

Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Stan Koci, Sandy Spinks, Victor Fluharty, and Jeff Asbury.
Absent: Walter Genutis, Donald Saunders. 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. He also stated that everything on the agenda this evening will be placed on First Reading. He also stated that if something needs to be passed in an urgent matter they can do Three Separate Meetings.

Council placed the minutes of the Work Session of February 7, 2022, Regular Meeting of February 7, 2022, on First Reading till the next Council Meeting.

Ordinance No. 9936-22: declare 312 Marion Dr. a nuisance and therefore condemning, City Manager Mallis stated that to table it because they are showing good faith.

Ordinance No. 9951-22: to allow Virtual Meetings, Mayor Koci stated that it will be on Second Reading for specific reasons.

Resolution No. 2577-22: apply for 2022 Replanting Program, City Manager Mallis stated that this is for the County Tree Program and that the City will contribute \$7,000.00 and that once they get the grant they will then go out to bid for a contractor. He stated that this is to apply for the grant.

Ordinance No. 9953-22: contract with Hach for Overflow Monitoring Equipment, City Manager Mallis stated that this is for the OEPA regarding the NFA Study and that the OEPA wants the City to monitor the outflow to get a true number

Ordinance No. 9954-22: contract with Aecom for services to Overflow Monitoring Equip., City Manager Mallis stated that this is for the installation of all the equipment and that they are waiting on an updated number.

Motion to re-appoint James Judd to the Civil Service Commission for the 3-yr. term

Motion to re-appoint Rich Palcisko to the Civil Service Commission for the 3-yr. term

Discussion of the Regular Meeting agenda was concluded.

Mayor Koci began the discussion of the Equalization of Wards, Mr. Montello stated that the City hired a company and that they did receive a proposal and that he has to take a closer look at it.

Discussion of the Equalization of Wards was concluded.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Asbury to go into an Executive Session to discuss Economic Development: Automile and TCCP update and Personnel: Vacant Positions. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, and Asbury. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned into Executive Session at 6:27 p.m.

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

Adjourned out of Executive Session at 7:50 p.m.

Work Session adjourned at 7:51 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Mayor-President of Council

Date: March 7, 2022

Bedford City Council met in Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, February 22, 2022. Mayor Koci called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. The meeting was opened by pledging allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Koci stated that with the passing of Councilwoman Paula Mizesak this will be a very hard meeting. He stated that it was sudden to lose a dear friend and a person that cared so much about the City, she took care of her residents, also if you were sick she would bring you a pot of soup, she was a nice person besides being a good Councilwoman. He stated that we will miss her and our hearts go out to her family, especially to her husband Andy Mizesak. He stated that we will continue to go about the business of the City this evening but Paula will be in our hearts. He also stated that a memorial service will be held for Mrs. Mizesak at Johnson-Romito Funeral Home on Friday, February 25, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Mayor Koci stated that everything except one item will be on First Reading this evening.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Fluharty to place the minutes of the Work Session Meeting of February 7, 2022, on First Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, and Asbury. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Spinks to place the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 7, 2022, on First Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Genutis, Spinks, Fluharty, and Asbury. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried unanimously.

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 Asbury and seconded by Fluharty to Table Ordinance No. 9936-22. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, and Asbury. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Koci stated that it is being Tabled because the owner of the residents is undergoing renovations, and if he does that the City will not have to condemn the property. He stated that it is a viable piece of property in the City.

ORDINANCE NO 9951-22: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 107.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD RELATING TO LOCATION AND ATTENDANCE OF MEETINGS was read by title only. Motion made by Asbury and seconded

by Spinks to place Ordinance No. 9951-22 on Second Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, and Fluharty. Nays: Asbury. Motion carried with Three Yeas and One Nay.

Mayor Koci stated that the governor signed legislation to allow virtual meetings through the end of June. He stated that we may not need this ordinance, but we put it on Second Reading to give the Law Director a chance to look at exactly what it means.

City Manager Michael Mallis stated that on behalf of the entire Administration we extend our condolences to the Mizesak family. He stated that as Mayor Koci stated Paula was a tremendously dedicated public official and more importantly she was a dear friend to many and she will be greatly missed. He also commended members of the Fire Department who responded to a number of structure fires in the past week and a half, specifically to the house fire on Pinecrest Dr. He stated that the work that they did to save that structure was a job well done. He also commended Officer Savannah Selden, the Summit County Prosecutor awards a Top Cop Award and she was awarded that honor last month. He continued to state that it stemmed from her role in her previous position with New Franklin in Summit County, on an incident that occurred over a year ago. He stated that she is a tremendous officer and a tremendous person. He stated that in regards to ODOT the City did receive some tentative information last week regarding Broadway Ave. resurfacing and that they do intend to start that project in the spring of 2023. He stated that the sale of that project will occur in March or April and construction will begin immediately afterward it gives the City ample amount of time to tackle their project, and once they receive more detail he will inform everyone here as well as the businesses and residents throughout the Historic District, and the areas affected. He stated that there are a couple of large projects that will be going in front of the Planning Commission next, specifically the proposal of the new Jay Honda location at Bartlett Rd. and Rockside Rd. and it will ultimately be coming back to City Council.

That concluded the City Manager's report.

Law Director John Montello stated that he feels the same way about Councilwoman Mizesak as the Mayor and City Manager, that everyone up here has worked together for a long time and he sends his condolences to her family. He stated that she will be missed and that she was a very nice lady.

That concluded the Law Director's report.

Finance Director Frank Gambosi expressed his condolences to the Mizesak family. He stated that she was a friend of the City, a friend of the family, and a friend to him. He stated that she will be missed. He stated that Warner Batten who passed away prior to Councilwoman Mizesak, he was another person who was very good to the City. He stated that they were two great Council Members that he was able to work with and condolences to both of their families.

That concluded the Finance Director's report.

Councilman Asbury expressed his condolences to the Mizens family. He stated that the one thing that is indisputable was her love for the City and dedication to her residents. He also stated that his father-in-law passed away last week and he will be missed. He thanked the Bedford Falls Café for the luncheon after his father-in-law's service and everything was great. He stated that springtime is approaching and then it will be summer and there will be some events down at the square. He stated that it will be a full go this year and to hopefully get back to normal after the last couple of years with COVID and that all of the organizations are looking for help. He stated that if anyone has some time this spring or summer all of the organizations will be looking for volunteers. He stated to contact anyone up at the dais and they will connect you with the proper contacts.

Councilman Fluharty stated that he knew Councilwoman Mizens for a long time and he got to know her even more being on City Council and that the City lost a good Council Member. He stated that she did a lot for the City and she will be missed. He also stated that he isn't happy with the way some of the residents have been talking about her and that she was sick, everybody else was worried about other things rather than her being sick and it's not right. He stated that she didn't deserve it and that she caught wind of it and she wasn't happy. He stated that she told him that she was going to resign and they talked into holding off for a while and that she didn't want to cause any trouble. He stated that she didn't cause any trouble at all and she did her job like a lot of other people up here do their job. He stated that a lot of negativity goes on sometimes around this City and that he is tired of it and people talking about what is going on up here and if you don't like somebody though. He stated that we are all elected officials and we are here for the next so many years, and learn to live with it we're here and we aren't going anywhere Rest in Piece Paula.

Councilwoman Spinks wished State Representative Juanita Brent a Happy Birthday. She expressed her condolences to Ms. Brett's family and to Ms. Imburgia's family. She stated that Paula was one of the first people that she met before being on Council, she always admired Paula for her bubbly attitude, and her infectious smile and laugh. She continued to state that what she really admired was that Paula and her husband have been together for 64 yrs. and they were married for 56 of those years. She stated that her oldest daughter was with Paula when she was diagnosed with cancer and the hardest thing for her to do was to tell her dad that his caretaker was not going to always be there for him. She continued to state that Councilwoman Mizens come in at her last meeting to vote even though she was very sick and that Paula didn't want to come out on the floor because she had tubes in, but that she put this City first. She also stated that Paula took calls up until a couple of days before she passed away and that is dedication. She stated that it is sad that people were trying to kick her when she was down, asking her to resign and it wasn't right because she was still doing her job until she couldn't do it anymore. She stated that she will miss her, love her, and thanked Paula for always having her back.

That concluded Council's report.

RESOLUTION NO. 2577-22: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY AND ACCEPT A GRANT THROUGH CUYAHOGA COUNTY PURSUANT TO ITS HEALTHY URBAN TREE CANOPY GRANT PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Spinks to place

Resolution No. 2577-22 on First Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, and Asbury. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9953-22: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HACH FOR THE PURCHASE OF OVERFLOW MONITORING EQUIPMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Spinks to place Ordinance No. 9953-22 on First Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, and Asbury. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9954-22: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AECOM FOR SERVICES RELATING TO THE PURCHASE OF THE OVERFLOW MONITORING EQUIPMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Spinks to place Ordinance No. 9954-22 on First Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, and Asbury. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Koci stated that if there is a situation comes up that Council needs to pass an ordinance quickly because of time and money Council does have the ability to call for three (3) special meetings in a row, as long as they are posted to the public to take care of emergency business should it arise.

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Fluharty to re-appoint James “Dell” Judd to the Civil Service Commission for the 3-yr. term expiring on May 1, 2024. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, and Asbury. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Asbury seconded by Spinks to re-appoint Rich Palcisko to the Civil Service Commission for the 3-yr. term expiring on May 1, 2024. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, and Asbury. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Scott Martin, 635 W. Glendale Ave., Bedford, OH stated that he’s known Councilwoman Mizsak for 59 yrs. He stated that she did stand up for this City and he has seen it with his own eyes in his neighborhood. He stated that he would go to bat for her and he is willing to take the Ward 4 seat for her. He stated that anybody can stop by and say what they want about her but she was a great person.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 P.M.

Bedford, Ohio

February 22, 2022


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Date: March 7, 2022