

Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Koci began the discussion of the Regular Council Meeting agenda.

Council had no changes to the minutes of the Work Session of December 20, 2021, Regular Meeting of December 20, 2021.

Council had no changes to the minutes of the Organizational Work Session of January 3, 2022, Regular Organizational Meeting of January 3, 2022.

Ordinance No. 9936-22: declare 312 Marion Dr. a nuisance and therefore condemning, City Manager Mallis stated that this property is still under investigation.

Ordinance No. 9937-22: CRA agreement with Bartlett, LLC, City Manager Mallis stated that this is for the Jay Auto Group and that they will double in size from where they are located at now. He also stated that they will be bringing over the 100 employees that they have now and adding forty more employees at the new location for a total of 140 employees at the new location. He continued to stated that the new location is at the entrance to the City and that the dealership wants to stay in Bedford.

Ordinance No. 9938-22: amend Ordinance No. 9754-20 Pay Ordinance, Mr. Gambosi stated that they took the average from other cities the same size as Bedford and he made changes to four positions and City Manager Mallis added that based on the survey the Chief's, Assistant Finance Director, Certified Building Inspector needed to be updated. Mr. Gambosi stated that these need to be updated every three-years instead of every ten-years.

Ordinance No. 9939-22: enter into Phase II Stormwater Services Agreement, City Manager Mallis stated that this is an annual agreement with the Board of Health to assist with certain areas.

Ordinance No. 9940-22: grant an easement for Storm Water Management, City Manager Mallis stated that this easement authorizes the City Manager and the resident (homeowner) of the city to update the easement and that the easement goes with the property.

Ordinance No. 9941-22: contract with Valley Ford for 2022 Ford Explorer/Service Department, City Manager Mallis stated that this is with Water & Service Department and that this is a State Bid.

Ordinance No. 9942-22: contract with Rush Truck Centers for a cab and chassis, City Manager Mallis stated that this is also a State Bid and that the numbers went up from what they were three months ago and that they will not get the vehicle until late fall this year.

Ordinance No. 9943-22: contract with Valley Ford for 2022 F450 Dump Truck, City Manager Mallis stated that this is a larger truck and that it is replacing an older truck.

Ordinance No. 9944-22: contract with Jay Auto Group for 2022 GMC 4X4 Pickup Truck and Ordinance No. 9945-22: contract with Jay Auto Group for 2022 GMC 2WD Pickup Truck, City Manager Mallis stated that Ordinance No. 9944-22 is replacing a 2005 vehicle and that they will be sticking with a white vehicle.

Ordinance No. 9946-22: contract with Montrose Ford for two Ford Explorers, City Manager Mallis stated that this is a State Bid for two new cruisers and that the vehicles will not be here until fall.

Ordinance No. 9947-22: contract with Hall Public Safety to outfit the two (2) new police vehicles, City Manager Mallis stated this is to outfit the two new cruisers and that Hall will come to the City and outfit the vehicles.

Ordinance No. 9948-22: contract with KTS Equipment for a Stump Grinder, City Manager Mallis stated the new stump grinder is a substantial upgrade from the one that they have now and that the new one can grind a stump in an hour's time.

Ordinance No. 9949-22: adopting the January 2022 replacement pages of the Codified Ordinances, Mrs. Simons stated that this is just a updating the Codified Ordinance books with the replacement pages.

Discussion of the Regular Meeting agenda was concluded.

Mayor Koci began the discussion of the Virtual Meetings. Mayor Koci stated that this is so the City can do virtual meetings during this time. City Manager Mallis stated that they are looking at maybe putting a t.v. in the caucus room, two t.v.'s in Council Chambers, and that they are also going to look into how to do hybrid with the audio system.

Discussion of the Virtual Meetings was concluded.

Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Saunders to go into an Executive Session to discuss Economic Development: Taylor and Willis Property/Viaduct Park and State Capital Funding Personnel: Finance Department, Assistant Finance Director, and Administrative Survey. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Genutis, Fluharty, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:07 p.m.

Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Genutis to adjourn out of Executive Session. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Genutis, Fluharty, Asbury, and 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: February 7, 2022

Bedford City Council met in Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Tuesday, January 18, 2022. Mayor Koci called the meeting to order at 8:04 P.M. The meeting was opened by pledging allegiance to the flag.

The roll was called. Present: Koci, Genutis, Fluharty, Asbury, and Saunders. Absent: Spinks and Mizesak.

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

Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Fluharty to approve the minutes of the Work Session Meeting of December 20, 2021. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Fluharty, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Abstain: Koci. Motion carried Four Yeas and One Abstain.

Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Genutis to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 20, 2021. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Fluharty, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Abstain: Koci. Motion carried Four Yeas and One Abstain.

Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Genutis to approve the minutes of the Organizational Work Session of January 3, 2022. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Genutis, Fluharty, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Asbury to approve the Organizational Meeting of January 3, 2022. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Genutis, Fluharty, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Abstain None. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Michael Mallis stated that he appreciates everybody's patience with the snow removal from the snowstorm over the holiday weekend. He noted that anytime the snow exceeds two inches, an automatic parking ban is in effect and reminded everyone not to park on the street, making things very difficult for fellow drivers and the plow crew. He stated that it would be tough to unbury that packed snow afterward. He also noted that any cooperation with the sidewalks is appreciated as well. He said that if you have a fire hydrant on your tree lawn, uncover it and go around your home to make sure the vents are clear to prevent carbon monoxide from coming back into the house. He stated that they did receive some information from the Cleveland Metro Parks that from January 18 to March 17, they will periodically close portions of the Bedford Reservation for their annual deer culling event. He also stated that appropriate signage would be posted when it occurs. He said that in the last couple of weeks, the City did complete applications for large grants through Cuyahoga County, one was for \$150,000.00, and the second one was \$50,000.00. He stated that these grants would go towards the renovations for the pool house. He said that it is the original facility that was built in 1964. He thanked the leadership down at the Recreation Department and Mrs. Kuzma for their time in this process; they are two significant grants. He stated to keep an eye out for an upcoming brochure from the Parks and Recreation Department. He said that because of the pandemic, there were many things that we could not do, we are now turning the corner, and we are planning, so keep an eye out for the brochure.

That concluded the City Manager's report.

Law Director John Montello had no report this evening.

That concluded the Law Director's report.

Mayor Koci stated that Council has unanimously agreed that our Assistant Finance Director, Mrs. Howland, will officially be promoted to Finance Director on September 6, 2022. He said that Mrs. Howland has been with the City for over four years and comes from a strong financial background. He stated that she would be an excellent person to follow in Mr. Gambosi's footsteps.

Finance Director Frank Gambosi congratulated Mrs. Howland on a job well done. He stated that the department had operated very smoothly over the last four years, and he anticipates it will continue for the years to come. He said that as Mrs. Howland moves up, they will be looking to fill the Assistant Finance Director's position. He stated that there would be a slight overlap where he will be watching over both positions for a while to make a smooth transition as he leaves so that the department continues to operate smoothly. He stated that the position would be promoted all over, and they looked forward to a new replacement for Mrs. Howland. He said that Mrs. Howland would do an outstanding job for the City of Bedford. He also stated that with what is going on with COVID, the Tax Department would continue to be closed until they see that things are improving in Cuyahoga County and for the benefit of the employees. He stated that they would follow the same things that happened in 2021 with online filing, the widow box at the Tax Department, and the lockbox for the returns. He stated that the way the department did things was very effective and efficient last year and that he anticipates things will go smoothly again this year.

That concluded the Finance Director's report.

Councilman Genutis congratulated Mrs. Howland. He stated that all of these decisions come down to money and are they prudent decisions for our taxpayers' money. He said that we rely only on Mr. Gambosi, and naturally, we are nervous about him leaving, but thankfully we have Mrs. Howland to know that she is there and going to take over for Mr. Gambosi.

Councilman Fluharty congratulated Mrs. Howland. He stated that this weather is as bad as it is to check on your neighbors to see if they need any help. He said that it's nice to look forward to the brochure, making everyone think of spring. He reminded everyone to clear their sidewalks.

Councilman Asbury congratulated Mrs. Howland and that the City is in good hands when Mr. Gambosi leaves and that she will do a fine job. He thanked the Service Department for their hard work Sunday evening into Monday morning. He stated that some things that don't help the plow crews are cars parked on the street during a snow ban, when you are stuck in the middle of the road and then leave it, and when you snow blow all of your snow back into the street. He stated to keep the snow either on the tree lawn or in your yard. He noted to clear the fire

hydrants. He said that if you go to <http://www.covidtests.gov>, each household is eligible for four free Covid Tests.

Councilman Saunders congratulated Mrs. Howland. He stated that Mr. Gambosi has lived and breathed this City for many years. He noted that the three big things that are going on regarding the snow are 1.) if you have your driveway plowed, you need to get rid of the mountains on the sidewalk. In the street, 2.) don't park on the street if you can't see the curb, because with the snow narrowing the roads they need to be open for emergency vehicles and the rubbish haulers, and 3.) to be considerate of your neighbors and residents in the City and to maintain some order with the snow.

City Manager Mallis stated that the trash and recycling collection routes would be delayed by one day this week.

Mayor Koci wished everyone a Happy New Year. He stated that there are some plans in the works for the coming year, and we are looking forward to doing some fun things this year. He noted that all of the New Business this evening would be on First Reading.

That concluded Council's report.

**ORDINANCE NO 9936-22:** AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE PROPERTY AND STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 312 MARION DR. (P.P.N. 811-38-023) A NUISANCE AND THEREFORE CONDEMNING THE PROPERTY ORDERING ACTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Asbury to place Ordinance No. 9936-22 on First Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Genutis, Fluharty, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO 9937-22:** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BEDFORD AND BARTLETT, LLC., AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THAT AGREEMENT AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH NATIONAL PUMP AND PROCESS FOR REPLACEMENT OF PUMPS FOR THE SAND FILTRATION SYSTEM AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Genutis to place Ordinance No. 9937-22 on First Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Genutis, Fluharty, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO 9938-22:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9754-20 ESTABLISHING PAY RANGES AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Asbury to place Ordinance No. 9938-22 on First Reading.

Mayor Koci stated that this ordinance sets minimum salaries for new hires; this refers to starting salaries.



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

**ORDINANCE NO 9939-22:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PHASE II STORMWATER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CUYAHOGA BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE AUTHORITY AND CONSENT TO PROVIDE PHASE II STORMWATER SERVICES IN YEARS 2022-2023 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Fluharty and seconded by Genutis to place Ordinance No. 9939-22 on First Reading.

City Manager Mallis stated that this is an annual agreement that the City enters into with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health; they go over various housekeeping programs, pollution prevention, and other good programs that they work on annually.

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

**ORDINANCE NO 9940-22:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE A GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR STORM SEWER MANAGEMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Asbury to place Ordinance No. 9940-22 on First Reading.

City Manager Mallis stated that the City is working on making repairs on a previous easement that ran through a private property owner's yard; after making those repairs, the original easement wasn't as accurate as it could have been, and the City Engineer re-drafted it based on where the storm sewer goes. He also stated that this authorizes the City Manager to enter into the easement agreement with the property owner to properly file it through Cuyahoga County. It will also be on the deed moving forward.

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

**ORDINANCE NO 9941-22:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH VALLEY FORD TO PURCHASE A 2022 FORD EXPLORER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Fluharty to place Ordinance No. 9941-22 on First Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Genutis, Fluharty, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO 9942-22:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH RUSH TRUCK CENTERS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2023 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK HV507 SFA 4X2 (HV507) CAB AND CHASSIS TO BE EQUIPPED WITH SALT SPREADER AND PLOW HITCH, ODOT INVITATION NUMBER 023-22 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Genutis to place Ordinance No. 9942-22 on First Reading. The roll

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

**ORDINANCE NO 9943-22:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH VALLEY FORD TO PURCHASE A 2022 FORD F-450 4 X 4 DUMP TRUCK WITH PLOW AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. 9943-22 on First Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Genutis, Fluharty, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO 9944-22:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JAY AUTO GROUP FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2022 GMC SIERRA 2500HD (TK20903) ¾ TON 4X4 PICKUP TRUCK REGULAR CAB AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Fluharty to place Ordinance No. 9944-22 on First Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Genutis, Fluharty, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO 9945-22:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JAY AUTO GROUP FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2022 GMC SIERRA 2500HD (TC20903) ¾ TON 2WD PICKUP TRUCK REGULAR CAB AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. 9945-22 on First Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Genutis, Fluharty, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO 9946-22:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MONTROSE FORD (MONTROSE) TO PURCHASE TWO (2) 2022 FORD EXPLORERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. 9946-22 on First Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Genutis, Fluharty, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO 9947-22:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HALL PUBLIC SAFETY (“HALL”) TO OUTFIT THE TWO (2) 2022 FORD EXPLORERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. 9947-22 on First Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Genutis, Fluharty, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Mallis stated that all of the vehicles and equipment were items we budgeted for during last year's budget process. He said that from when the City received the quote in the fall (October) to when we received the quote to place on the ordinances, most of them have already increased the pricing. He stated that the prices are going up, and the majority of these vehicles we will not have until November, and that is why they are on the agenda so that we can get them as quickly as possible.



**ORDINANCE NO 9948-22:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH KTS EQUIPMENT, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) MODEL 3100 TOWABLE STUMP GRINDER, FROM KTS EQUIPMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Genutis to place Ordinance No. 9948-22 on First Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Genutis, Fluharty, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO 9949-22:** AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF NEW MATTER IN THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF BEDFORD TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND ENACT THE JANUARY 2022 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF BEDFORD, OHIO, HEREINAFTER “CODIFIED ORDINANCES,” TO REPEAL CERTAIN ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH OR DEEMED OBSOLETE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Fluharty to place Ordinance No. 9949-22 on First Reading.

Mr. Montello stated that this is to update our codified ordinances with the changes over the last couple of months.

Mayor Koci stated that this is something that we do to keep everything current.

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

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

  
Clerk of Council

  
Mayor-President of Council

Date: February 7, 2022