

Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, May 2, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Stan Koci, Sandy Spinks, Walter Genutis, Victor Fluharty, 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, Assistant Finance Director Jennifer Howland, and Assistant Finance Director Allison Chance. 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 April 18, 2022, and the Regular Meeting of April 18, 2022.

Council had no changes to the minutes of the Special Work Session of April 26, 2022, and the Regular Meeting of April 26, 2022.

Ordinance No. 9964-22: for the equalization of Wards in the City of Bedford (1st Rdg. 4/18/22, 2nd Rdg. 4/26/22), Councilman Asbury stated for the Historical District to remain in Ward 5. Councilwoman Spinks had a couple of questions about the way that Ward 1 was divided and wanted to know when the equalization would take affect. Mayor Koci stated that this wouldn't take affect until January 1, 2023. Mayor Koci also inquired as to how would the residents be notified and Mr. Montello stated that if Council has any other changes to table it and that the Board of Elections would notify the residents

Ordinance No. 9967-22: amending Chapter 1519 Titled "Fireworks" (1st Rdg. 4/18/22, 2nd Rdg. 4/26/22), Mayor Koci suggested that the permit fee should be \$250.00 instead of \$25.00, to discourage people from purchasing them. Mr. Montello stated that the City would be banning them completely and that this would take affect on July 1st.

Ordinance No. 9968-22: for engineering fees for Broadway Waterline Project, City Manager Mallis stated that this is to identify all of the work that GPD is doing on the Broadway Ave. Project. He stated that this is not additional costs and that Mrs. Howland divided the engineering fees into three different funds.

Ordinance No. 9969-22: amending Ordinance No. 9959-22 contract with Fabrizi Trucking & Paving Inc. Mr. Howland stated that this is to separate out the payment from three different funds for the Broadway Project.

Resolution No. 2581-22: request County Auditor to advance taxes from tax levy proceeds for 2022 collected in 2023, Mrs. Howland stated that this is to request the funds to be advanced from the County.

Resolution No. 2582-22: approving and accepting the proposed 2021 Tax Budget for the year January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, Mrs. Howland stated that this is the Tax Budget for next year and it allows the County to set the property taxes.

Resolution No. 2583-22: declaring the necessity to improve certain streets by lighting same, Mrs. Howland stated that this is to declare it a necessity for the improvement of certain streets.

Ordinance No. 9970-22: to proceed with the improvement of certain streets by lighting same and Ordinance No. 9971-22: levying special assessments for the improvement of the street and public places, Mrs. Howland stated that these two ordinances are where the City sets the milage and locked in with NOPEC for three years.

Ordinance No. 9972-22: TIF Agreement, City Manager Mallis stated that this is a where we need to allow payback to the County and that the City is within the 60 day due diligence. He stated that the City will forgo the money (property taxes) until it is paid in full and that once it is then the City will get 60% for the remaining 30 years. He stated that the schools are in support of it and that they are near the finish line. He stated that the more that they get on the property the more it will help the City.

Motion to repeal the Zoning Board of Appeals decision to accept a variance of ordinances 1925.05 Lot Area, Frontage and Yard Requirements and 1925.06 Principal Use Orientation requested by Sam Vitrizzino of 933 Archer Rd. Bedford, OH 44146 due to the fact that the applicant did not submit plans within thirty (30) days and the project was not completed within sixty (60) days as stated in the Regular Council Minutes from April 19, 2021. City Manager Mallis stated that no plans were submitted at and that the City has to follow the State Building Codes. He stated that the biggest thing with the property is the structural work.

Discussion of the Regular Meeting agenda was concluded.

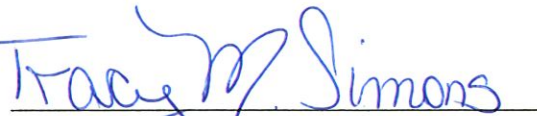
Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Asbury to go into an Executive Session to discuss Economic Development: TCCP, 17500 Rockside Road, and Viaduct Park/Taylor and Willis. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, and Asbury. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m.

Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Genutis 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 7:54 p.m.

Work Session adjourned at 7:55 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Mayor/President of Council

Date: May 16, 2022

Bedford City Council met in a Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, May 2, 2022. Mayor Koci called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M.

The roll was called. Present: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Asbury, and Saunders. Absent: None.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Genutis to place the minutes of the Work Session Meeting of April 18, 2022. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Abstain: Koci. Motion carried with Five Yeas and One Abstain.

Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Saunders to place the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 18, 2022. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Abstain: Koci. Motion carried with Five Yeas and One Abstain.

Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Spinks to place the minutes of the Work Session Meeting of April 26, 2022. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Saunders to place the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 26, 2022. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9964-22: AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE RE-DIVIDING THE CITY OF BEDFORD INTO SIX WARDS AS NEARLY EQUAL IN NUMBER OF PERSONS AS POSSIBLE, ESTABLISHING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE WARDS, AND CERTIFYING SAME TO THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS was read by title only. Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Spinks to Table Ordinance No. 9964-22. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9967-22: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1519 ENTITLED “FIREWORKS” 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, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Genutis to place Ordinance No 9967-22 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Montello stated that the state has passed a law that would enable people to blow fireworks off on certain holidays and the City has the option to say “no, that we don’t want it” or to allow some type of a variation of it in adopting all of the holidays that the state allows. He stated that this ordinance prohibits any fireworks in the City completely.

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

City Manager Michael Mallis stated that the Broadway Waterline Project is scheduled to start next Monday and that Fabrizi Trucking and Paving is the contractor. He stated that a majority of the project will run from Five Points through the Historic District to the tracks. He stated that they will abandon an old waterline from the 1930s and make all new connections on the opposite side of the street, all of the curbs will be removed and replaced, as well as electrical improvements. He also stated that there are two areas of sewer that will need to be repaired, one is near Broadway Ave. and Woodrow Ave. and the other one is at Pinecrest Dr. and Broadway Ave., this was added into the project because the City's crew is unable to perform that work. He stated that on May 9th work will start on the sewers and it will be performed during the day; however, tentatively starting on the week of May 16th it will then move to evening hours and those hours will be 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. at that time Broadway Ave. will be closed. He stated that detour signs will be up during those times. He stated that the City applied for a couple of large grants, one is a CDBG Grant for \$150,000.00 and a CDSG Grant for an additional \$50,000.00. He continued to state that both of the grants are to be used towards renovations to the pool house and that the City was awarded both of the grants last week through Cuyahoga County and the City is moving forward with the pool house renovations and bid specs will go out to bid for those renovations. He stated that the City was awarded the grant through County Planning for the Tree Canopy Improvement and the City will install over 100 trees along a number of residential streets, Ellenwood Center, and in some of the public parks. He stated that will start in a couple of weeks and the plan is to plant between 50 to 60 trees in the spring and the remaining will be planted in the fall. He stated that the City met with a company that did the Automile Camera Project, which was funded by the Automile, this was a pilot program and the cameras are directly fed to the dispatch and the Police Department. He stated that these cameras have played a vital role in solving a couple of hit and run along with other Police Department matters. He continued to state that the City wanted to find a way to expand it to the Historic District and that last year the Automile donated \$50,000.00 and a portion of the money is earmarked towards that project. He reminded everyone that Shred Day is scheduled for May 14th at City Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

That concluded the City Manager's report.

Law Director John Montello had no report this evening.

That concluded the Law Director's report.

Finance Director Frank Gambosi stated that the Civil Service just finished its first lateral transfer process for the firemen and it went very well. He also stated that they are half through with the Police sergeant and lieutenant promotional exams.

That concluded the Finance Director's report.

Councilwoman Spinks thank City Manager Mallis for getting in contact with the gentleman selling rugs on the side of Broadway Ave. over the weekend. She stated that in the Solon area a

lot of the business's customers are required to either bring in their own bag or purchase one. She stated that she has some kids that signed up to volunteer to pick up trash on some Saturdays. She stated to the residents that if they are going to have a new roof put on, even if the old one isn't getting torn off, they still need to get a permit. She also stated that if they are having a company replace the roof that they should know to do that. She stated that NAPA was supposed to have their ribbon cutting this Friday but it is pushed back due to having trouble getting some of their products into the store. She wished all the mothers a Happy Mother's Day.

Councilman Genutis wished all the mothers a Happy Mother's Day. He stated that the trash is getting better around the City and the yards look really nice. He stated that the City events have been posted and there are a lot of great events and he hopes to see everyone at the events.

Councilman Fluharty stated the Lions Club along with the Recreation Department will be hosting an informational seminar regarding multiple causes of vision loss and the many visual aids that are available. He stated that it will be presented by Mrs. Kogler on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. located at the Ellenwood Recreation Center. Reservations must be made by calling the Recreation Department at (440)735-6572. He stated that this is a big program that the Lions Club sponsors and that you would probably need to be a Bedford resident to be eligible for this program.

Councilman Asbury stated that primary voting is tomorrow from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. He stated that you can check out the Board of Elections website to print out a sample ballot for your ward. He stated that Wards 1, 3, 5, and 6 are at Ellenwood Recreation Center, Ward 2 is at Bedford High School, and Ward 4 is at Glendale. He stated the Broadway Construction Meeting is on Wednesday evening here at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. He stated that tickets for the Bedford Downtown Alliance Annual Chocolate Walk are still on sale and the event is on Saturday, May 14 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. He stated that the chipper service starts this week and if you did not get put on the list chipper service will be the week of June 6th and to call the Service Department to get on the list. He stated that the Building Department waives the fee for exterior permits for the month of June. He stated that the Memorial Day Parade starts at 10:15 a.m. on Monday, May 30, 2022. He stated that the event schedule is up for the Square so make your plans early because there are a lot of great events this summer. He stated that the Independence Day Parade is on with Bedford Heights. He stated that the Bedford Garden Clubs Plant Sale begins on Friday, May 13 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, May 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Ellenwood Recreation Center.

Councilman Saunders stated that there is a concern with the residents around Burger King when they randomly close because they don't put signs up and wanted to know if there is something the City can do to contact Burger King about this when they aren't open.

Mayor Koci thanked everyone for their condolences for the passing of his mother. He thanked City Council for the flowers and the Administration for helping out and he really appreciated it.

That concluded Council's report.

ORDINANCE NO. 9968-22: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF ENGINEERING FEES TO GPD GROUP FOR ITS SERVICES REGARDING DESIGN FEES, CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION AND INSPECTION COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE BROADWAY WATERLINE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD 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, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Spinks to place Ordinance No. 9968-22 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that this is to cover the cost with our Engineering Firm for the Broadway Waterline Project. He stated that the ordinance separates the total cost that we will be paying GPD and they are affiliated with all of the design work, construction, and inspection. He stated that it is broken down into three separate funds as to where they will be charged too.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, and Asbury. Nays: None. Abstain: Saunders. Motion carried with Five Yeas and One Abstain.

ORDINANCE NO. 9969-22: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9959-22 AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FABRIZI TRUCKING AND PAVING INC. 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, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Genutis to place Ordinance No. 9969-22 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that the City passed this contract at a previous meeting and this amended ordinance is not an additional expense, but that it identifies the four separate accounts that the City will be charging the various amounts. He stated that this just specifies where it will be paid out.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2581-22: BEING A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO ADVANCE TAXES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF TAX LEVIES FOR THE YEAR 2022 COLLECTED IN 2023 PURSUANT TO SECTION NO. 321.34 OF THE REVISED CODE OF THE STATE OF OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Spinks to place Resolution No. 2581-22 on First Reading.

Mr. Gambosi stated that as the county collects taxes for 2022 in 2023, as they accumulate the amounts up to 75%, they can actually give those funds to the City ahead of time rather than waiting for the final settlement of the whole issue that would be in March. He stated that this would be received by the City quickly and in line with how we spend. He stated that it goes for both collection halves. He stated that the other pieces of legislation in regard to the tax budget for this year will be the same milage that was done in the past at 21.7 Mills. He stated that they do this so that the County Auditor can allow the City to accept local government funds, and to receive a certificate of estimated resources, which the City cannot over appropriate from Council as the City goes through the budget process starting in August and finishing in December. He stated that it will establish the rate structure that the City will have as well. He stated that the Street Lighting will be dropped from 1.5 Mills to 1.4 Mills and keeping those in line with the valuation increase as the City tried to lower it a little bit and as well in line with our locked-in contract with NOPEC for electric usage was lowered and locked-in for three years. He stated that refuse assessments have not been completed at this time.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2582-22: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE PROPOSED 2022 TAX BUDGET FOR THE YEAR JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Spinks to place Resolution No. 2582-22 on First Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2583-22: A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO IMPROVE CERTAIN STREETS IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO BY LIGHTING THE SAME AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Saunders to place Resolution No. 2583-22 on First Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9970-22: AN ORDINANCE DETERMINED TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN STREETS IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO BY LIGHTING THE SAME AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Genutis to place Ordinance No. 9970-22 on First Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9971-22: BEING AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE STREET AND PUBLIC PLACES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO BY LIGHTING OF THE SAME IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION NO. 2583-22 AND ORDINANCE NO. 9970-22 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Asbury to place Ordinance No. 9971-22 on First Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9972-22: AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE; DECLARING SUCH PROPERTY TO BE EXEMPT FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION; REQUIRING ANNUAL STATUTORY SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; CREATING AN URBAN REDEVELOPMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH STATUTORY SERVICE PAYMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SERVICE AGREEMENTS AND A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Fluharty 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, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. 9972-22 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that this TIF Agreement is one of the last steps in moving forward with the development of Tinkers Creek Commerce Park. He stated that this is the property off of Egbert Rd. and it is the remaining 30 acres that are underdeveloped. He stated that it has been underdeveloped because of a large county loan that is still associated with that property. He stated that the City has been working with Cuyahoga County and the property owner for years trying to come up with a creative solution to move forward to free the land up to be developed, and ultimately, we are there. He stated that over the last year the City has entered into a number of different agreements with the Landbank and Cuyahoga County and two weeks ago the City has taken ownership of the 30-acre property. He stated that now that the City owns that property the City is now in process of a due diligence period with two end-users, one company is acquiring five acres to expand their business and a development company will be acquiring the remaining twenty-five acres for future development. He stated that the funds that the City would get with the sale will be near the appraised value of that property and will be directed to Cuyahoga County minus a percentage that the City will be collecting. He stated that the percentage will be close to \$400,000.00 that the City will be able to retain and put into the Capital Improvement Fund. He stated that with this legislation that moving forward the County will still be owed some remaining debt, and what this does is that the City of Bedford will be forgoing the City's portion of future property tax, which will go directly to the county until they are recouped. He stated that once the County is recouped it will revert back and the City will get 60% and the county will get 40% up until the 30 years and normally the City would only be entitled to 40%, but that was another concession that the county made towards the City. He stated that the intent is that the City is agreeing to forego the property tax in the middle until the County is made whole on the loan that they gave out roughly 16 years ago. He stated that it is important to mention in this stage of the TIF is that it is a non-school TIF, so the Bedford City Schools are not affected by this and they are not losing their property taxes as some TIF Agreements can be set up to do so. He stated that the City also retained the ability to provide tax abatements to a company should they request or want to negotiate, and the City retained that ability up to 70% which is negotiable. He stated that if something like that is offered and City Council passes and the Bedford City Schools agree under the law the CRA Tax Abatements come first and then the TIF kicks in. He stated that if there is no tax abatement and just the TIF

Agreement that is how the property taxes are divided up. He stated that there were a lot of moving parts and the staff came up with some very creative ways and that this is a really good deal, and hopefully the City sees some buildings and businesses in the future. Mr. Gambosi stated that the City had a lot of cooperation from the county along with the companies and their consultants who worked with the City over time. He stated that this was a 19 yr. project that the City has been trying to get accomplished and it is not an easy issue. He stated that the Landbank has great lawyers who specialize in this type of work and a firm in Cincinnati helped with everything but the sales agreement and who are responsible for the TIF Agreement this evening. He stated that the end-users are the most important part of this and without them, the City wouldn't have anything going forward. Mayor Koci thanked City Manager Mallis, the staff, and everyone else who contribute to all of their hard work with this. He stated that this was done with the interest of the City at heart and it was the underlying factor and it worked out.

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

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Fluharty to repeal the Zoning Board of Appeals decision to approve a variance of ordinances 1925.05 Lot Area, Frontage and Yard Requirements and 1925.06 Principal Use Orientation requested by Sam Vittrizzino of 933 Archer Rd. Bedford, OH 44146 due to the fact that the applicant did not submit plans within thirty (30) days and the project was not completed within sixty (60) days as stated in the Regular Council Minutes from April 19, 2021. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Koci stated that there was a tree planting at the Commons this past week for Arbor Day. He stated that the new tree is a Sentinel Maple, which is a hybrid of a Sugar Maple and a Red Maple and it will grow five feet a year.

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

Barbara McDaniel, 186 Center Rd., Bedford, OH stated that Bradford Pear trees will have to go in the next year and she wanted to know how the City will handle replacing them and Mayor Koci replied that the arborist is working on it now. Mrs. McDaniel wanted to know how it became so popular and why didn't someone know about this before it became so popular. She stated that they are invasive and by 2023 they are not going to sell them anymore. Councilman Asbury stated that the trees will not have to be taken down just that there can't be any new ones planted after that date.

Robert Dieterich, 137 Santin Circle, Bedford, OH stated he just sat down and watched the two-hour presentation on the juvenile detention center and that he read on the news that they will have a court hearing for a 13 yr. old who shot a 14 yr. old in Maple Heights. He questioned what kind of crimes they have committed, and what is the severity, and they did not describe that. Mayor Koci stated that they did and it is in the video. Mr. Dieterich stated that he sees a need for the public to be more aware because he is guessing that maybe the fifteen people in attendance and maybe fifty other people in the City actually knew about it and watched it. He wanted to

know if the City has a choice, aside from a zoning change that has to take place, and the Council does not approve the zoning, does the City have any control over whether or not the state is going to put a juvenile detention center in his backyard. He stated that it does not seem to be a secure location. Mayor Koci stated that Council has the final word on it and they have not made a decision, that we did the public hearing to get it out to the public so that people can hear what it is. He also stated to dispel some of the rumors on what it is that we had the state come in and explain exactly what it is. Mr. Dieterich stated that they described it as one probation office for every twenty-four juveniles and Mayor Koci replied that it is one staff for every three kids and they have their own individual room. Mayor Koci stated that part of the problem that they have in Highland Heights is that they currently have a dormitory setting and over the years they added more and more beds to get more kids, there is no outdoor space for them. He also stated that they checked with the Police Departments in the neighboring areas and most of the Police Chief's didn't even know that the facility existed because they had minor problems there. Mr. Montello stated that if Mr. Dieterich wanted to provide his email address, they could send him some information about it. Mr. Dieterich inquired if the City would go through environmental impact studies, traffic studies, and economic impact studies and Mayor Koci replied that is all stuff that they are looking at or have already looked at. Mayor Koci stated that they had criteria of fifty items when they were looking for a location and the City hit forty-nine of those items. Mr. Dieterich inquired if there are any plans to have a public forum for people to know about it, because personally he did not know about it or see any notice about it. He continued to state that he received the newsletter the other day and he didn't see anything in there about it. City Manager Mallis stated that they schedule a Special Meeting and it was posted and put out a couple of weeks prior, obviously the City did all of the requirements needed for that. He continued to state that information was put on the City's website, social media, and an email blast, and that the City did start a couple of weeks prior in getting the information out. He stated that they didn't have the amount of time to include it in the water bill insert, that what he may have received today was submitted to the outside printer six weeks ago, therefore the City didn't have the luxury of that time, but that the City tried to get information out as much as possible at the postings. He stated that he could send the information that the City has to him. Mr. Dieterich inquired as to who they should be talking to about Ward 4 and Mayor Koci stated that they could talk with him or anyone on Council.

Denise Hall, 30 Ennis St., Bedford, OH stated that she would like to have a dog park. She stated that a football field length would be big enough and that she has to drive out to Twinsburg, Stow, and Canton and that they are just as big as Bedford and that Bedford is just as good as them. She stated that there are some beautiful scenes around the City and she would like a dog park. She stated that she didn't know where to start and that is why she came to the meeting, because she can't talk to her Councilman. Mayor Koci stated that they've talked about it and that there were plans and in 2008 the economy went down and now that things are trending upward that is something else that the City can look at, the City has the plans it's just if they can institute it again. City Manager Mallis stated that there was one area that the City looked at because they had the land, and that they do have a layout and it was brought up at one of the Ward Meetings about eight years ago and surprisingly it was split with some people in that Ward 2. He continued to state that at the time the City wasn't financially in a situation to do that, but those can be discussions that the City can have at some upcoming Ward Meetings.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 P.M.


Clerk of Council


Mayor-President of Council

Date: June 6, 2022