

Bedford City Council met a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, July 6, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Stan Koci, Sandy Spinks, Walter Genutis, Victor Fluharty, Paula Mizsak, Jeff Asbury, and Donald Saunders. Absent: None. Also Present: Clerk of Council Tracy Simons. Administration: City Manager Michael Mallis, Law Director John Montello, Finance Director Frank Gambosi and Assistant Finance Director Jennifer Howland. Absent: None.

Mayor Koci began discussion of the Regular Council Meeting agenda.

Council had no changes to the minutes of the Special Work Session of April 26, 2021.

Council had no changes to the minutes of the Work Session of June 7, 2021, Regular Meeting of June 7, 2021.

Council had no changes to the minutes of the Public Hearing on June 7, 2021.

Ordinance No. 9884-21: amending Ordinance No. 9881-21 to enter into a contract with Allied Door Systems LLC

Ordinance No. 9885-21: amend Ordinance No. 9494-17 designating bank depositories Mr. Gambosi stated that every five years the City has to identify accounts for the City and it is required by the state if bank needs have changed.

Ordinance No. 9886-21: amending Ordinance No. 9827-20 making additional Appropriations Mr. Gambosi stated that this is an update for the Police Department for the camera's and to state where the money is going. He also stated that it is for paying extra for the school, grants, pension payments, fire grant, bullet proof vests grant, salary (re-imburement) for the people working to provide the shots.

Ordinance No. 9887-21: contract with J.D. Striping & Serv. Inc. City Manager Mallis stated that this is for the long line striping and that the second quote came in at \$300.00 more that J.D. Striping. Mayor Koci inquired about if they could do the whole city and City Manager Mallis replied that they can talk about it all at during budget time. City Manager Mallis also stated that the City uses the same stuff. Councilman Saunders stated that the striping should be done in late spring.

Ordinance No. 9888-21: contract with Vandra Brothers Construction, Inc. to add the alternate of Nordham Dr. Concrete Repairs and Asphalt Resurfacing City Manager Mallis stated that \$320,000.00 is secured for Union Street and that it will be primary for the sewer work and to go forward and include Nordham Drive.

Ordinance No. 9889-21: amending Section 553.01 "Obstructing Streets by Railroad Companies" City Manager Mallis stated they have been trying to resolve this issue for months and that it has gotten worse at the railroad crossings. Mr. Montello stated that what we are doing is mirroring

the Ohio Revised Code (ORC). City Manager Mallis stated that it is not getting any better and that the FRA has orders for no over-time.

Resolution No. 2567-21: for Cuyahoga County to proceed with the resurfacing of Union Street City Manager Mallis stated that this is for Union Street from the grant that was received last year for the cleaning and televising and that the county needs the City to approve it. Mr. Montello stated to make a motion to amend the agenda to include letter (g) under New Business.

Motion to approve the approve or deny the Planning Commission's decision to accept a conditional use approval to Asia Love, 5333 Northfield Rd. Suite 100 Bedford Heights, OH 44146, to use the existing tenant space located at 633 Broadway Ave. Bedford, OH 44146 to provide makeup and skincare services to clients. Wednesday - Saturday 10 AM – 6 PM. Mayor Koci stated that a “yes” vote would mean that you do agree with the Planning Commissions decision and a “no” vote would mean that you do not agree with the Planning Commission decision.

Motion to appoint Ceteria Williams to the Planning Commission for the 4-yr. term

Motion to appoint Bryon Hood to the Board of Zoning and Appeals for the 4-yr. term

Motion to re-appoint Lynette Speights to the Board of Zoning and Appeals for the 4-yr. term

Motion to re-appoint John Trzeciak to the Board of Zoning and Appeals for the 3-yr. term

Discussion of the Regular Meeting agenda was concluded.

Mayor Koci began the discussion of the State of the City. City Manager Mallis stated that the State of the City is normally done at the end of January beginning of February. He stated that the dates that he is looking at are: September 19th or September 24th and to have it held at the Community Center. He stated that the time would be at noon and that it will be streamed live and posted up on the City’s YouTube Channel

Discussion of the State of the City was concluded.

Motion made by Mizsak and seconded by Spinks to go into an Executive Session to discuss Economic Development: American Rescue Plan Act & TCCP and Personnel: Union Negotiations. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizsak, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:25 p.m.

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

Adjourned out of Executive Session at 7:51 p.m.

Work Session adjourned at 7:52 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Mayor - President of Council

Date: August 2, 2021

Bedford City Council met in Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, July 6, 2021. 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, Mizsak, Asbury, and Saunders. Absent: None.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Genutis to approve the minutes of the Special Work Session Meeting of April 26, 2021. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizsak, Asbury and Saunders. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizsak and seconded by Asbury to approve the minutes of the Work Session Meeting of June 7, 2021. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizsak, and Asbury. Nays: None. Abstain: Saunders. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Fluharty seconded by Spinks to approve the Public Hearing Minutes of June 7, 2021. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizsak, and Asbury. Nays: None. Abstain: Saunders. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizsak and seconded by Asbury to approve the Regular Meeting of June 7, 2021. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizsak, and Asbury. Nays: None. Abstain: Saunders. Motion carried unanimously.

The Swearing in of Savannah Selden as Police Officer for the Bedford Police Department was taking place at this time.

Mayor Koci stated that it wasn't the normal 4th of July Parade that we have between City Hall and Bedford Heights and when Bedford Heights declined to do the parade again this year we decided to do a motorcade through town. He stated that it was a nice display of our appreciation as Council to our residents to drive around town and say "hi" to as many residents as possible. He also stated that the Dream walkers is an immersive play that is going on right here in Bedford. He stated that you interact with the actors to try and figure out who done it. He stated that it is the third installment of the Shadow of the Run Series that they are doing. He continued to state that we are the only place between New York City and Chicago that is doing this type of play called Immersive Theater, which is an honor for our city to have this type of Hollywood production and to have actors that belong to the Screen Actors Guild. He stated that when he was there last week he saw people that he didn't recognize, which means that people are coming from other places to come here and see it. He stated that they are playing for one more weekend and you can go to <http://www.shadowoftherun.com> to get all of the information.

City Manager Mallis stated that Cuyahoga County is committed to moving forward with Union Street this year, which is a good thing and we've been trying to get that project done since 2014. He stated that there was a small portion of that project that was going to come out of the City's budget to extend it to go from Broadway Avenue to Broadway Avenue instead of Broadway Avenue to Northfield Road. He also stated that there also needed to be some substantial sewer

repairs that need to get done. He stated that we would be investing \$320,000.00 and the good news is that last week we applied for funding through Issue 2, which is state funding for large capital project and we were approved. He continued to state that we will get some funding for the City's portion of Union Street. He stated that this will free up some money for some roads and later on this evening we will be asking Council to reallocate some of those funds to include a street that was originally bid as an alternate during the Road Program and that road is Nordham Drive. He continued to state that the staff that worked hard to get this funding through Issue 2 to free up the money will allow us to hopefully do that if we are able to move forward with that legislation.

City Manager Mallis stated that in regards to another project that we've talked about for a few years now is our Connector Project that includes reinstalling a bridge that would go over the Viaduct Falls. He stated that it will connect the pedestrian trail on Egbert Road to Willis Street and a pedestrian trail from Viaduct Park to the Commons. He stated that it is a substantial project and it is over a million dollars and we have been looking at a number of different grants to after it. He continued to state that one specific funding source is NOACA, it is a long and complicated process. He stated that in order to get construction money we have to first go through their planning phase. He stated that they have to believe that it is a viable project that they are going to get behind and provide funding for the planning process we will then be eligible for the construction money. He continued to stated that the City was awarded \$80,000.00 planning grant for that project.

City Manager Mallis stated that City Council supported and it is included in this year's budget for the purchase of body camera's and dash cameras for all police officers and all police vehicles. He stated that the body cameras were initiated about a month and a half ago and the dash cameras were installed last week. He stated that it is good for the public and for the department and he also thanked Council for approving it during the budget process.

City Manager Mallis stated that the Bedford Parks and Recreation Department will be putting together a summer concert series down at the Commons on Wednesday's. He stated that there will be two in July, August, and September starting on Wednesday July 14th and Risk Factor is the band that will be down there and Smokin Rock N' Roll Food Truck will also be present. He also stated that they are looking to implement movie nights throughout the summer as well and they will most likely be on a Friday evening. He stated that as details get ironed out we will share it and please follow the department and the city on social media and website for those updates.

City Manager Mallis stated that we were able to extend the pool hours and the learn to swim program and that information is on our website. He also stated that the City gave the Cuyahoga County Landbank the notice to proceed to tear down 180 W. Grace Street. He stated that it was an abandoned piece of property that the city worked to acquire at no cost and the City's intention is to demolish it. He continued to state that it is being funded through a grant that the City received and Cuyahoga County will tear the home down.

City Manager Mallis stated that for the last few months we've had some significant issues with railroads, specifically Norfolk Southern Railroad stopping on the railroad tracks. He stated that

they have been working tirelessly to get this resolved and he has spoken with a number of individuals with the railroad company and also with the Train Master. He stated that they know that it is an issue and that the City is doing everything we can to try and fix this and there is legislation on the agenda this evening and that we are taking the steps needed to hopefully resolve this issue.

That concluded the City Managers report.

Law Director John Montello had no report this evening.

That concluded the Law Director's report.

Finance Director Frank Gambosi stated that our Assistant Finance Director Mrs. Howland is also here with us this evening and she has been working with him very closely on the ARPA Funding and what we are trying to do to obtain future funding for future projects that are going to be available here very soon. He also stated that the Civil Service did a great job in regards to putting together a test and they did different methods this time that seemed to work very well for us.

Mr. Gambosi stated that the Rotary Rib Burn Off will happen on Friday, July 23rd to Sunday, July 25th, so please come and enjoy the evening with us and support our rotary organization.

Mr. Gambosi stated that we have recently completed our audits with a couple of different firms and in working with the State Auditor's Office we finished our audit and our federal single audit. He stated that all of the funds that we received last year from federal dollars were audited as well as our regular audit of the city and we did very well.

That concluded the Finance Director's report.

Councilman Asbury congratulated Officer Selden and that he also had the opportunity to work as an Auxiliary Officer for the Bedford Police Department for the last three-years. He stated that they are a great group of officers and that Ms. Selden will fit in really well and that he hopes that she is happy in her new position.

Councilman Asbury stated that he had a great time with the 4th of July parade and that the kids really enjoyed it. He also inquired when Ellenwood Avenue would be finished and City Manager Mallis replied that the final course will probably be pushed out to next week.

Councilman Asbury stated that the Bedford Downtown Alliance had their First Friday on Friday, July 2nd and the theme was "Party In the USA" and it was a big success. He stated that the next First Friday will be on Friday, August 6th and theme will be "Putt Around Downtown" from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. He also stated that on Saturday, July 24th that Bedford Downtown Alliance will have Christmas in July. He also stated that July 17th is "National Record Store Day" and we are also dedicating Sammy's bench. He stated that the dedication will be held on Saturday, July 17th at 10:00 a.m.

Councilman Saunders stated that he was absent from the last meeting because his oldest son who is in the Navy got married in Mount Vernon in the State of Washington. He stated that on the 4th of July there were fireworks being blown off at Ellenwood Center and he thought that it wasn't allowed from City property to do that and that the house next door to the Ellenwood Center was also blowing off full size commercial fireworks as well. He also thanked the Police Department for handling some of the situations with the fireworks.

Councilman Saunders stated that the old convent on Broadway Avenue has turned into a HUD apartment building. He stated that there isn't a manager there anymore and we have a situation there where people who moved in thinking that it was old age are now planning on moving out and that we need to look into the situation over there and find out exactly what's going on. He stated that without there being a manager there anymore the place is running amuck. He stated that the situation over there needs to be looked at and that we can look at it and correct it. He continued to state that it was supposed to be our old age facility and now it's turning out to what we didn't want, which was an apartment building for low income.

Councilwoman Spinks congratulated the new female officer and it is great for our city. She also stated that she wasn't hired because she was a female but because she was very qualified. She continued to state that the parade was awesome because she got to see parts of the City that she had never seen. She continued to state that we have a beautiful city and we have beautiful homes.

Councilwoman Spinks stated that this year the Bedford Historical Society is going to combine the Strawberry Festival and the artists from the Celebration of the Art the of the Pooka. She stated that it will be on September 10th, 11th, and 12th. She continued to state that since strawberries aren't around during that time there will be strudel and ice cream tent. She also stated that there will also be craft beers there instead of the draft beer.

Councilwoman Spinks stated that the speeding and having a stop sign where per day there are a number of people who don't stop at the stop sign. She also stated that her concern is that she doesn't want to wait for an accident to happen, it's not just Grand Boulevard it's all over the City. She also stated that when you go into Walton Hills every one knows not to speed through there because of the camera's and they ticket. City Manager Mallis stated that it is something that we take seriously and the Police Department takes seriously. He stated that he and Police Chief Stemple have talked about some other options that may be able to curb some of these things, especially on the cut through streets. He also stated that hopefully he will have some more information on what some of the other options may be in the coming meetings. He stated that Northfield has one main street, where we have multiple main streets in our city and it's much easier when you have one main street to patrol. He also stated that he is not versed on all of the legal information and ramifications of the speed cameras. He continued to state that there was a big law suit with the State of Ohio with those communities that put up the camera's and they won it. He continued to state that the State of Ohio came back and said that those camera's generate dollars and we are going to cut back your local government funding because you've taken that route. He stated that if it is something that is indeed still in place and that he doesn't know all of the ramifications of those suites that went on between the communities and the City of Columbus. He stated that they would be a deterrent, but that he would in no way shape or

form advise Council to make a decision that could ultimately result in us getting funding from the State of Ohio. He stated that they know that on some of the long cut through streets that the speeding is a challenge and that they are going to look at some ways that they can hopefully try and curb it.

Councilwoman Spinks stated that signs were put up on both ends of Grand Boulevard, Center Road, and near Broadway Avenue for no big trucks and there were four that came through today, and there is no way that they cannot see these signs. She stated that she feels it's very disrespectful to our City for them to do that.

Councilwoman Spinks thanked Sirna's Café for everything that they do for our City. She stated that Mr. Holycross has been so gracious in donating soup for Meals-On-Wheels. She expressed her condolences to the Kenra family for the passing of Mrs. Kenra. She stated that she was a wonderful neighbor. She stated that being a caretaker is the hardest job anyone is given and that she is so thankful for her friends and constituents for sending cards, calling, and checking up on her and her husband.

Councilman Genutis stated that there is nothing better than having good neighbors, it makes all the difference in the world. He welcomed his new neighbor Mr. Reed, who is in attendance for his first meeting. He stated that how can we revert residents to be citizens there are a lot of volunteering opportunities, in the case of Mr. Reed he has a good case of citizenship already by being here. He stated that the connector project is the little bridge over Tinkers Creek and it will be a legacy in the future for this Administration. He stated that he wasn't at the 4th of July Parade because he was in Philadelphia over the weekend for business. He stated that the fireworks this year were wild, but it was really a spectacle. He continued to state that it gave him a chance to reflect on our freedom and our constitution, and the swearing in ceremony of the officer to uphold the US Constitution. He continued to state that at each meeting we recite the Pledge of Allegiance and that we should all reflect about our freedom and the weight of our responsibility in terms of great notations of freedom, such as the words of: "Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." He continued to state that those are the types of things that should dictate our decision making even in our humble and small municipal community of Bedford.

Councilman Fluharty stated that he worked with Toni at the high school and that he coached her son Zack in seventh grade football. He stated that she was a gem and she will be missed. He stated that Egbert Road bridge apron is now done and it looks good. City Manager Mallis stated that they have to do some markings and things like that on it. He congratulated Ms. Selden and that she is a pioneer here in the City for being the first female police officer.

Councilman Fluharty stated that the garbage company can and collected the garbage in his neighborhood today and that there are going to be a lot of people putting their garbage out tonight thinking that they are going to be a day late and what to know who do they call regarding this and City Manager Mallis replied that normally anytime there's a delay we put stuff out there about the delay. City Manager Mallis stated that there was not delay. He also stated that he doesn't think that they will come back out for a second pass and that they will probably have to keep the trash in. He continued to state that he would look into it tomorrow morning.

Councilman Fluharty stated that a lot of people celebrated yesterday and had the day off so they took it for granted and City Manager Mallis replied that he would check on it.

Councilwoman Mizesak stated that Mrs. Spinks is tough act to follow because like herself they talk from their hearts. She congratulated Ms. Selden in joining the City of Bedford's Police Department and that it was a long time coming and well deserved. She stated that it is good to be back and that she went up and down her Ward everyday as much as she could. She also stated that we are complete with Deborah Lane and Belle Avenue because it was brought to her attention that the curbs are still on the rough side City Manager Mallis replied that they are doing the curbs this year. She thanked every department from Mutual Aide to make sure that there was no tragedy other than the result of the house. She stated that it was an experience to see the fire trucks coming through the streets to come too somebody's aide. She stated those ladies and gentlemen put their life on the line to keep everybody safe and in keeping the fire contained. She stated that we are going to be having a lot of activities and that the trains are still holding the people up. She stated that we are working on it to make it safer for our safety vehicles as well.

Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Spinks to amend the agenda to include Resolution No. 2567-21 for the County to proceed with the resurfacing of Union Street.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9884-21: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9881-21 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ALLIED DOOR SYSTEMS LLC AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Asbury 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, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Spinks to place Ordinance No. 9884-21 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that we actually passed the same ordinance last year and it was for improvements to the Municipal Center and a separate ordinance for the touchless entry and all new door systems. He continued to state that this piece for the same but all new doors and glass at the Ellenwood Center. He stated that because we were replacing the glass at the time everything was on a three-month delay back order and when we passed it the end of the year happened and we closed out all of our purchase orders. He stated that this is to circle back and pass it to reflect the year we are paying and doing the work. He stated that it is the same price and the same company.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9885-21: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9494-17 DESIGNATING HUNTINGTON BANK, U. S. BANK, PNC BANK, AND FIRST NATIONAL

BANK FOR THE ACTIVE FUNDS AND HUNTINGTON BANK, U. S. BANK, PNC BANK, AND FIRST NATIONAL BANK FOR THE INTERIM FUNDS 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: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Mizesak to place Ordinance No. 9885-21 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi stated that every five-years the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 135 requires the city with its investments and its contracts with each of the banking institutions to make sure that they follow the Ohio Revised Code. He also stated that to also make sure they are following our requirements of collateral plench in the banking system. He continued to state that what these contracts is put them on notice to do such. He stated that we have utilizing their services for the last five years and the last time the city did this was in 2016. He continued to state that these contracts will run from 2021 to 2026.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9886-21: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9827-20 MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO DURING THE YEAR 2021 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Mizesak and seconded by Asbury 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, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Genutis to place Ordinance No. 9886-21 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi stated that we are going to update our ordinance and appropriations. He stated that we have a lot of grants going on and a lot of activity going on in the City this year. He stated that we did get the police camera's and we will be appropriating \$57,000.00 for the first year of getting the equipment. He stated that Economic Development Grants that we gave out regarding businesses and the School Board, paying them in regards to increase jobs and taxes that were collected on that and our agreements with them. He also stated that we have the Fire Pension and that there was a lot of overtime so we will be transferring money to the pension fund to pay those costs. He stated that we had some drug law enforcement confiscations and that is for \$33,625.00 and there are other grants with the police and fire. He stated that there are some extra increase refuse fees that we are dealing with in our contracts and the Ellenwood Center doors that is included in this. He stated that this is in line with the way that we are doing our projects and our expenses that we appropriate as we go.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9887-21: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL OF J.D. STRIPING AND SERVICE INC. FOR LONGLINE STRIPING OF STREETS IN THE CITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Asbury 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, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Fluharty to place Ordinance No. 9887-21 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that we receive two quotes for the long line striping throughout the City and the second quote came in at \$25, 305.00 and J.D. Striping came in just under that. He stated that it is their recommendation to move forward with J.D. Striping and when we pass this they can get started as soon as possible.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9888-21: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH VANDRA BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION, INC., CONCERNING THE 2021 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Spinks 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, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Asbury to place Ordinance No. 9888-21 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that is the street that was referenced during his reports and we were able to with securing the funding for Union Street it freed up dollars to amend our original contract with Vandra Brothers to include the alternate bid amount, which was for Nordham Drive.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 9889-21: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 553.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Mizesak 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, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Fluharty to place Ordinance No. 9889-21 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that this is legislation regarding the parking at the railroad tracks. He stated that it is to address the railroads and we are establishing a fine, which would be a misdemeanor in the First Degree with a \$1,000.00 penalty. He also stated as well as an additional civil fee of \$1,000.00 per violation for the rail line. He stated that the first one would be for the conductor. He stated that the Law Director researched this with the Ohio Revised Code and we also have to file for a thirty-day grace period upon passage. He stated that we will be sending this legislation certified to the rail line informing them of the potential charges that they would be incurring for each time that they park at the tracks.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2567-21: A RESOLUTION REQUESTING CUYAHOGA COUNTY TO PROCEED WITH THE RESURFACING OF UNION ROAD, NB-BROADWAY ROAD (NORTH) TO SB-BROADWAY ROAD (SOUTH) IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD RESOLVING TO PAY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) OF THE COSTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION OF SANITARY AND STORM SEWER REPAIRS, TRAFFIC SIGN UPGRADES, MULTI-USE PATH AND ASSOCIATED WORK WITHIN THE CITY OF BEDFORD was read by title only. Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Saunders to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said resolution on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizensak, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Fluharty to place Resolution No. 2567-21 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that the first piece of legislation that we passed a few months ago did not reflect the sewer work. He stated that being that we received the money from Issue 2 and now we want to move forward and do sewer repairs. He stated that this is basically informing Cuyahoga County that we will incur 100% of those sewer repair work as part of the Union Street Project.

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

Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Mizensak to approve or deny the Planning Commission's decision to approve a conditional use approval to Asia Love, 5333 Northfield Rd. Suite 100 Bedford Heights, OH 44146 is requesting a conditional use approval to use the existing tenant space located at 633 Broadway Ave. Bedford, OH 44146 to provide makeup and skincare services to clients. 10AM – 7PM Tuesday – Saturday

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, Mizzsak, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: Genutis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Fluharty to appoint Ceteria Williams to the Planning Commission for the 4-yr. term

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

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Asbury to appoint Byron Hood to the Board of Zoning and Appeals for the 4-yr. term

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

Motion made by Mizzsak and seconded by Asbury to re-appoint Lynette Speights to the Board of Zoning and Appeals for the 4-yr. term.

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

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Fluharty to re-appoint John Trzeciak to the Board of Zoning and Appeals for a 3-yr. term.

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

The Swearing in of Ceteria Williams to the Planning Commission and Byron Hood to the Board of Zoning Appeals was taking place at this time.

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

Robert Bercovici, 154 Paul St., Bedford, OH 44146: stated that with the speeding and that he lives up on what is know as the “hill” and it’s the Indy 500 up there. He stated that they do not believe in stopping at the stop signs and somebody is going to get hurt. He also stated that the other day there were people parked on the street and that police present is not up there. He also stated that the police said “why didn’t you call when the people were parked on the street?” if you are always in the neighborhood why should he have to call? He stated that he would like some answers before someone get hurt or killed and he doesn’t want to see that happen. He stated that he doesn’t like being told that they are there and they are not in the area. Mayor Koci stated that he appreciates his comments and that the City Manager is already writing it down to talk to the Police Chief. Mr. Bercovici stated that he would be more than happy to come in and have a meeting with somebody and show them what he has, so that they do believe him. Mayor Koci stated that as somebody stated earlier it is happening all over town and people in general

are not taking responsibility for themselves. Mr. Bercovici stated that if you go out of Bedford to Walton Hills or Oakwood you're not going to speed your going to do the speed limit or less, because you know that you will get nailed. He stated that somebody has to do something. Mayor Koci stated that they will pass the message along. Mr. Bercovici stated that they complained about it a years ago and he doesn't see anything getting done. City Manager Mallis stated that he was familiar with it and we know that there is speeding and that we are looking at things that we can do. He also stated that up until last Friday there were either 34- or 44-night parking tickets and five of them were on Paul Street, so they have issued some tickets. He also stated that they are trying to address some of those issues. He stated that there are some issues with the speeding and we have to work to curtail that. Mr. Bercovici stated that there are only so many people out there in the City doing this job and that he realizes that they can't be everywhere at once, but at least once an hour come up the street that's all that we ask. Councilwoman Spinks stated that there are some city's around that they have removeable speed bumps and with them during the winters there is no way the snow plows would rip them up. She also stated that they've been discussing this and we are looking into it. Mr. Bercovici stated that with the removeable speed bumps you lay them down in the spring and pick them up in the fall. Councilwoman Spinks stated that how expensive are they and are there grants out there. She stated that could be something and it doesn't happen overnight and that we have to do something.

Austin Reed, 764 Wellmon Street, Bedford, OH 44146: thanked Councilman Genutis for welcoming him to the City. He stated that he thinks Bedford is on the way up and it is nice to see everyone back in Council Chambers and also nice to hear from the citizens. He also stated that he thinks Bedford can become a destination and that the Connector Project will help with that. He stated that all of the events that we have been doing and that are coming up this month are a great thing for the City.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.


Clerk of Council


Mayor – President of Council

Date: August 2, 2021