

Bedford City Council met in a Work Session virtually thru Zoom on Monday, October 5, 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.

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Ordinance No. 9807-20: amending Ordinance No. 6950-97 Section 1341.19 entitled "Removal of Weeds by Owner, Occupant; Notice" Councilman Genutis stated that he was ready for the Third Reading, but that he is going to move to amend the ordinance as written to remove item (b) in Section 1341.19 during the meeting thereby we would have a vote to first amend then we would vote for passage of it whether we have agreed to it or not. He continued to state the removal of item (b) is about the garden in the front yard, because as we discussed in Work Session and with the opinion of the Law Director on public record that we would likely not be able to enforce such a thing and he agreed with Councilwoman Rhoades that if it's not enforceable we really shouldn't enter in as a law. Mayor Koci stated that he wants to leave it as is as they have discussed for some many weeks. He stated that it changes the whole ordinance to me. Councilwoman Rhoades stated that from our Law Director that we cannot enforce this law. Councilman Saunders stated that every community has the same law and they enforce it. Councilwoman Spinks stated that the way it was written it is saying that it could not exceed the front yard and if they have a situation where you have no backyard I don't have a problem with that. Mr. Montello suggested that they discuss this in Executive Session. Councilman Genutis stated that we've all agreed because we voted twice already and voted unanimously to have it the way it is and provide a special case scenario and that is who we can ultimately vote. He continued to state that he moves to amend to take out (b) and that vote fails then we will just revert back to the way it has been and continue to vote favorably the way it's written and there's no problem there. Mr. Montello stated that if the motion fails and it is on Third Reading so you would have to vote either as amended or as it's presented in it's Third Reading. Councilwoman Spinks stated that if we open up to a full fledge garden that is a whole different situation. Councilwoman Rhoades inquired if you can define it legally and Mr. Montello replied that a lot of other communities have a very in-depth ordinances about these issues, but the more detail the better. He stated as Councilman Genutis suggests that if he makes the motion and it fails go back to the Third Reading. Councilwoman Rhoades stated that Councilman Genutis asked several communities' and they do not have a law against gardens, he had Mrs. Simons ask all of them and none of them have laws specifically against gardens. Councilwoman Spinks stated that comparing us to other cities is unfair and when it comes to something like this you can't compare it. Councilwoman Mizsak stated that whenever it comes to the vote we should hold to what we decide to do. She continued to state that as far as other cities they have their own rules and we are the only City Manager type government and she would like to hear City Manager Mallis's

input on it. Mayor Koci stated that we talked about the ordinance the way it was drafted for several weeks. Councilwoman Rhoades stated that we debated heartedly about that particular part of the ordinance. Councilman Genutis stated that we are still going to vote for it as we have all along, it's just my little move to amend that and it could get voted against and then we will vote for it as we have previously agreed to it. Mayor Koci stated that it changes the whole complex of the ordinance totally. Councilman Genutis stated then vote no and we vote for it as it's written as we have the first two readings.

Ordinance No. 9817-20: amending Ordinance No. 9546-17 concerning Section 913.02 "Sewer Rates", Ordinance No. 9818-20: amending Ordinance No. 9637-18 concerning Section 913.03 "Rate Reduction for Senior Citizens and Permanently Disabled" and Ordinance No. 9819-20: replacing Ord. No: 7780-05 Relating to Water Rates all were placed on Second Reading. Mr. Gambosi stated that we should just go Second Reading for these and go a Third Reading on October 19th and pass it on that date. He continued to stated that there is no increase in water and a 4% increase on sewer rates. Mr. Gambosi stated that they have to have it on the books before November.

Ordinance No. 9820-20: amending Section 351.18 "Truck Parking In Residential Areas" was placed on Second Reading. City Manager Mallis stated that we cleaned this ordinance up and it needed to be specified not to permit those listed and it prohibits them from parking in the public roadway, unless there are reasons identified in there as to if they providing a service or if they are broken down and things of that nature. He continued to state that it wasn't specified in the way that we meant at the last meeting and we made the amendment in this. Councilman Genutis stated that we talked about this being a conflict with other ordinances, which talk about the parking of trailers and trucks, and then what you did was you added where it says "roadway any time in front of, alongside a property used for residential purpose, except in the case of breakdown, for loading or unloading, or for providing a temporary service to the public.", is that what is most recently changed. He stated that just adding that little bit made it correct and it makes sense. City Manager Mallis stated that is exactly the case and we weren't clear in how it was written last time, this was specifically meant to address in the roadway. He also stated that in the ordinance that talks about weight we did research that and it was specific towards vehicles in their property not in the street, this is specific to in the street.

Ordinance No. 9821-20: initiate energy improvements conducted by Gardiner City Manager Mallis stated that this specifically outlines the amount of improvements that we were doing and we passed the Gardiner and the energy improvements previously, this is a breakdown of the specific cost. He continued to state that we are replacing the hot water tanks at the Municipal Center and all of the street lighting down Willis St. and Taylor St. He stated that the city owns those decorative lights and they have failed and these are installing city owned LED lights through out that area. He continued to stated that we are utilizing grant funds that total just under \$100,000.00 in NOPEC Grant dollars and funds through the Street Lighting Fund to finish these improvements. Councilman Genutis stated that the cost of \$152,000.00 will not be the actual cost to the City of Bedford, because around \$90,000 will be paid for by NOPEC funds and the remainder will be paid by the City of Bedford and City Manager Mallis stated that is correct and that we had about \$47,000.00 in NOPEC grants and we had the ability to escrow one of the years until we were ready to do a project, and we did it two years in a row to accumulate just under \$100,000.00. He stated that we also looked at what needed to be done and most important, obviously the water system at the Municipal Complex, the units were showing signs of failure

and obviously the city owned lighting on Willis St. and Taylor St. were failing. He continued to stated that this is the most cost-effective way to do and we're doing it utilizing a significant amount of non-city funds. Mr. Gambosi stated that he will be coming back with an ordinance at the next meeting regarding expenditures of this to make sure that we have appropriated for the full amount of the \$151,000.00. Councilman Saunders inquired about how soon can we have the lights up on Willis St. and City Manager Mallis replied that he did ask for a timeline on Friday and that they are working to get all of the fixtures, and they will be done hopefully within the next forty-five (45) days, but until he knows for sure he doesn't want to give a number. He also stated that he will try and get a timeline. Councilman Fluharty inquired if we had a lot of streets that we need to get covered on this and do we have enough to cover it or just to patch up some of these streets and City Manager replied that as far as the lights that we need to put up the proposal called for twenty-three (23) units and that is to cover all of the lighting down Willis St. and Taylor St. and there are two (2) on Broadway Ave. in front of the Handy Side House, and the plan is to replace all of those with these units and we will have two (2) units as backups if they would fail. He continued to state that other than the street lights down Broadway Ave. this is the only area where we own the city street light all of the others are owned by the Illuminating Company.

Ordinance No. 9822-20: repeal Section 511.12 entitled "Criminal Activity Nuisance" Mayor Koci stated that this is cleaning up our ordinances and getting rid of one that is no longer applicable. Mr. Montello stated so that we can pursue other alternative dispute resolution techniques.

Resolution No. 2556-20: applying for a NOACA Grant for TLCI City Manager Mallis stated that prior to receiving any implementation costs from NOPEC, before you are able to apply and eligible for the funds you have to go through a NOACA Planning Process and it is another grant and we want to move forward with this planning grant for the bridge and connector project. He stated that it would connect downtown Bedford through Viaduct and up along Egbert Rd. He continued to state that we would apply for the planning phase, they would help us plan it, engineer it, and if we get this and go through that we then become eligible for their implementation grant. He stated that we would just like to apply for this and move forward with the planning.

Discussion of the Regular Meeting agenda was concluded.

Mayor Koci began the discussion of fences. Mayor Koci stated that from our discussion last time the big objection was the height of six feet in the backyards, because it's not high enough to keep the deer out and City Manager Mallis stated that he did touch base with the Police Department to see if they have any objections as far as height and he checked with the Police Chief and the Deputy Chief and they do not have any issue regarding height as it pertains to the Police Department. Councilman Genutis stated that there is also a provision for the property between residential and non-residential that is higher in height, but it would be very positive for the people who are troubled by deer to make it so that we are going along with the Division of Wildlife. He also stated that we have to decide if a functional fence of any sort should be allowed in the front, where we only allow a decorative one but now a functional one. He continued to state that we talked about trying to protect our plants and landscaping and I guess we just have to decide if we would allow a functional fence anywhere in the front yard and figure out the details and why would we allow a functional fence to protect property and landscaping

from deer and other animals, and to protect our homes from intruders or for personal safety. He stated that going forward that is something that we have to consider. He stated that there are some instances where your flower beds are something in the front and you should be able to a fence around them to keep the animals out. He stated that the way the ordinance is written you cannot protect your plants from the animals and the trees from deer. Councilwoman Rhoades stated that she would be putting the back yard higher, but for the front yard she has never seen a city that allows for tall fences in the front yard. Mayor Koci stated to put it on Work Session for the next meeting.

Discussion of Fences was concluded.

Mayor Koci began the discussion of the Historical Preservation Board. Councilwoman Rhoades stated that we've had some issues late with the Historical Preservation Board and that we looked at the ordinance and she was shocked as well as people in that particular industry where shocked by how much lea way our Historical Preservation Board has. She continued to state sent the City Manager a text about a roof on a building downtown get approved by Historical Preservation Board and it did, but we have no record of it, and it never came to Council. She continued to state that if they would have declined it Council would have never had any opinion on it, or Historical Preservation Board ordinance give carte blanche to our Historical Preservation Board, which is a serious concern. Mayor Koci stated that he agrees and after he looked at it and there is no Council oversight what so ever. He continued to state that we as Council have always considered it as a over seer of the Historic Downtown District, but in reading the whole thing they can go into any historic district and have influence. Councilwoman Rhoades stated that it also stated that it does say that they should have guidelines and she has never seen guidelines, and they have carte blanche in our downtown area and it is a concern. Mayor Koci stated that he likes the idea of having a downtown oversite committee. Councilwoman Rhoades stated that we need that and that Heritage Ohio is very much for a historic preservation. Mayor Koci stated that they have all kinds of power. Councilwoman Mizensak stated that we don't even know who's on it and Mayor Koci replied that there is a list. Councilwoman Rhoades inquire about how many things have gone through the Historical Preservation Board over the past month and Mayor Koci stated that they meet as needed. Councilwoman Rhoades stated that we've had some instances where all of the people on the Historical Preservation Board that their hearts are in the right place, but we had to change the lighting law, because they allowed the MetroPCS to have the bright lighting. She continued to state that she is fairly confident that the decision to allow the roof replaced on the corner building at Five Points, was not accompanied by any sort of research that would tell them whether the new roof was appropriate for that style of building. She continued to state that the point of the Historical Preservation Board is to make sure that the buildings downtown maintain their historic look. Councilman Genutis stated that he isn't sure if any of the board members are trained on architectural principles, and when you hear something like the Historical Preservation Board you assume that they are trying to keep the downtown to remain looking historical in the context of the buildings that are there. He inquired if Heritage Ohio provides any function in a situation where there is controversy about a renovation beyond what the Building Commissioner can see as a function to help us decide on some of these features as being historically okay and Councilwoman Rhoades replied that they do provide training, if we wanted to bring in training it would cost something. She also stated that we would also have to come up with those guidelines. She continued to state that we need to define what falls under the purview of historical preservation, and these things will cost time and money. She stated that they recommend that perhaps we look at the Cleveland Restoration Society for a

consultant, that when we have cases where we need someone to look at the historical preservation of a building they could then make their recommendations. She also stated that rather than having a board we have those recommendations and they would then go to Planning Commission, they would then look over those recommendations, they would then make their recommendation, which would then come to Council. She continued to state that we would then say "yes" or "no" to their recommendations. She stated that if we kept the board that Heritage Ohio said they would like to see people who are familiar with architecture or historical preservation on the Historical Preservation Board, and given our working class you tend not to find a lot of architects it could be a little bit difficult in our community to fill that board with people who are knowledgeable. Mayor Koci stated that it calls for a five-member board and that some of those should still be our local people on that board. Councilwoman Rhoades stated that is why going through the Planning Commission would cover that and it would also be one less board that we have to fill. Councilwoman Mizzak stated that we never get notified on when the Historical Preservation Board gives permission to do any type of work. Mayor Koci stated that we can take a look at and something where Council has some oversight in.

Discussion of the Historical Preservation Board was concluded.

Mayor Koci began the discussion for the Budget Dates. City Manager Mallis stated that we will be done with the Department Head Meetings end of this week and beginning of next week, but there is still a lot that has to happen between now and when we meet. He continued to state that we have to work through all of the changes, and get with Mrs. Hollo in drafting up all of Council's binders, and verify the changes. He stated that typically we start the last Monday in October the budget hearings, and he thinks that would work this year. He also stated that we have five Monday's in November and it would give us plenty of time if we started at the end of this month. Mayor Koci stated that the smaller ones we can do on a meeting night or we can meet a little longer on a Monday and get them wrapped up. City Manager Mallis inquired about with October 26, November 9th, 23rd & 30th and Mayor Koci inquired if anyone on Council had a problem with any of those dates and City Manager Mallis stated that on the 26th we could a couple of the larger ones, with November 23rd we could do a couple more of the larger ones. He continued to state that if you would like us to throw out some recommendations on how and I can get with Mrs. Hollo and figure it out. Mrs. Mizzak inquired if we are going to meet in person or through Zoom and Mayor Koci proposed that we meet in person at the new room in Ellenwood, and that it is so much easier for the back and forth conversation to meet in person. He continued to state that we can social distance very easily down there. City Manager Mallis stated that we can make that decision later this month.

Discussion of Budget Dates was concluded.

Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:31 p.m.

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

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

Adjourned out of Executive Session at 7:57 p.m.

Work Session adjourned at 7:58 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Mayor – President of Council


Date

some more and that there might be some more information that he can provide and we will reach out to you tomorrow morning. Councilwoman Mizesak stated that she would appreciate it if he looked into it and let her know so that she can tell them also.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 P.M.


Clerk of Council


Mayor – President of Council


Date

Bedford City Council met virtually via Zoom for the Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, October 5, 2020. Mayor Koci called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. The meeting was opened by pledging allegiance to the flag.

The roll was called. Present: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizzsak, Rhoades, Saunders.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Rhoades to approve the minutes of the Work Session Meeting of September 8, 2020. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizzsak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mizzsak and seconded by Genutis to approve the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2020. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizzsak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9807-20, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 6950-97 SECTION 1341.19 ENTITLED “REMOVAL OF WEEDS BY OWNER, OCCUPANT; NOTICE” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Rhoades to amend Ordinance No. 9807-20 as written to remove item (b) in Section 1341.19 in Ordinance 6950-97. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Rhoades. Nays: Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, Mizzsak, Saunders. Motion for amendment is denied.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Rhoades to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizzsak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Fluharty to place Ordinance No. 9807-20 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that the Law Director updated this section specifically outlining the weeds and tall grass section and in Section B where it addresses vegetable gardens shall not be permitted in the front yard and that there is a section for unforeseen circumstances it gives the homeowner the ability to appeal to the City Manager for approval due to any unusual or undo hardship. Councilwoman Rhoades stated that our Law Director has told us that, that amendment is not enforceable. She also stated that she would vote for it and that she wanted it on record.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9817-20, BEING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9728-19 CONCERNING SECTION 913.02 “SEWER RATES” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD AS RELATED TO SEWER RATES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Fluharty to place Ordinance No. 9817-20 on Second Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizzsak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9818-20, BEING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9637-18 CONCERNING SECTION 913.03 “RATE REDUCTION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND THE PERMANENTLY DISABLED” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD AS RELATED TO SEWER RATES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Mizzsak and seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. 9818-20 on Second Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizzsak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9819-20, AN ORDINANCE REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 7780-05 RELATING TO WATER RATES [§911.01 (e)] AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Spinks to place Ordinance No. 9819-20 on Second Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizzsak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9820-20, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 351.18 “TRUCK PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS” OF THE TRAFFIC CODE OF THE BEDFORD CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Mizzsak and seconded by Genutis to place Ordinance No. 9820-20 on Second Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, Mizzsak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Mallis stated that the Sewer Project is scheduled to begin this week and it will start on Henry St. and as we get into that project he will provide an update at the next Council Meeting as far as the status and if we have run into any issues regarding the project. He continued to state that it is completely funded through the CDBG Grant from Cuyahoga County.

City Manager Mallis stated that he and Mr. Gambosi are working with all of the Department Heads and starting the budget process for 2021 and we will present it to Council starting next month.

City Manager stated that this is the last week for the chipper service and if you need the service to contact the Service Department with your address and they will get out and make the rounds. He also stated that the Good Neighbor Guide is a small helpful information piece for a number of different issues. He continued to state that it is posted on the city’s website and that we will also post it on our social media outlets in the upcoming weeks, and that it will be mailed to all of the

residents later this year. He also stated that when they start up the welcome packets it will be in there as well.

That concluded the City Managers report.

Law Director John Montello encouraged everyone to continue to use the practices regarding the COVID-19.

That concluded the Law Director's report.

Finance Director Frank Gambosi stated that the department has been working very long hours on the CARES Act and we are also working on the Budget for 2021 with the department directors and getting ready to go in front of Council. He also stated that we had a successful Shredding Day last weekend and we were able to complete the Civil Service Entrance Exam for firemen and there are nineteen candidates that passed the test and they are on the list.

Councilwoman Spinks stated that she is excited for the residents to receive the Good Neighbor Guide and she thanked everyone who was involved with putting this together. She continued to state that it lets you know what is going on in the city along with who to call. She thanked the Recreation Department for the Painting in the Park and that she has been getting nothing but great calls about it. She encouraged residents to sign up for the classes and that the Recreation Department has other things going on for when the weather gets bad.

Councilwoman Spinks stated that this past week had to call the Fire Department and she got to ride in our brand-new squad and that it is better than some emergency rooms and that we are in good hands, so when you have a chance thank the Fire Department and the Police Department. She continued to thank the residents for allowing these guys to have the equipment.

Councilman Genutis stated that when people say we don't know what the new normal will be, it occurred to him that people may be expecting to continue to live in a world that needs to constantly be sanitized, where we can no longer shake hands, hug, kiss or gather together. He continued to state in a world where we will have to wear hospital masks forever, when we became aware of the Corona Virus, there were projections of the possibility of millions of deaths and we responded accordingly with good intentions. He also stated that the original predictions were shown to not be accurate and we continued with the same protocols, while the many of us must take appropriate measures to protect ourselves from serious injury the data is clear that not all of us do. He continued to state that he hopes we begin to understand the nature of those viruses, without viruses there would be no evolution of life on this planet and that this virus is a genetic update that may provide an adaptation to our very toxic environment. He continued to state that the future of the world is at stake, which may be the message in all of this. He called on the City of Bedford on the Division of Parks and Recreation to evaluate the use of potentially harmful chemicals and toxic pesticides that may be being used on our playgrounds and ball fields where children play. He also stated that it is our civic duty to create a toxic free neighborhoods and clean air, water and land.

Councilman Fluharty thanked that two guys who did the grass cutting this summer and that he is proud of the people in his ward and they did a good job this year. He stated that the grass cutting position was the best thing that we did and it was a difference in our city.

Councilman Fluharty reminded everyone that voting for Ward 3 will at Ellenwood. He also stated that the information packet that City Manager Mallis sent out has a lot of great information in there and that the tenants get this because it has a lot for them.

Councilwoman Mizensak stated that the downtown is looking beautiful with the flowers. She inquired about what are they doing with the property by the Harrington Apartments, on the corner of Bartlett Rd. and Rockside Rd. and City Manager Mallis stated that it was approved for a detailing business.

Councilwoman Mizensak stated that the neighbors have been very supportive of one another during the COVID and we do weekly calls to the senior citizens to see that everyone is doing okay and the gas station is doing very well and they have extended their hours. She continued to state that the Colony Club is starting to change their look to make it more enticing to future renters, but my concern is that they need to take care of the people that they have their already.

Councilwoman Mizensak stated that the new guide is a very good gesture and for everyone to keep handy when there is a question that we can't answer for them or if we can help them along with it and go through it at the same time.

Councilwoman Mizensak stated she did a survey over the weekend and that we had a Dunkin' Donuts and the request is to have one in Bedford, because she heard that Macedonia's putting up a second store and Oakwood got another big one and now we need one, because we don't have a bakery anymore.

Councilwoman Rhoades thanked everyone who participated in the First Friday season this past year and October was our last one and we will be back in March with the "March for Art." She stated that there is a lovely banner in downtown Bedford over Broadway Rd. and we are doing our "Live, Love, Buy Bedford Campaign" to remind all of our residents that if you live here in Bedford and you love it shop at Bedford locations to help them through this difficult time. She stated that if you have a business here in Bedford and you would like one of our "We're re-opened" sign you can email us at stories@bedforddowntown.org. She continued to state that many of the business downtown are making it and it's because many of the residents are shopping with them and this holiday season it is especially important to stop in at our shops and see if they have something special you can give to a friend's or something special for yourself.

Councilman Saunders inquired if we are doing tree lifting this year and City Manager Mallis stated that we are doing some and those trees were marked and Council passed an ordinance a couple of meetings ago. City Manager Mallis stated that our arborist and our crew have gone through throughout the year working on those and if there are streets that I'd like you to pass them on and we'll address them.

Councilman Saunders inquired if we moved forward with the sidewalk program and are resident's allowed to use the same bid price if they want to do their own and City Manager Mallis stated that our plan is to do a sidewalk program and what we wanted to do was get through our road program first and now that it is wrapped up and with the weather the Service Department and I are in agreement not to start pouring concrete in the next thirty (30) to forty-five (45) days. He stated that what we are looking to do is encumbering this year's sidewalk funds into next year and do twice the project next year. He continued to state that the streets that are identified for the sidewalk program those resident's will be contacted and if they have any additional work they will have the ability to get the price that the City of Bedford will be given. City Manager Mallis also stated that they would be looking to do this in the spring. Councilman Saunders stated that we don't have a bid price that other residents can use and City Manager Mallis stated that for this year no and that we will be doing it in the spring.

ORDINANCE NO. 9821-20, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONTRACT WITH GARDINER TO INITIATE ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS PURSUANT TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INVESTMENT GRADE AUDIT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Rhoades and seconded by Genutis to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizensak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Spinks to place Ordinance No. 9821-20 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that we passed legislation earlier this year to make numerous energy improvements to areas that were identified through an energy audit that we partnered with Gardiner to perform and the two projects that we are moving forward on are: 1.) replacement of the hot water tanks at the Municipal Complex and 2.) replacement of all the city owned lights along Willis St. and Taylor St. He stated that based on the numbers that have come in this ordinance represents the total amount that the projects will cost. He also stated that about \$94,000.00 will be funded through NOPEC grants and the remaining funds will come out of the Streetlighting Fund.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9822-20, AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 511.12 ENTITLED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY NUISANCES, COSTS OF ENFORCEMENT (CANO) OF THE BEDFORD CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Spinks 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, Mizensak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizensak and seconded by Genutis to place Ordinance No. 9822-20 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Montello stated that we are repealing our current criminal activity nuisance ordinance to explore other dispute resolution techniques for the reasons stated in the ordinance.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2556-20, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE NORTHEAST OHIO AREA WIDE COORDINATING AGENCY (“NOACA”) FOR TRANSPORTATION FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE (“TLCI”) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Fluharty to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said resolution 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 Spinks to place Resolution No. 2556-20 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that the TLCI is a Planning Grant and in order to be eligible for implementation funds through NOACA you have to go through the planning process first. He continued to state that they would like to submit an application for the planning to work with NOACA for the implementation of our connectivity project to the Edberg Trail of the Metroparks thru Viaduct Park and connecting Downtown Bedford.

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

Mayor Koci said that concluded the business portion of the meeting and asked if anyone had any comments to send emails to citymanager@bedfordoh.gov.

Ann McPherson, 22 Cresswell Ave., Bedford, OH 44146 stated that the residents of Ward 1 would like to have no parking signs on Greencroft Rd. and all side streets, because getting out of our driveways can be impossible sometime mainly due to the parked cars on our street. City Manager Mallis stated that about a month ago we started posting information on social media and we were giving courtesy warnings and our Police Department was working to address some of the parking concerns. He continued to state that over the last two weeks there has been a substantial amount of citations issued. He also stated that they have patrolled that area and that they have addressed some of the concerns and we will continue to monitor that.

Brittany Jones, Bayberry Ln., Bedford, OH 44146 stated that we have never been given city issued trash cans or recycle bins and requested that we do. She continued to state that we pay Bedford property taxes and resident and city taxes, along with the water and sewer bill to the City of Bedford yet we are the only street in the city without these receptacles. City Manager Mallis stated that he would look into it and he has to verify it that there are a couple areas in the community that are not provided the trash and recycle receptacle. He stated that he will clarify it

