

Bedford City Council met in a work session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, February 3, 2020 at 6:06 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Stan Koci, Walter Genutis, Vic Fluharty, Paula Mizesak, Heather Rhoades, Don Saunders. Administration: City Manager Michael Mallis, Finance Director Frank Gambosi, Law Director John Montello, Clerk of Council Tracy Simons. Absent: Sandy Spinks.

Mayor Koci began discussion of the Regular Council Meeting agenda.

Council had no changes to the minutes of the Work Session of January 21, 2020, and the Regular Meeting of January 21, 2020.

Ordinance No. 9752-20 to accept the NOPEC 2020 Energized Community Grant. City Manager Mallis stated that the grant that the City applied for last year combined with this year's amount will total around \$90,000.00. He then stated that some of the items that it will be replace are: 1.) water tanks in the Municipal Building and 2.) lighting for the Fire and Service Department along with lights for Willis Street. Councilwoman Rhoades inquired about putting up lights at the cross walk and Mayor Koci inquired about using led light and that it would make a huge difference. City Manager Mallis stated that they would look at the numbers and look into it.

Ordinance No. 9753-20 adopting the January 2020 replacement pages of the Codified Ordinances. Mrs. Simons stated that these are just updated pages to the Codified Ordinance Book since the last update as well as to the website.

Ordinance No. 9754-20 amend Ordinance No. 9658-18 Establishing Pay Ranges. Mr. Gambosi stated that this is an update on the life insurance to the standard group term and to spell it out in the ordinance.

Motion to accept the Board of Zoning Appeals recommendation of January 28, 2020 regarding Dustin James, representing Education Alternatives, at 1160 Northfield Rd. (AKA 270 Union St.) was approved a variance of Ordinance 1949.15 (a) (1) B-1 which allows for one wall sign per street frontage not to exceed forty (40) square feet in area and the approved wall signage consists of a sunburst totaling 16.80 square foot and aluminum letters reading Education Alternatives totaling 35.82 square foot for a total of 52.62 square foot.

Discussion of the Regular Meeting agenda was concluded.

Mayor Koci began the discussion to create a 1, 5 & 10-year plan for the City. Councilwoman Rhoades stated that the Master Plan should be done every 10 years and the last one was done thirteen years ago. She also stated that there are somethings in the Master Plan that are no longer affective. City Manager Mallis stated that the Master Plan is at least \$50,000.00. He also stated that he meets with the departments every year and asks them where they want to be in five-years and beyond. Councilwoman Rhoades stated that we should look at it every year, five years and ten years. She also stated that each Ward person likes their questions then the first step would be to set up a time for a one-hour interview with Ms. Schwende. Councilman Saunders stated that

Wards 2 and 3 have changed since the 2007 Master Plan and that zoning would fit into the Master Plan.

Discussion to create a 1, 5 & 10 year plan for the City was concluded.

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

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

Executive Session adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Work Session adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

  
Clerk of Council

  
Mayor – President of Council

  
Date



Bedford City Council met in regular session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, February 3, 2020. 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: Genutis, Fluharty, Mizsak, Rhoades, Saunders, Koci. Absent: Spinks.

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

Motion made by Mizsak and seconded by Rhoades to approve the minutes of the Work Session Meeting of January 21, 2020. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Fluharty, Mizsak, Rhoades, Saunders, Koci. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Fluharty to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 21, 2020. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Fluharty, Mizsak, Rhoades, Saunders, Koci. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

City Manager Michael Mallis stated that we are having our annual State of the City Address next Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. All of the information is on our website and if you want to purchase tickets for lunch you can do so online. If you are unable to attend it will be tape and up on our YouTube channel as well as our website.

City Manager Michael Mallis stated at the last meeting we talked about the Program Guide that went out for the Parks and Recreation Department and we are happy to say that we are experiencing a lot of registration. He continued to state that there are over 100 plus registrations that have taken place within the last two weeks. There are a lot of different programs for many different ages. If you are interested in it take advantage of them and sign up there are a lot of great options there. He also stated that there will be a Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at Ellenwood at 10:00 a.m.; which will be to hear input from the public regarding what programs they would like to see as we work towards for the Fall and Winter Program Guide.

City Manager Mallis thanked Assistant Fire Chief Shawn Solar will be retiring and he has been a tremendous asset to the City of Bedford and to the Fire Department. He continued to state that it's been an honor to call him a co-worker and he wished Mr. Solar and his family well. He also stated that we did conduct an Assistant Chief test and we are working to certify those results, which is the next step for us to move forward in selecting Mr. Solar's replacement.

City Manager Mallis reminded everyone about the up coming Ward Meetings. The meeting are a quick presentation of things happening in the City and the floor is open to hear from the public. The Ward Meetings will begin on March 23<sup>rd</sup> for Wards 1 & 4, March 30<sup>th</sup> for Wards 3 & 5 and April 27<sup>th</sup> for Wards 2 & 6. The will be taped and posted on our YouTube Channel as well as on our website.

City Manager Mallis stated that we are working with Dominions Contractor regarding the main gas line replacement that is taking place, specifically in the area of Five Points. He continued to that there will be some road closures only in the evening and each closure should only happen for one night. They will be working from 7:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. to eliminate traffic as much as possible.

That concluded the City Managers report.

Law Director John Montello stated that he enjoyed working with Mr. Solar and wished him luck. He also stated that there were two retirements from the Courts and they are the Head Bailiff Mr. Defabio and a Court Clerk Ms. Jaklitch. He stated that he enjoyed working with them and wished them luck.

That concluded the Law Director's report.

Finance Director Frank Gambosi wished Mr. Solar luck and a great retirement. He did state that they prepared the Assistant Fire Chief test and an entry level Lieutenant test, and at this point in time they are looking to replace all of those different positions. He also stated that they will be doing the Police entry early this year and it will probably be some time in June. He continued to stated that later in the year, around October, there will also be an entry for Fire and Medic.

Finance Director Frank Gambosi stated about the Fun Run, Pancake Breakfast and the Art Show and the event will be on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at Bedford High School.

That concluded the Finance Director's report.

Councilman Genutis thanked Mr. Gambosi for also mentioning that the Pancake Run will also have an Art Show as well. The kids do a beautiful job and encouraged everyone to go and support the kids and see the art work as well as enjoying the pancake breakfast.

Councilman Fluharty stated that last Friday there was a twenty-year anniversary for 2000 Basket Ball Team that went to the State Finals, he was the Assistant Coach for that team. They did a fantastic job at getting some of the former players.

Councilman Fluharty stated that on Northfield Road from Forbes Road down to the bridge needs to be resurfaced somehow, because it's bad with too many holes and it needs to be addressed if we have the time or the money this year to get that taken care of. City Manager Mallis stated that a few years back we reached out to ODOT regarding a couple different concerns, unfortunately all of which the responsibility of ODOT Northfield Road, Broadway Road and the Northfield Road bridge. The officials in District 12 have since been replaced and there is new management with ODOT and we have a meeting scheduled with them next Monday and those are the three main topics of concern: 1.) the condition of Northfield Road and when is the timeline for them to address Northfield Road, 2.) is the fencing along the Northfield Road bridge and 3.) the increase traffic on Broadway due to the construction on the highway and what that traffic has done to the condition of Broadway Road and what are they going to do to make that right? He stated that we are aware of those concerns and we plan to have a conversation with



them and our Engineer set up the meeting. Hopefully I will have a follow-up for Council after that meeting.

Councilwoman Mizsak announced that on February 15<sup>th</sup> is the Annual Senior Citizens Valentine's Day Dance at the High School from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. She asked the City Manager how many employees does Azealia employee today compared to when they first came in. City Manager Mallis stated that early last year it was 211 and then if you add in the other company they were probably closer to 250-260 and once they get the new bag system up and running they are planning to hire more employees. She also asked how the new van service is working out for senior citizens and for the people that use it. City Manager Mallis stated that it is working out very well and each month there is an increase of people utilizing that service and to date there are about 70 individuals that have been registered. He continued to state that it's working out and each month we continue to have more people sign up.

Councilwoman Rhoades stated that they are selling tickets for the Chocolate Walk and they just produced a commercial for it on YouTube just type in Bedford Chocolate Walk. There is also a game that that you can play during the walk and it is to find all of the golden tickets in Downtown Bedford, and if you find all of the golden tickets you will be entered into a drawing for a grand prize. Tickets are twenty dollars (\$20.00) a piece and you can purchase them at [bedforddowntown.org/chocolate](http://bedforddowntown.org/chocolate) or you can go to Sirna's Café or The Broadway Cyclery to purchase them in person. She continued to state that they are looking for volunteers and if you volunteer you can purchase tickets for the Chocolate Walk at half price. She also reminded everyone that a wine pull will be done at the Chocolate Walk as well.

Councilman Saunders asked if patrolling is still being done on rubbish, because there are people that leave their cans out for two or three days and people are putting it out early. He then asked about the restoration at the intersection of Five Points or are we going to end up with trenches all over the place. City Manager Mallis stated that he does not have the specifics on it and that they met with the City Engineer and the Service Department and they understand what has to get done as to our specs and what needs to happen with that. We also have inspectors out the entire time during this project and Dominion reimburses us for those inspectors. Councilman Saunders asked if they are going to run the traffic signals through that area. City Manager Mallis stated that you will not be able to get through those roads, certain streets will be blocked. Councilman Saunders stated that he hopes that Sherwood is notified that the construction will be going on in the evening.

Councilman Saunders stated that at the corner of Columbus Street and Northfield Road people are running the red light and that this intersection needs to have something done before there's a major accident over there.

Mayor Koci wished his wife a Happy Birthday.

**Ordinance No. 9752-20**, an Ordinance authorizing all actions necessary to accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) 2020 Energized Community Grant and declaring and emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Genutis to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was

called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizesak and seconded by Rhoades to place Ordinance No. 9752-20 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that this is a NOPEC Grant offered to the cities and we were successful last year in acquiring a \$45,000.00 grant. This is a similar grant in the amount of \$43,000.00 and escrowed last years funds in order to combine it with this year grant application to give us as much money as possible to make various energy improvements. The improves are for energy upgrades to municipal buildings and or street lights. We will be coming to Council in the next couple of months with some recommendations on some improvements that will be funded through the grant last year and from this year's grant.

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

**Ordinance No. 9753-20**, an ordinance providing for the adoption of new matter in the Codified Ordinance of Bedford to approve, adopt and enact the January 2020 replacement pages to the Codified Ordinance of Bedford, Ohio, hereinafter "Codified Ordinances", to repeal certain ordinances in conflict therewith or deemed obsolete and declaring and 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: Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Genutis to place Ordinance No. 9753-20 on third and final reading and passed.

Law Director Montello stated that we are updating our ordinances with the changes that we've made and mandated by the State of Ohio or that Council has mandated previously. We have to authorize the expenditure of monies for the cost of the replacement pages.

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

**Ordinance No. 9754-20**, an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 9658-18 Establishing Pay Ranges as subsequently amended and declaring and emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Mizesak and seconded by Rhoades to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Fluharty to place Ordinance No. 9754-20 on third and final reading and passed.



Mr. Gambosi stated that we have two positions in the City and they are City Coordinator and Building Clerk where we had to classify that for pay ranges as well as life insurance clarification that we needed in the ordinance.

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

Motion was made by Fluharty and seconded by Genutis to accept the Board of Zoning Appeals recommendation of January 28, 2020 regarding Dustin James, representing Education Alternatives, at 1160 Northfield Rd. (AKA 270 Union St.) was approved a variance of Ordinance 1949.15 (a) (1) B-1 which allows for one wall sign per street frontage not to exceed forty (40) square feet in area and the approved wall signage consists of a sunburst totaling 16.80 square foot and aluminum letters reading Education Alternatives totaling 35.82 square foot for a total of 52.62 square foot. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Fluharty, Mizsak, Rhoades, Saunders, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried.

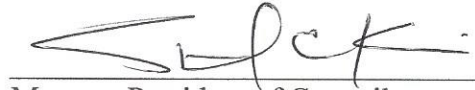
Mayor Koci said that concluded the business portion of the meeting and asked if anyone in the audience had any comments.

Mr. Tench, 286 Marion Drive, Bedford OH, thanked Council for mentioning the Pancake Run/Walk and breakfast and the Art Show that is in conjunction with the Bedford City School Foundation, which supplies scholarships for the seniors. All of our art teachers do a wonderful job and we have some very talented students up there. He also congratulated Mr. Solar on his retirement. He also stated that one of the business owners asked him about graffiti in the area and Mr. Tench replied “Go to a Council Meeting.” Councilwoman Rhoades stated that they are aware of the issue and we’ve had several locations hit in the downtown area and the building owners have been notified and asked to clean up. She continued to state that there is special attention on the area to try and catch what we believe are juveniles who are doing this. Mr. Tench stated that it is the building owner’s responsibility and what happens if they don’t. City Manager Mallis stated that we spoke with two of the property owners and the proper material that you need to use to remove the graffiti says that it will not work under 40 degrees. Mr. Tench wanted to know if it was their responsibility. City Manager Mallis stated that if you see something let the City know and that we can’t go on private property, but as long as we are working with them that we need it addressed and if they don’t then we will escalate it to get it addressed sooner than later. Councilwoman Rhoades stated that one of the issues is that a lot of the tags are happening on bare brick and they don’t want to paint overtop of bare brick.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 P.M.

  
Clerk of Council

  
Mayor – President of Council

2-18-20  
Date