

Bedford City Council met in a Work Session virtually thru Zoom on Tuesday, May 4, 2020 at 6:15 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, Assistant Finance Director Jennifer Howland, 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 Work Session of April 20, 2020, and the Regular Meeting of April 20, 2020.

Ordinance No. 9769-20: CRA agreement with APEC Holdings, Inc. and Ordinance No. 9772-20: contract w/Silco Fire and Security were placed on Third and Final Reading. City Manager Mallis stated that they did reach out to the original company and the company did not get back to the City.

Resolution No. 2548-20 declaring the necessity to improve certain streets by lighting same, Ordinance No. 9778-20 to proceed with the improvement of certain streets by lighting same and Ordinance No. 9779-20 levying special assessments for the improvement of the street and public places were all placed on Second Reading.

Ordinance No. 9780-20 levying assessment for garbage/refuse collection, recycling and disposal was placed on Second Reading.

Resolution No. 2549-20 approving and accepting the proposed 2020 Tax Budget for the year January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 and Resolution No. 2550-20 requesting the County Fiscal Officer to advance taxes from tax levy proceeds for 2020 collected in 2021 were both placed on Second Reading.

Ordinance No. 9783-20: Resurfacing of Forbes Rd. City Manager Mallis stated that this is part of a 50/50 grant and that Council needs to pass it for support.

Ordinance No. 9784-20: amending Ordinance No. 9738-19 making additional appropriations. Mrs. Howland stated that this is for SEAL.

Ordinance No. 9785-20: contract w/PVS for Liquid Ferric Chloride. City Manager Mallis stated that this is housekeeping for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Ordinance No. 9786-20: GPD Engineering Services. City Manager Mallis stated that this is from the EPA for the renewal and to place it on First Reading.

Motion to approve or deny the Zoning Board of Appeals decision to accept a variance of Ordinance 1927.05 which in part states a single-family dwelling shall be limited to a maximum square footage of 30% of the lot area in R2 zoned district that was requested by the Angelo Amato (Ang's Contractors, LLC) representing Barbara R. Bruno of 230 Paul St. Mayor Koci stated that "Yes" is for approval of the BZA decision.

Discussion of the Regular Meeting agenda was concluded.

Mayor Koci began discussion of Memorial Day Parade / events. City Manager Mallis stated they are not issuing permits for any events at this time. Mrs. Rhoades suggested doing individual videos for Memorial Day and having them posted on the City YouTube Channel. Mayor Koci also suggested to do snip it's around some of the areas of the parade route and cemetery. He also suggested having videos of veterans explain the meaning of Memorial Day.

Discussion of Memorial Day Parade / events was concluded.

Mayor Koci began discussion of Summer Schedule. Mayor Koci stated to schedule the Summer Meetings for the First Monday of June, July and August and that the meeting will be held on Monday, June 1, 2020, Monday, July 6, 2020 and on Monday, August 3, 2020.

Discussion of Summer Schedule was concluded.

Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:18 p.m.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Genutis to go into an Executive Session to discuss Personnel: Scheduling/shift/etc. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Adjourned out of Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

Work Session adjourned at 8:00 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Mayor – President of Council

5-18-20
Date

Bedford City Council met virtually via Zoom for the regular session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, May 4, 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: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders.

Mayor Koci stated that we have the ability to answer your questions and being that this is a public meeting if you email us with your comments you must have your name and address and that we will not answer anonymous. City Manager Mallis stated that you can email the City Manager directly at citymanager@bedfordoh.gov with any questions or concerns throughout the meeting and we will read them and respond accordingly.

Motion made by Mizesak and seconded by Rhoades to approve the minutes of the Work Session Meeting of April 20, 2020. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Abstain: Genutis. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rhoades and seconded by Fluharty to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 20, 2020. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Abstain: Genutis. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 9769-20, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BEDFORD AND APEC HOLDINGS, INC. AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THAT AGREEMENT BY THE CITY MANAGER AND DECLARING AND EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Rhoades suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizesak and seconded by Rhoades to place Ordinance No. 9783-20 on third and final reading and passed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9772-20, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SILCO FIRE AND SECURITY FOR INSTALLATION OF A NEW HIGH DEFINITION SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM THROUGHOUT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND DECLARING AND 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: Saunders, Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. 9772-20 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated with the APEC was a 10 Year tax abatement proposal and they purchased the former YMCA. He stated that Silco is the upgrades to the cameras in the Municipal Complex.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2548-20, A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO IMPROVE CERTAIN STREETS IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO BY LIGHTING THE SAME AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Fluharty to place Resolution No. 2548-20 on Second Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9778-20, AN ORDINANCE DETERMINED TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN STREETS IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO BY LIGHTING THE SAME AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Mizesak to place Ordinance No. 9778-20 on Second Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9779-20, AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE STREET AND PUBLIC PLACES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO BY LIGHTING OF THE SAME IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION NO. 2548-20 AND ORDINANCE NO. 9778-20 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Rhoades and seconded by Genutis to place Ordinance No. 9779-20 on Second Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9780-20, AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY ASSESSMENTS FOR THE EXPENSE OF GARBAGE/REFUSE COLLECTION, RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL WITHIN THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO DURING THE TAX YEAR 2020 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Rhoades to place Ordinance No. 9780-20 on Second Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2549-20, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE PROPOSED 2020 TAX BUDGET FOR THE YEAR JANUARY 1, 2021 TO DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Mizesak and seconded by Fluharty to place Resolution No. 2549-20 on Second Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Koci stated that the Public Hearing will be on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. virtually done by Zoom.

RESOLUTION NO. 2550-20, A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER TO ADVANCE TAXES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF TAX LEVIES FOR THE YEAR 2020 COLLECTED IN 2021 PURSUANT TO SECTION 321.34 OF THE REVISED CODE OF THE STATE OF OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Rhoades and seconded by Genutis to place Resolution No. 2550-20 on Second Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, Mizzsak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Howland stated that this resolution is asking for the funds to be sent to us in installments and prior resolution is for the Tax Budget that is passed every year in June where the County approves our funding for next year.

City Manager Michael Mallis stated Bedford UH is having a Chalk Walk on May 7th & 8th in appreciation for all of those working at the hospital. He also stated the Light of Hearts Villa expansion of the Memory Care Unit will begin next week.

City Manager Mallis stated that Kimble has resumed their normal services for trash, bulk and recycle. Our Service Department was out last week with Parker Landscaping planting 50 trees in the areas of McKinley and High Street. He also stated that we took delivery of our new rescue pumper last week.

City Manager Mallis stated that we are going after funding to cover for cleaning and expenses but also for future programs and other things that we can obtain. He continued stating that we are going to see a financial impact and working to reduce that as well. He stated to please continue to practice Social Distancing and our buildings will remain closed until June 1. He stated to reach out to us via phone or email.

That concluded the City Managers report.

Law Director John Montello stated that if you need any thing to give us a call and stay safe.

That concluded the Law Director's report.

Assistant Finance Director Jennifer Howland stated that Income Taxes look to be severally impacted from this and due to individual and not profit deposits from filing and extension of payments up to July. She continued to state that with holding are collect a month and sometime a quarter behind and we haven't seen much of an impact in April yet and we could see an impact next month or in July and August.

That concluded the Assistant Finance Director's report.

Councilwoman Spinks stated that tomorrow is Cinco De Mayo Day and during these troubling times you are seeing a different side of people and they are using their imagination and it's made us realize what we take for granted. She stated that she is proud of the seniors at Bedford High School and that there are some really great teachers and students there. She stated that Orlando

Thompson is a sophomore at Bedford High School and he is a published author of a book titled "The Masked Strategy" that is available on Amazon. She wished all of the mothers a Happy Mother's Day.

Councilman Genutis thanked the City for keeping up the services that they have and that the Wellness checks around the city was a great idea, as well as stepping up the food assistance for people in need and those things speak well for the City.

Councilman Fluharty wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day. He stated that the new grass program is really going to help to get some of the lots cut ahead of time.

Councilwoman Mizsak stated that yesterday was a great day to see a lot of their neighbors and she asked if Sunoco is ready to open their doors or do they still have to hire employee's to take care of the company and City Manager Mallis stated that they signed off on the project over a month ago and they were waiting on final approval from the Cuyahoga County Board of Health and they received the approval last week and for staffing he was not sure where they were at on that and they have all of the approval to open. She thanked Dave's for some really nice trees and was wondering if we could take one tree from one part of the street and put it on another piece of property there and City Manager Mallis stated that he was sure if there were any trees left. She also asked if there more or less than 50 mortality rates in the City Manager Mallis stated that he did not know of the stats regarding that. She expressed her condolences to Mr. Bako for the passing of his wife.

Councilwoman Rhoades stated that the Bedford Garden Club is going to have an online plant sale and the website for the Garden Club is <http://www.befordgardenclub.com> and the link for the plant sale will be there. She stated to make sure that you are shopping locally to see these companies here after this situation.

Councilman Saunders stated that today is 50 years since the tragedy of Kent State tragedy and it hasn't been forgotten. He stated that there are a lot of college student who are also missing their graduation as well as those senior high school students. He stated to please wait to throw graduation parties till later. He reminded everyone that there are requirements for the proper way to get rid of trash and if you have a question to call the Service Department. He also stated that he has been getting complaints about people parking on the streets.

Mayor Koci congratulated all of the graduates on all of their accomplishments during this time. He also reminded everyone to fill out their census sheets and that it is vital to the city.

ORDINANCE NO. 9783-20, AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE MUNICIPALITY, IN THE MATTER OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED IMPROVEMENT AND REQUESTS THE COOPERATION OF THE COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA, OHIO, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE COUNTY AND DECLARING AND 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: Saunders, Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizesak and seconded by Genutis to place Ordinance No. 9783-20 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis that this is a contract between Bedford and Cuyahoga County and we applied for a 50/50 match for our portion of Forbes Road. Councilman Saunders stated that this is a waste of money and that he will vote no for this. Mayor Koci stated that we do have the right to refuse after the bids come in to do the project.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9784-20, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9738-19 MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO DURING THE YEAR 2020 AND DECLARING AND EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Rhoades and seconded by Fluharty to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizesak and seconded by Rhoades to place Ordinance No. 9784-20 on third and final reading and passed.

Mrs. Howland stated that this is to reappropriated SEAL money from the prior year and borrow money from the prior year and that it is done around this time every year.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9785-20, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PVS TECHNOLOGIES, INC. D/B/A PVS CHEMICALS (PVS) FOR FERRIC CHLORIDE AND DECLARING AND EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Mizesak and seconded by Saunders to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Rhoades and seconded by Spinks to place Ordinance No. 9785-20 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that these chemicals are used down at the plant to treat the water prior to it going into the creek. He continued to state that we pass this legislation with PVS.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9786-20, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PROPOSAL WITH GPD GROUP FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR SANITARY SEWER FLOW METERING AND DECLARING AND EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Genutis to place Ordinance No. 9786-20 on First Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizensak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Mallis stated that part of the process for the permit renewal we are required by the EPA to conduct a Non-Feasible Alternative Study for future improvements at the plant.

Motion to approve or deny the Zoning Board of Appeals decision to accept a variance of ordinance 1927.05 which in part states a single-family dwelling shall be limited to a maximum square footage of 30% of the lot area in R2 zoned district that was requested by the Angelo Amato (Ang's Contractors, LLC) representing Barbara R. Bruno of 230 Paul St. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizensak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Mallis stated that the Law Director recommends to approve it.

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

Jeff Duber, 134 Harman, asked if the City of Bedford about participating the Do Not Knock Program from NOPEC and City Manager Mallis stated that the City has an ordinance for solicitors and that the Do Not Knock Program is specifically to stop the for-profit companies and it cannot stop the non-profit programs.

Kristi Glasier, stated the action that the city took at the beginning of the COVID19 crisis to add an individual to each shift for the fire department was impressive. I was extremely concerned and disappointed to hear that this action was reversed, despite the continued conditions for which our safety service staff are working. I respectfully ask that the increased staffing policy be reinstated. The force has been working at a deficit since the expiration of the staffing grant. We need to fund an adequate safety force; our community deserves it. City Manager stated that we did implement that in the beginning when there was an influx of calls and since then the number of calls has decreased and the overall number of calls has decreased. He stated that the Safer Grant and the Cops Grants and we did look into them and our staff has looked into those grants.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 P.M.

Tracy M. Simons
Clerk of Council

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Mayor – President of Council

5-18-20
Date