoming retirement of Chief Nietert. Filling the position (shoes) of Chief Nietert was going to be very hard. He hadn't met a more honorable man and it was a pleasure to work with such a remarkable individual.

Law Director Montello thanked Mr. Mallis, Mr. Gambosi, Mayor Koci and Council for their efforts and support regarding Issue #1.

Finance Director Frank Gambosi explained with the recent promotions there would be additional openings in the Police Department not including the three Officers that would be hired from the recent income tax increase after it went into effect in 2018. He urged the residents to tell their friends or someone who was interested in being hired as a Police Officer. He urged everyone to attend the upcoming events, parties and farmers markets at the City Square.

Councilwoman Zolata felt the Building Department mailing out the tall grass notices prior to spring season had really cut down on the number of overgrown yards/lots. She thought it was admirable of the kind words Mrs. Bender spoke at the May 1, 2017 meeting.

Councilwoman Mizzsak invited everyone to the upcoming Rotary Rib Burn-off.

Councilman Genutis was especially pleased with Chief Nietert supporting honoring the badge and their Oaths.

Councilman Pozar suggested the residents look into the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Program he recommended highly. He wished former Councilman Yakich a speedy recovery on his open heart surgery.

Councilman Saunders suggested Washington Street be cut out and replaced by full slabs because this street had no patches. Mr. Mallis said the repairs were going to be done curb to curb. He mentioned the State of Ohio needed contacted because the fence connected to the Northfield Bridge was unsafe and in needed repair. He clarified all Bridges on State Highways were being addressed/repared by ODOT not the County. He added Union Street would be the responsibility of the City not the County per the State legislature.

Mayor Koci explained he attended a NOPEC meeting and NOPEC awarded a \$250 check to the charity of his choice which was Meals on Wheels. He thanked the voters for their support and now the Administration and Council would be tasked to spend the money wisely in 2018. Mr. Mallis explained the Administration was already gearing up for 2018 to address the promises made during the income tax increase.

RESOLUTION NO. 2514-17 A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE ELIMINATION AND REDUCTION OF U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS THAT ARE VITAL TO OUR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD AND THROUGHOUT OUR NATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Motion made by Mizensak seconded by Saunders to place Resolution No. **2514-17** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis explained this was in regards to the “America First, A Budget Blueprint to Make America Great Again”. A budget proposal for federal fiscal year 2018 by the President of the United States. This proposal would make significant cuts to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development programs such as: the elimination of Community Development Block Grants, the HOME Investment Partnership Program, a 68% reduction in funding for public housing repairs and an estimated reduction of 200,000 vouchers from the Housing Choice Vouchers Program.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9485-17 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH KEMIRA WATER SOLUTIONS, INC. BEING THE LOWEST, RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

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

Motion made by Genutis seconded by Zolata to place Ordinance No. **9485-17** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis explained this was the annual bid for the purchase of Liquid Ferric Chloride and this was the responsive and responsible bidder.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9486-17 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE A LEASE WITH THE OPTION TO PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH MRLM, LLC FOR THE 19.1572 ACRE PARCEL AT THE TERMINUS OF WEST KRICK ROAD (“KRICK ROAD”), VILLAGE OF WALTON HILLS, OHIO (PP NO. 794-30-001) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

Motion made by Genutis seconded by Zolata to place Ordinance No. **9486-17** on first reading.

Mr. Mallis explained

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9487-17 AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY ASSESSMENTS FOR THE EXPENSE OF GARBAGE/REFUSE COLLECTION, RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL WITHIN THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO DURING THE YEAR 2017 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Genutis to place Ordinance No. **9487-17** on first reading.

Mr. Gambosi explained the pickup would remain the same and this was for 2017 collected in 2018.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Zolata, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar. Nays: Saunders. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 9488-17 AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION AS THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN PROPERTY, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CORPORATION AS SUCH AGENCY UNDER SECTION 1724.10 OF THE REVISED CODE OF OHIO 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: Zolata, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Genutis to place Ordinance No. **9488-17** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis explained the sale of this property would generate about \$100,000 from the property located at 42 Harrison through the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Zolata, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders. 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.

Dick Bender, 69 Wandle Avenue, asked if Dominion was going fix/address the tree lawns on Wandle Avenue. Mr. Mallis reiterated Dominion had already started fixing many areas throughout the City.

Chris Sweet, 97 Thames requested clarification on the Five Points Farmers Market program. Mr. Mallis explained the Farmers Market was underway and the residents should check the City's Website, City's calendar and Facebook for updates. It was determined the City would not be benefiting for any sales and he felt this would not have any effect on the Historical Society's Flea Market. Mr. Mallis said the Farmers Market would not interfere with any scheduled events on the City Square. He felt the Farmers Market would benefit other events.

Sarah Gnoddie, 331 Marion, said she had attended several meetings and hadn't heard anyone ask for the meeting time to be changed. She felt the time shouldn't be changed and 8:00 p.m. worked better for her household.

Kathy Williams, 491 Lamson, was in favor of keeping the meeting time at 8:00 p.m. She noticed today someone painted a blue line on Lamson and wondered why they painted the brick. She hoped the brick was going to be re-installed.

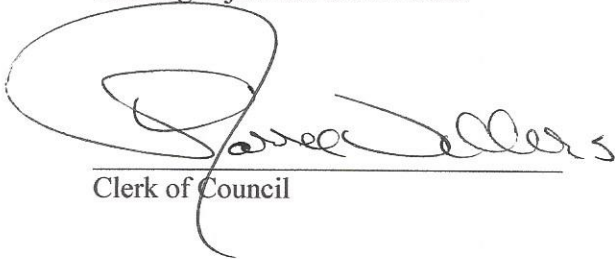
Nancy Lachowski, 197 Wandle Avenue, questioned what happened to the Cemetery fence and was it going to be replaced. Mr. Mallis explained because of its very poor condition it was removed. He explained after many debates over the last two years it was determined that the City was not going to replace it because of the cost which was \$80,000 - \$100,000. He said the plan was to keep the arch over the drive which too was in need of repair. Ms. Lachowski understood the poor condition of the fence. She also thanked Council for re-appointing her to the Civil Service Commission. Mayor Koci thanked her for her service. Mr. Saunders said the Northfield Center Cemetery Board voted today to permanently remove the wrought iron the length of Valley View Road and to paint the aluminum replacement fence.

Jay Watson, 40 Berwyn, appreciated the Swearing-in ceremony for the Police Department. He asked for the information regarding the income tax increase previously held at Ellenwood. Mr. Mallis said it was posted on the homepage of the website or the City would provide it for him. Mr. Watson suggested instead of hiring three Officers the Administration should hire two and an Economic Development Director/Marketing Director. He felt it was important to create money instead of continually spending it. Bedford's population was of senior citizens and young renters. He was concerned about "the wave" that continued to come from the north into Bedford. He didn't want Bedford to become a "shamble" like Garfield, Maple Heights and Southgate. He urged the Administration and Council to be proactive in bettering Bedford. He asked if a ticket had been issued for drivers using their cell phones. He suggested tickets be written to generate revenue. He wanted to know where the Officers were concerning the drivers who were running red lights, stop signs and speeding on Berwyn. He disagreed with Mrs. Zolata concerning the tall grass notices because it took too long to cut the grass and the landscapers were blowing all the grass into the street. With this being said, where was the Building Inspectors? He wanted to know what was going to happen to the three part-time meter readers when the meters were switched to electronic meter reads. He did not want to see employees losing their jobs. He had concerns that the City did not represent what Bedford represents which was the lack of minorities and it was not publicized adequately. He did not think it was necessary to hire a minority just for minority sake but it was the conscience right thing to do. He stated it was important to hire qualified minorities not just any minority. He noticed there weren't minorities in other departments as well; however, relatives were being hired. Mayor Koci explained he and Mr. Mallis actively worked with the Mayor of Garfield Heights, Tri-C and Mayor Jackson's Office. He explained this was an ongoing concern. The City continued to struggle hiring qualified minorities because these applicants/candidates were being hired by private companies. In this

day and age it was hard to get applicants/candidates for a job in the Police Department. The days of 200-300 applicants for a test had been reduced to 30 and it was important to hire the right people for these positions. The Administration and Council was not going to lower its standards in order to hire employees. He suggested the residents spread the word to those who may be interested whether they're African American, women and so on. Mr. Mallis explained 20 years ago the test was \$25 so the applicant would take eight tests and now it was \$100+ so it was not affordable for most graduating. Plus the applicants/candidates reviewed the point system to see where they would score the most points. Mr. Gambosi said it was the "perception" that the City did not advertise or seek qualified applicants/candidates for testing. He assured Mr. Watson the City did over and above to entice applicants/candidates. Within the testing procedures the City picked the top 10 applicants/candidates to work from and sometimes the applicants/candidates pulled themselves from the list, in the meantime got hired elsewhere or didn't pass the background test. Tri-C was utilized because it reached a lot of applicants/candidates; however, Bedford was not the only City seeking applicants/candidates from this list.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.


Clerk of Council
Mayor - President of Council

COUNCIL WORK SESSION

MONDAY, MAY 15, 2017

6:30 P.M. PROMPT

- **UPDATE FROM TERRY KILLEEN, MANAGER, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
FIRSTENERGY SERVICE COMPANY**
- **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA**
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION** — (Personnel / Litigation / Economic Development)

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Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, May 15, 2017 at 6:37 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Stan Koci, Greg Pozar, Walter Genutis, Marilyn Zolata, Donald Saunders and Paula Mizesak (joined at 6:57 p.m.). Absent: Sandy Spinks. Also Present: Clerk of Council Lorree Villers. Administration: City Manager Michael Mallis, Finance Director Frank Gambosi and Law Director John Montello. Residents: Jeff Asbury, 71 Eldred and Jean King.

**UPDATE FROM TERRY KILLEEN, MANAGER, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
FIRSTENERGY SERVICE COMPANY**

Mr. Killeen spoke about the Storm Restoration Process and how it worked. He explained there were times when a bucket truck could not be used because of safety concern due to high or severe winds. There was a priority list for each power outage as to what areas or businesses gets restored first. He said it was important that residents understood the FirstEnergy was not responsible for entire fallen or damaged trees. The crews would do some cleanup but not entire tree removal. It was determined FirstEnergy owned the electric meter and the resident was responsible for the hookup and/or bracket to the home. It was determined that when an entire pole was replaced and a partial pole was left hanging was because FirstEnergy was not qualified or responsible for other utilities attached to the original pole; each utility company was responsible for disconnecting and reconnecting their wires for service. He explained 10% of the poles were inspected annually over a ten year period to ensure the poles in need of replacement were being addressed. He talked about the momentary flicker of electricity from time to time and the reason was due to the smart equipment testing the problem and tracking purposes to locate the area. Pros and cons were talked about concerning underground and overhead utilities both had their advantages and disadvantages. Clarification was made that it was always best to use a surge protector on electrical devices throughout the home. It was mentioned the crews do a good job cleaning up a damaged area and they were greatly appreciated for what they professionally do during a storm and when those were in a time of need. Mr. Killeen thanked everyone for their time and input. Council and the Administration thanked him for his professional services.

At 6:59 p.m., the Administration and Council recessed to attend the Tax Budget Public Hearing scheduled at 7:00 p.m.

At 7:14 p.m., the Administration and Council reconvened the Work Session.

Mayor Koci began discussion of the Regular Council Meeting agenda.

There were no changes to the May 1, 2017 Work Session and Regular Meeting minutes.

Mr. Gambosi, again, explained the next three (3) pieces of legislation were the annual street light assessment to be passed this evening. He reminded Council the mills would be increased to: 1.60 mills per each dollar of tax value per year which was 16 cents per each one hundred dollars of such tax value per year for the tax year of 2017 to be collected in the year 2018.

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IMPROVE CERTAIN STREETS IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO BY LIGHTING THE SAME
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**ORDINANCE NO. 9479-17 AN ORDINANCE DETERMINED TO PROCEED WITH
THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN STREETS IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO BY LIGHTING
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ORDINANCE NO. 9480-17 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE STREET AND PUBLIC PLACES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO BY LIGHTING OF THE SAME IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION NO. 2512-17 AND ORDINANCE NO. 9479-17 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Council had no concerns or questions.

RESOLUTION NO. 2513-17 BEING A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE PROPOSED 2017 TAX BUDGET FOR THE YEAR JANUARY 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Gambosi reminded everyone the reading of this Resolution would be as follows: May 1, 2017, May 15, 2017 with the Public Hearing on May 15, 2017 and consideration for passage on June 5, 2017. He requested a second reading this evening.

ORDINANCE NO. 9483-17 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1475-55 SECTION 123.08 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ENTITLED "REGULAR AND ADJOURNED MEETINGS" OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

At the previous meeting, Council determined to encourage additional public participation at Council meetings by changing the time from 8:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. It was determined this would be placed on second reading this evening to allow/welcome citizen input. Council didn't have too many responses to report.

RESOLUTION NO. 2514-17 A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE ELIMINATION AND REDUCTION OF U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS THAT ARE VITAL TO OUR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD AND THROUGHOUT OUR NATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Mallis explained this was in regards to the "America First, A Budget Blueprint to Make America Great Again". A budget proposal for federal fiscal year 2018 by the President of the United States. This proposal would make significant cuts to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development programs such as: the elimination of Community Development Block Grants, the HOME Investment Partnership Program, a 68% reduction in funding for public housing repairs and an estimated reduction of 200,000 vouchers from the Housing Choice Vouchers Program.

ORDINANCE NO. 9485-17 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH KEMIRA WATER SOLUTIONS, INC. BEING THE LOWEST, RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Mallis explained this was the annual bid for the purchase of Liquid Ferric Chloride. The tabulated bids were attached to the ordinance for review and Kemira Water Solutions again had the lowest bid.

ORDINANCE NO. 9486-17 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE A LEASE WITH THE OPTION TO PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH MRLM, LLC FOR THE 19.1572 ACRE PARCEL AT THE TERMINUS OF WEST KRICK ROAD ("KRICK ROAD"), VILLAGE OF WALTON HILLS, OHIO (PP NO. 794-30-001) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Mallis explained MRLM, LCC has offered to enter into a Lease with the option to Purchase Agreement with the City of Bedford for the Krick Road property to operate a landscape material business. He referred to the April 6, 2017 attachment and the agreement was on all material terms regarding the property. He noted the agreement was slightly modified. There was discussion that the discussions with Walton Hills had become somewhat "heated" at times and the two communities didn't see eye to eye regarding this issue. It was agreed upon that it would be best to read this ordinance as a first reading this evening.

ORDINANCE NO. 9487-17 AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY ASSESSMENTS FOR THE EXPENSE OF GARBAGE/REFUSE COLLECTION, RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL WITHIN THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO DURING THE YEAR 2017 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Gambosi explained this was the annual rubbish assessment. Mr. Saunders thought since the recent income tax increase had passed the fee was going to be reduced. Mr. Mallis and Mayor Koci clarified that was not a promise made during the income tax increase campaign and it was in the best interest of the City to wait and see what progress Xellia was going to make in the future. Mr. Saunders felt it should be reduced.

ORDINANCE NO. 9488-17 AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION AS THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN PROPERTY, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CORPORATION AS SUCH AGENCY UNDER SECTION 1724.10 OF THE REVISED CODE OF OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Mallis explained the CCLRC would be acting as an agent for the 42 Harrison property and felt it was a good deal at \$110,000.

Discussion of the Regular Meeting agenda was concluded.

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

At 7:40 p.m., Bedford City Council, City Manager Mike Mallis, Finance Director Frank Gambosi and Law Director John Montello went into an executive session to discuss Personnel / Litigation / Economic Development.

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

Executive Session adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Work Session adjourned at 7:59 p.m.



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Mayor – President of Council

PUBLIC HEARING

**BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL
STATE OF OHIO
COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA**

DATE: May 15, 2017

AGENDA

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Resolution No. 2513-17 approving and accepting the proposed 2017 Tax Budget for the year January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 (Rdgs: 5/1/17, 5/15/17, PH 5/15/17, Pass 6/5/17)
4. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Bedford, Ohio

May 15, 2017

Mayor Koci called the **Public Hearing** to order at 7:01 P.M. The roll was called. Present: Zolata, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders. Absent: Spinks.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2513-17 BEING A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE PROPOSED 2017 TAX BUDGET FOR THE YEAR JANUARY 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

Mr. Gambosi explained this process was per the Ohio Revised Code. There were three reasons for the tax budget process. He said the tax budget allowed the County Auditor to set the property tax rate for next year. It also allowed the City to receive Undivided Local Government funds and Local Government Revenue Assistance. It allowed the County Auditor to provide the City with a Certificate of Estimated Resources which limits the amount of money Council can appropriate for the tax year 2018. Mr. Gambosi added in 2018 there would be a 27th pay period for the employees at approximately \$500,000; this happens every 11 years due to leap year.

Mr. Pozar asked if the annual appropriations could be passed earlier. Mr. Gambosi clarified the Tax Budget and the annual appropriations were two different things. Mr. Gambosi thought it could be done; however, Mayor Koci questioned the purpose. Mr. Pozar felt it was in the best interest to take advantage of off season contracts and accommodate Council and Administration during the holiday seasons. Mayor Koci said this topic would be discussed during a future Work Session.

Council had no questions. Jean King and Jeff Asbury had no questions from the audience.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 P.M.



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