

Bedford City Council met in a work session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, January 21, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Stan Koci, Sandy Spinks, Walter Genutis, Vic Fluharty, Paula Mizsak, Heather Rhoades, Don Saunders. Administration: City Manager Michael Mallis, Finance Director Frank Gambosi, Law Director John Montello, Clerk of Council Tracy Simons. Absent: None.

Mayor Koci began discussion of the Regular Council Meeting agenda.

Council had no changes to the minutes of the Budget Work Session of November 25, 2019.

Council had no changes to the minutes of the Work Session of December 16, 2019, and the Regular Meeting of December 16, 2019.

Council had no changes to the minutes of the Organizational Work Session of January 2, 2020, and the Organizational Meeting of January 2, 2020.

Ordinance No. 9746-19 establishing the Archibald Willard Park Pavilion Rental Rules, Regulations and Fees. This was placed on Third Reading.

Ordinance No. 9747-19 to amend Ordinance No. 9646-18 pertaining to Fees, Deposits and Changes regarding Recreation Centers. This was place on Third Reading.

Ordinance No. 9751-20: Community Cost-Share Agreement with The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District. City Manager Mallis stated that this is a small area of town that pays in and it comes back to the City. It can roll over for five years. Mr. Francis stated that the Storm Fee that they collect in 2014 for 25% was between \$3,000 and \$4,000. He continued to state that we are in the South Region and it will be for root cutting around the storm line. He also stated that we are going to televise two areas and once we identify those problems we will correct them. City Manager Mallis stated that we are getting the GIS System updated. Mr. Francis stated that we are doing a lot of our own data entry and that the information can be transferred to the County and other systems and that we are going to do all of the work. Mr. Saunders asked about if there is a fee. City Manager Mallis stated that he hasn't heard about a fee.

Discussion of the Regular Meeting agenda was concluded.

Mayor Koci began the discussion of time limit for the Hearing of Citizens portion of the Council Meeting. Mrs. Mizsak stated that when she was talking with Mr. Cook that if you are going to have a lot of people come to a meeting to have a couple of people speak. Mayor Koci asked if Council wanted to do it and four were in favor and two we not in favor. Ms. Rhoades stated that she does not know which way to go on this matter. Mayor Koci stated that some cities have a five minutes time limit for a person to speak. Mr. Genutis stated that when you call someplace that you get an automated system and sometimes people just want to be heard.

Discussion of time limit for the Hearing of Citizens portion of the Council Meeting was concluded.

Mayor Koci began the discussion of Ward Meeting Dates for 2020. Council decided: March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Wards 1 & 4, March 30<sup>th</sup> – Wards 3 & 5 and April 27<sup>th</sup> – Wards 2 & 6.

Discussion of Ward Meeting Dates for 2020 was concluded.

Motion made by Mizesak and seconded by Rhoades to go into an Executive Session to discuss Economic Development-Meadowbrook and Personnel-Work Schedules. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.


Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Mizesak to adjourn out of Executive Session. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Rhoades, Spinks, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Work Session adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

  
Clerk of Council

  
Mayor – President of Council

  
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Bedford City Council met in regular session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, January 21, 2020. Mayor Koci called the meeting to order at 8:03 P.M. The meeting was opened by pledging allegiance to the flag.

The roll was called. Present: Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizzsak, Rhoades, Saunders, Koci. Absent: None.

Motion made by Rhoades and seconded by Mizzsak to approve the minutes of the Budget Work Session of November 25, 2019. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizzsak, Rhoades, Saunders, Koci. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Fluharty to approve the minutes of the Work Session of December 16, 2019. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizzsak, Rhoades, Saunders, Koci. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mizzsak and seconded by Rhoades to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 16, 2019. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizzsak, Rhoades, Saunders, Koci. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Genutis to approve the minutes of the Organizational Work Session Meeting of January 2, 2020. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizzsak, Saunders, Koci. Nays: None. Abstain: Rhoades. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mizzsak seconded by Rhoades to approve the minutes of the Organizational Meeting of January 2, 2020. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizzsak, Saunders, Koci. Nays: None. Abstain: Rhoades. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 9746-19**, an ordinance establishing the Archibald Willard Park Pavilion Rental Rules, Regulations and Fees and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Genutis to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizzsak, Rhoades, Saunders, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Rhoades to place Ordinance No. 9746-19 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that this is the pavilion located in the rear of the Ellenwood Center that is connected to the pool. It details more defined rules for when groups rent that facility and it does establish a small rental fee to reserve that area, as well as various regulations that you will have to follow. It is cleaning up and detailing what is required. This allows someone to secure that area for a family reunion or a picnic and it also lays out various other guidelines to follow. The Parks and Recreation staff looked at other communities as to how they detail their pavilion areas, what types of rules do they have and do they charge. We took that information and presented this to City Council.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizzsak, Rhoades, Saunders, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.



**ORDINANCE NO. 9747-19**, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 9646-18 pertaining to Section 1105.03 entitled "Fees, Deposits and Charges" regarding the Recreation Centers and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Rhoades and seconded by Saunders to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizzsak, Rhoades, Saunders, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Spinks to place Ordinance No. 9747-19 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that this is not an increase in fees in any way at the Recreation Center, this is just cleaning up the language on how we collect the security deposit and put it towards a specific rental instead of having to reimburse individuals after their party. It makes accounting for various events much easier. All this does is change the policy when individuals rent the facility and make a payment, and what constitutes a deposit and not have to wait for a return check after their event.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizzsak, Rhoades, Saunders, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Koci stated that you will or should be getting in the mail the new booklet from the Recreation Department. This is for all the activities going on in Spring/Summer. It is a great piece of material that they brought out and this really tells it all. He also stated that the staff down there is doing a wonderful job and they have elevated that department to what we hoped that it would be. City Manager Mallis stated that every mailing address will receive it. Mayor Koci stated that he is excited to see what they are doing down there and how they are elevating the department with some fresh ideas.

City Manager Michael Mallis stated that when you do get the booklet it outlines a lot of different programs for all ages, families and seniors. On Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. there will be a Town Hall Meeting at Ellenwood. We put together new programs and new ideas for everybody of all ages and we also want to hear from the public. There might be some things that you might want to see and we can work to implement some of those ideas.

City Manager Mallis stated that they did get a notice from the Cleveland Metro Parks that they will be performing their Deer Management/Culling Program and it will run through March. It is primarily in the areas of where the parks are, but when it is being conducted you will see the proper signage and the park will be closed and it will be posted.

City Manager Mallis stated that Dominion East Ohio is doing the main gas line repair at Five Points and it does include Powers Road, small section of Center Road, and Mapledale. Mapledale will not be closed entirely, because that is our way of getting our emergency personnel to that side of town when there is a train. We also have to take into consideration the schools and school busses. There is an inspector on site through the whole project and the whole project is ninety days.

City Manager Mallis stated that they are working on a couple of projects and one is a City owned piece of property that was the YMCA building, it is not our intention to keep that piece of



property. We want to look to develop it and the City is working with an appraiser to get a value on that as we look to marketing and/or making a transaction with a developer or business owner to get that developed. It is vital to what is up at Meadowbrook, because there are a lot of good things in the works in that area. The other piece of property is that we are working with Cuyahoga County to appraise all of the remaining property that is undeveloped in Tinker Creek Commons Park. The first step is to get it appraised and we are working with the County to get it appraised and it should be in by the end of the week. He gave a quick thank you out to Mr. Needham, who worked with the immersive theater project called "Shadow of the Run" that was in downtown Bedford. It took place on the Commons and the Train Depot. They do a tremendous job and they had some press release on WKYC and it brings the immersive theater to town and they love doing it in Bedford. He also stated that the State of the City will be on February 13<sup>th</sup> at Light of Hearts Villa. The doors open at 11:30 a.m. and if you would like to have a lunch you can purchase a ticket. If you are unable to attend you can watch it online. There are a lot of great things that Council and our staff were able to accomplish last year and we already have some things in the works for 2020.

That concluded the City Managers report.

Law Director John Montello was absent and excused.

That concluded the Law Director's report.

Finance Director Frank Gambosi stated that they are finishing up the year and we are into the new year already. The Tax Department is gearing up for the online e-filing, where we are going to have a paperless system where we will file. This is a program that we will do with the City of Cleveland and the CCA to verify income. Even with the online system if you ask for a refund we will require the paperwork that goes with that as well as if we request it for verification purposes for the department.

That concluded the Finance Director's report.

Councilwoman Spinks thanked the Service Department for cutting down some large limbs on a tree on Natalie Road and on Tudor Avenue. She stated that there was a watermain break on Bexley Drive that affected several houses and thanked the residents who called her about it. She stated that there were some shots fired at a resident's home located on Cresswell Drive. She continued to state that no one was injured and an investigation is still continuing on that even.

Councilwoman Spinks stated that she and State Representative Juanita Brent attended the Imaginary Library for the Literacy Cooperative Program at the Warrensville Library. It's for children from birth to five-years old can sign up and get free books. Its an opportunity for a child to get a free book every month. She stated that she was accepted at the Cuyahoga County Art Center for the Winter Exhibit on February 21<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to vote or attend the gallery I have information on it.

Councilman Genutis stated that the new booklet from the Recreation Department is really impressive as to what they are doing along with the offerings at Ellenwood. There are a lot of good programs here and the Town Hall Meeting is a very good offering. He also stated that it's an interesting offer to reach out to the community for people who have special talents and skills

to share and to bring them through the Recreation Department. It's a tremendous opportunity to build community.

Councilman Fluharty stated for people to take advantage of the Fifty Dollar (\$50.00) rebate program that they offer.

Councilwoman Mizesak congratulated Mr. Fluharty on becoming the new Vice Mayor. She asked City Manager Mallis if the new Hop In will have gas pumps on the property and asked why they weren't installed yet and that they said something about a February deadline and it's changed again. City Manager Mallis stated that he thinks their goal was to be open by February but he doesn't know the status of the recent inspections. For the installation of the gas pumps they would have to coordinate that and I will try and have an update for you and put it in the memo this week, but it will be a gas station.

Councilwoman Mizesak thanked the residents from Colony Club for being here and that we are trying to work as closely with the management for every body's happiness there. She thanked Juanita Brent for swearing her in.

Councilwoman Rhoades stated that the Chocolate Walk is returning to Bedford and there will also be a Wine Pull where you will pay Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) to pull a bottle of wine or liquor. There will also be a gift card punch where you will pay Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for a ticket and punch out a box worth at least Ten Dollars (\$10.00). There will also be a grand prize up to One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). You can go online at [bedforddowntown.org/chocolate](http://bedforddowntown.org/chocolate) and by your tickets at Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) a piece. The money that we raise at this event will help us put on other events such as our First Friday's and Pooka Pick-Ups that help clean-up our downtown area. She also stated that there will be two major art pieces that will be going into the downtown area this summer and that money will also help to support that as well.

Councilwoman Rhoades stated that they are looking for volunteers for the Chocolate Walk and if you are a volunteer for the Chocolate Walk you will be able to work for half of it and the other half to walk around if you purchased a ticket. Your tickets will be half price if you volunteer. She also stated that they are looking for gift card donations for the gift card punch.

Councilwoman Rhoades stated that the Do-Good-Nick's Meeting will be on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at DePompei's. This month's theme is bring a friend.

Councilman Saunders wished Mrs. Mizesak a Happy Birthday. He stated that they discussed the fact of having no parking from the school all the way down to Solon Road, and he asked City Manager Mallis if a decision was made regarding it, because school busses that are coming out of Cowles Avenue and Wheelock Drive are having a hard time because of people parking on Washington but also in the intersection. He continued that we have a situation there and it is going to get worse if we don't do something about it. He also stated to be considerate of your neighbor's when it snows that we have two-inch snowfall requirement that you should park on your street, but we also have a distance from the curb parking requirement. He also stated to try and park so that you are not across from a dry apron.

Councilman Saunders stated that we have a lot of streetlights that are out now and that two of the worst areas are on Rockside Road Bridge and on Broadway from Sirna's all the way to the cemetery is dark.

**Ordinance No. 9751-20**, an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Community Cost-Share Agreement with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District for the Community Cost-Share Storm Line Root Cutting and TV Inspection Project and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Rhoades and seconded by Saunders to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Genutis to place Ordinance No. 9751-20 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated there is a small section of town that pays into the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District and this area is primarily on Industry Drive. When that fund was set up the community gets a portion of the money back, because it's such a small amount our share will range depending on the collection and it is between \$3,000 to \$4,000 a year. Those funds have to go back to some type of sewer program or sewer project. We are allowed to carry those funds over upwards to five years, which is what we decided to do, so to date we have about \$14,000 in the fund that we need to start looking to utilize and what we are going to do is a program specific to some areas that we know need to be addressed. One of those areas is Eldered Avenue and the plans is to do root cutting from Center Road all the way to Southwick Drive. There are a couple other areas in town where we know that there is a sewer break, but we don't have the ability to get in there and find the exact problem, so other funds will be utilized to work with the County, bring their equipment in to identify that specific break. This is an \$11,000 project that utilizes the Regional Storm Fee and we will partner with Cuyahoga County, do the work and submit reimbursement for that money.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders, Koci. 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.

Ms. McMignariney, 625 A Turney Road Apt. 152, stated that she is concerned about getting a letter that the Colony Club is sending out a bill for water, sewer and rubbish. She wanted to know how can one receive that kind of bill and wanted to know if they were able to reach the lady in Michigan. City Manager Mallis stated that he did have a brief conversation with her. Ms. McMignariney asked if anything is going to happen there and that they raise the rent but that they are not doing what they should be doing.


Beverly Segal, 501 Lee Road, Colony Club, stated that they are raising the rent along with a water, sewer and rubbish bill that we have never had before. She continued to state that the water was included in your rent. She stated that when you are on a fixed income you can't make your rent.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 P.M.

  
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Date