

Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, August 1, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

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

- **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA**

**Council had no corrections to the minutes of the Work Session of July 5, 2022, Regular Meeting of July 5, 2022.**

**Ordinance No. 9899-22:** City Manager Mallis stated that this ordinance is for the TIF Agreement. The last 25 acres might close by the end of the month that they are just waiting on the Environmental Easement.

**Ordinance No. 10,001-22 & Ordinance No. 10,002-22:** City Manager Mallis stated that the first ordinance is for the design fees for the Pool House and the second ordinance is for the fees estimated for the 2023 Road Program.

**Ordinance No. 10,003-22:** City Manager Mallis stated that there were bid openings and that the bids were declined and that it was decided to have it done internally.

**Ordinance No. 10,004-22:** City Manager Mallis stated that this is for part of the main drive pump and to get it refurbished before it becomes an emergency repair.

**Ordinance No. 10,005-22:** City Manager Mallis stated that this is for the streetlight painting and that they obtained quotes for painting and that when the construction is done they will start painting the streetlights.

**Ordinance No. 10,006-22 & Ordinance No. 10,007-22:** Mrs. Howland stated that the first ordinance is for the Water Bills and that this is done twice a year. That this is for people who don't pay their water bill. She stated the second ordinance is for the Grass Assessment and it is done once a year. City Manager Mallis stated that they are given two notices and they are tagged and have 72 hours to cut their grass.

**Ordinance No. 10,008-22:** City Manager Mallis stated that this is an amendment to the CBA with the Fire Department and that the Union laid out guidelines and that lateral transfers were coming in at higher rates.

**Ordinance No. 10,009-22:** City Manager Mallis stated that this is for the design, construction and Administration costs for Ennis & Harriman Waterline Project.

**Ordinance No. 10,010-22:** City Manager Mallis stated that was not a bid opening and that Fabrizi came in as the lowest.

- **DISCUSSION OF BEDFORD COMMONS**

City Manager Mallis stated that things are progressing well and that they have received outstanding reviews and it will include more green space, a fountain. In the wintertime there will be an ice rink. He stated that they are also looking at other areas and they are going to apply for a CDBG Grant. He also stated that this is a big project and that the Metroparks and downtown are going to be the biggest areas. They are a couple of days away from having a decision and that Mrs. Kuzma is doing a wonderful job. Mayor Koci stated to maybe have a new system put in the budget. City Manager Mallis stated that they will get the final approval on Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon.

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
  - **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**  
**UH BEDFORD MEDICAL CENTER**  
**17500 ROCKSIDE ROAD**  
**CLEVELAND METROPARKS**
  - **PERSONNEL:**  
**STATUS OF OPEN POSITIONS**  
**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Jeff Asbury to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:04 p.m..
<b>MOVER:</b>	Victor Fluharty
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jeff Asbury
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [6 TO 0]</b>
<b>YEAS:</b>	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Asbury, Smith
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Sandy Spinks to adjourn out of Executive Session at 7:59 p.m..
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jeff Asbury
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Sandy Spinks
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [6 TO 0]</b>
<b>YEAS:</b>	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Asbury, Smith
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	

Work Session adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

  
 Clerk of Council

  
 Mayor-President of Council

Date: September 19, 2022



REGULAR MEETING

BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL

DATE: AUGUST 01, 2022

AGENDA MINUTES

STATE OF OHIO

COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

TIME: 8:00 PM

165 CENTER ROAD BEDFORD, OH 44146

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of Minutes of the Work Session of July 5, 2022.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Donald Saunders to approve the Minutes of the Work Session of July 5, 2022.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jeff Asbury
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Donald Saunders
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>YEAS:</b>	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	

b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 5, 2022

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Victor Fluharty to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 5, 2022.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Sandy Spinks
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Victor Fluharty
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>YEAS:</b>	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	

5. PRESENTATION

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **Ordinance No. 9983-22:** 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.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Walter Genutis to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Sandy Spinks
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Walter Genutis
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>YEAS:</b>	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	

City Manager Mallis stated that this is an ordinance regarding uh that we've been talking about for some time Tinkers Creek Commerce Park. This is the TIF Agreement, which is the tax increment financing component that is going to assist in the redevelopment of the property in the industrial park. Basically, the city has agreed to follow the closures and the sale of the properties to the end users we will be entering into a non-school TIF. The City will be foregoing future property tax payments those payments that we would typically receive will be redirected to Cuyahoga County until the original loan that was due to the county is paid in full. It does not affect the Bedford City Schools, and we did share this information with them. Cuyahoga County Land Bank is the primary component that is enabling all of us to get this property moving and for redevelopment.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Frank Smith to place said ordinance/resolution on third and final reading.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Donald Saunders
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Frank Smith
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>YEAS:</b>	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	

## 7. REPORTS

a. Mayor Koci

Mayor Koci stated that the State of the City will be on Tuesday, August 30 at the Ellenwood Recreation Center. More information will be coming out about that so mark your calendars. The movie night that was held down at the Commons this past Friday had very good attendance. The Recreation Department put together a huge outdoor screen, and it was really nice to see parents and kids together at a function. The kids were playing and having fun before the movie started. It was very good for the City to see this happening and kudos to Mr. Callahan, the Recreation Director, and Ms. Gnoddie for doing a great job putting it together. Just a reminder that tomorrow is Voting Day and that it is our right and privilege to vote.

b. City Manager

City Manager Mallis stated that Tinkers Creek Commerce Park for those of you that don't know the City uh took ownership of all that property a few months back at the end of July. We did finalize the sale of five acres to the Art of Beauty. They purchased the five acres for an expansion of their facilities, so that is one component. They are one end user and the second end user is a developer that we hope to close on the remaining 25 acres, and that should close sometime in August so we'll hopefully have more information for that to come out once it does close. Fingers crossed we'll start seeing redevelopment it's been a long time coming. I just want to thank obviously Jennifer, Frank, John, all the Council, and the Mayor for their support in getting this project moving. There were definitely some hurdles and for them spearheading this they did a tremendous job. Just looking ahead on a couple of projects that we're actually talking about now, even though they're years down the road we did have a discussion with ODOT officials regarding the Union Street Bridge, that bridge is set to be rebuilt, and the new bridge is going to be constructed in 2024. We're a ways away, but that roadway will be closed for a minimum of six months. To be honest, I think it's going to be substantially longer, but they believe it'll be done in six months. We will be continuing discussions with them, and then as we get closer, we'll continue to provide more information. Secondly, we were successful in acquiring a \$200, 000 grant for Turney Road, and that roadway will be set for resurfacing in 2024. That is a county grant that our staff was able to secure, and obviously, we'll have more of those discussions as we're into next year. Our focus next year will be on Broadway Ave., and as you can see the contractor is moving along with the curbs, they were installed on one side of the road today. They'll be working on the other side of the street, and we hope to have that buttoned in the coming months. Then obviously in the spring ODOT will be coming through and resurfacing all of Broadway Ave from Corp Limit to Corp Limit. One of the concerns that we've talked about for months probably for almost a year are a couple of topics, and one of those topics is obviously traffic safety, speeding, stop signs, and trash. We've heard some of those concerns, and I've talked to some residents who have provided great information in regards to traffic I asked our Police Department to look at some of the areas of concern. We've moved around our speed sensor, which provides us with more accurate data on some of the streets where we see

a lot of heavy speeding. The Police Department provided me with a report on some of the areas that we believe were stronger traffic enforcement signage, digital signage, flashing signage, and where flashing stop signs would be beneficial. We've worked to obtain quotes for those, and we're going to be making purchases on all of those in the immediate future, and we intend to get those up as soon as possible. We're looking for additional methods of traffic enforcement that'll help our responses, and we are upping patrolling where we normally patrol, but when our responses are up sometimes it takes away from those regular areas where we can sit and watch, but we need to do is look outside the box, and these are some of the things that we're looking to do. One of the other pieces that came up was obviously trash and looking at where some strategic areas where we could place additional trash receptacles. For instance on various corners, near the high school, near the library, and on streets where we see an influx of constant litter. We're in the process, and we've secured quotes, and we're going to be purchasing a number of those. We've reached out to Kimble to see how that would impact any collection fees if any, I believe it will be minimal, but we are going to be working to obtain and install those, so it's another area. It may not solve everything but we're trying to do some additional matters to improve on some of the concerns that we've heard from Council as well as the public. Lastly, I want to talk about the news that we received last month regarding UH Bedford Hospital. University Hospital's decision and to give everybody a snapshot obviously is the news of them closing is very disheartening. We've met with them; members of our staff and the Mayor have participated in those meetings. We meet with them as we do with other businesses on a monthly basis and the updates they provide information to us, and we had some concerns in the early part of last year, and we've asked them point blank on many occasions about what is their commitment to Bedford. They always told us the same thing they were absolutely committed to this area, committed to Bedford and there were zero intentions whatsoever to close. That were almost exactly the words that they gave us for well over a year. On July 14<sup>th</sup> they notified us that they were going to be closing in less than one month and that it is an extremely disheartening decision that we received I will say that our primary focus and our primary concern initially is the effect on emergency response. Even beyond Bedford, it's all of the communities on the southeast side. I can tell you three communities that we know of ourselves and two others in the last 18 months. We've had well over 7,000 runs to that emergency room. It is an extremely busy emergency room and not to mention some of the other communities that utilize that area. You know what I told them and what was disheartening was that University Hospitals collected over \$150 million dollars in government aid over the last year and a half during the pandemic, and the decision to close two community hospitals is just unacceptable. We have had constant communication with our safety forces, and we're working to strengthen our relationships with our neighboring communities and how we're going to deal with those changes in the coming months. We've also started engaging in discussions with other medical providers be it Metro, be it Cleveland Clinic, and other hospitals in the area. Those discussions I can assure you have already been taking place for weeks. We're going to have more information that's going to be coming out to inform the public of our position and what we're going to be looking for, not only immediately, but what we can maybe do looking forward. I will say that University Hospitals did commit to

meeting with us and we have a meeting scheduled next week where we're going to have further discussions and discuss the expectations that we laid out for them at the meeting when they notified us of their decision to close. We were aware of what our expectations would be in the case that day ever came and unfortunately, the day came, and we were prepared to let them know our position then, where that goes from there, and that follow-up meeting next week. We'll see what their response is and we'll obviously provide further updates to the community. You know with that being said I want to make sure the public knows from an emergency services standpoint primarily our fire and our ems, what we've said and I'll say it over and over again we have the best men and women over there, and we're committed to providing and to continue to provide high-level emergency services that we've all been accustomed. We know there are challenges that we're going to have to face there's no doubt about it, but we're committed to providing that high-level service to you. Our primary focus obviously looking at it from a financial standpoint, there is a financial impact to that. It's too early to tell, but on the high end it could be close to a \$900, 000 loss in income tax on an annual basis, but again I think it's too early to tell. We're going to be working through that trying to get some more solid numbers. With that being said I want to commend our Finance Department, City Council, and the Mayor, know we've been prudent with our financial management, and we're in a position to continue to provide excellent services across the board. That's what we've been doing over the years, we're committed to that, and anything substantial we're going to share at the public meetings, on social media, and on our website. Stay tuned for some of that there'll be more information that'll come out during the State of the City. We've communicated with almost all of our elected officials on a county level and a state level and a federal level. We've already reached out to team NEOS Your Jobs Ohio and started having those conversations. If you're thinking that we should look at this, look at that, I can assure you some of our staff have probably checked that box and are already working on that. We'll have more information when we're able to provide it.

Mayor Koci stated that City Manager Mallis and I can guarantee you we're not taking this laying down we're going to fight to the end to do what we can to use that facility as it should be used. We're looking at every option and like City Manager Mallis said we're going to give it our best shot. It is just very troubling to all of us that they could just call up in less than 30 days and say, "oh by the way we're closing" and that they didn't know about it until the night before they called us. They had to know about it for months, and they waited for less than 30 days to tell us that's just not acceptable. We're going to give it our best shot, and I think we'll be okay in the long run.

- c. Law Director  
Law Director Montello had no report this evening, but I will confirm that everyone's taking this very seriously and that they are looking at all of the options and that we hope to have some news in the near future.
- d. Finance Director

Acting Finance Director Howland stated that she would like to echo what the City Manager and the Law Director stated.

e. Council Reports

Councilman Smith thanked City Manager Mallis for his attention to the sinkhole on Cork Hill and that my main concern was for the children playing around it in the summer and that I didn't want them to fall in it and the City to incur a lawsuit. I would also like to say that when you are trying to get ahold of me please leave your name, phone number, or address. I will get a call, and I don't even know where they are and what they want. I don't want people to think that I'm not calling them back, and I can't because you don't leave your name, phone number, or address. So please when you contact me leave me some information so that I can get back to you.

Councilman Asbury stated just to echo that the movie night on The Square, that place was packed. The Parks and Recreation Department did a fantastic job. The Service Department was down there helping out everybody that was involved great job thank you. City Manager Mallis I have a couple of things for you, first of all, I'd like to say Button Road got paved and I know they've been waiting a long time for that I spoke to a couple of residents, and they're very happy that it finally got paved. There are a couple of other streets that we're getting ready to do.

City Manager Mallis said yes there are a couple of streets that we are looking at and on one street that we are looking at we have to have a meeting regarding Tudor Ave., which was on the initial list. There's some concern as far as the narrowness of that road so we may not be able to do that I should know later this week. The machines that they have to use for this are huge, so we'll have a decision there, and then later tonight council will be voting on Helper Dr. and Darlington Rd.

Councilman Asbury said that the Mayor mentioned primary voting tomorrow just so everybody knows some of the Wards have switched voting locations. As it stands for tomorrow Wards 1,2,3 and 6 vote at the high school, and Wards 4 and 5 vote at Glendale. I believe Ward 4 I think I read in the memo that Ward 4 will revert back to Ellenwood for the November election, but supposedly Ward 5 will be staying at Glendale which kind of doesn't make sense because Ellenwood is in Ward 5, but we'll see what happens with the Board of Elections. tomorrow Wednesday night weather permitting uh summer concert series down on the Square Billy Morris in the Sunset Strip with his own smoke and Rock and Roll food truck from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and it will go through August 10<sup>th</sup> and August 17<sup>th</sup>, because we won't be meeting again until September on August 10<sup>th</sup> weather permitting Tyrone's Blues Sensation with Miss Sharon's Food Truck, and then on August 17<sup>th</sup> Jewel Big Green with the Dine and Dash Mobile Kitchen Food Truck all those events are from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and again weather



permitting. This coming Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> Bedford Downtown Alliance First Friday for August is calling all superheroes I'm just going to read this real quick "Join the Bedford Downtown Alliance participating businesses and local area groups on a super mission to celebrate August First Friday on August 5<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on The Commons. Don your favorite cape and superhero costume if you have one for chances to win prizes and gift certificates to downtown businesses. Use your superhero skills to find clues to the scavenger hunt on The Commons to win more prizes so hope to see you again weather permitting" it looks like some rain, maybe Wednesday starting I'm going to say Thursday throughout the week, so hopefully, we can catch a couple of breaks there. The chipper service is this week, so hopefully, you got on the list if not, the next chipper service starts uh September 6<sup>th</sup> so make sure you call and get on the list to get your stuff chipped. The Cleveland Pagan Pride Festival will be August 19<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup> on the square this year, so that's coming up in a couple of weeks. The computer recycling roundup is from August 18<sup>th</sup> through the 31<sup>st</sup> and runs from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. with no after-hours drop-offs, and they accept computers, monitors, keyboards, tablets, and cell phones, and that is for Bedford residents only. Again it is on August 18<sup>th</sup> through the 31<sup>st</sup> from 8 am to 3 pm at the Service Garage on Solon Road.

Councilman Saunders stated going back to the voting I hope everyone has been paying attention to who's on the ballot because Bedford got gerrymandering in two different districts, so we're not in the old districts that we used to be in. We've got new people running, so if you didn't pay attention and you go to vote you probably aren't going to recognize any of the names on the ballot. You've got tonight to get online and find out who's who. It is a different bunch of people on that ballot this time, now granted it is only for three years I believe, because of the gerrymandering they have to redo it again. One of these days the state will learn that the people voted twice to do away with it and they refused to do it. Then they found a judge to grant it, so in any case, nobody on the state level that appears is listening to the voters, so it's still important for you to go out and vote. A lot of state legislatures and your stated Senate are on the ballot. Get out there and do your civic pride tomorrow. Are we going to be voting on the new water lines on Ennis St. and Harriman St. later this evening? Especially on Ennis St., are we going to be closing the street because it has site distance issues, to begin with, or are we going to try and maintain one land of traffic?

City Manager Mallis stated that I wouldn't want to give an answer this evening, if approved, we would have to have a pre-construction meeting and then we would determine that at the pre-construction meeting. At all of those meetings we do bring in the Police and Fire, and we talk about those types of things. I would agree that there isn't room for two-way traffic. I think that the goal is to try and maintain at least one-way traffic, but it's too early for me to give that answer. I'll know more in the coming weeks and have that information before it starts.

Councilman Saunders said that Ennis St. is a problem anyway. Regarding Turney Rd., did we get the grant for that I know that it is probably too early in the engineering, but that road was originally designed actually with the joints cut in the asphalt from the concrete. I hope that they do that again because that is one of the reasons why the old pavement held up for 21 years. It keeps reflective cracking from going all over the place. When the concerts were run by the Chamber of Commerce, they always started half an hour early in August because it starts getting dark by nine o'clock and the senior citizens have a hard time maneuvering back and forth. I know that it may not be feasible to change the times now, but in the future, we may want to consider that again.

Councilwoman Spinks wished Mayor Koci a Happy Birthday. As Councilman Asbury mentioned, the Flea Market is now called the Outdoor Bizarro Flea Market. They don't just have used items they will also have some local artisans set up there with used things also. This is one of the four fundraisers for the Bedford Historical Society. Every year it seems to get bigger and bigger. It will be on August 13<sup>th</sup> in the Bedford Commons, and it starts at 9:00 a.m., so there is no stop time posted. The Bedford Historical Society would like to thank the Recreation Department for having the free movie night it really helped out with the popcorn sales. Kudos to City Manager Mallis and Recreation Department and that they don't get enough recognition for all that they do. I was glad to be involved with the Bedford Garden Club's "Bedford Beauty's Award," I was one of the judges for Ward 3. Kudos to everybody whose yard got a sign and kudos to the members who redesigned and made the signs a lot brighter and easier to read. Thanks, City Manager Mallis for touching on the trash and speeding. I have noticed that there are a lot more broken bottles it is getting really bad, I don't know if it is people speeding and they throw their empty bottles out the window, if they are doing that then that means they're drinking and driving. Thanks for doing research on the trash items, I mainly pick up trash in Ward 1, but maybe put so trash cans by the bus stops. Thanks from the residents who had dead trees on their tree lawns for getting them down the residents are happy. For the people moving out every summer, it's a problem because we usually get complaints that they will move out on the weekend and put the trash out on the tree lawn and the trash doesn't get picked up until Wednesday or Thursday. Also regarding the trucks in the old Walmart parking lot, there must have been about 20 trucks parked there, it looks really bad, maybe the property owner needs to talk to them.

Councilman Genutis stated that it is a glorious time for many of us with home gardens as the first tomatoes are becoming ripe and in my household, we don't use store-bought tomatoes there's nothing better than what you can grow yourself. Several people continue to inquire about backyard chickens for fresh eggs, and I believe it may be time for us to reconsider the current prohibition. I'm told that Garfield Heights is the latest municipality to allow them now. I fully appreciate people's concerns and reservations with respect to a potential nuisance, but this is something becoming very popular nationwide as more and more people consider their own health. In relation to what they eat and their connection to where their

food is coming from and to enjoy more wholesome lifestyles, and frankly, very few people will even do this. I believe there is also a much bigger issue at stake now the times are changing it was reported that 2.3 million Ohioans seek food assistance. I'm told the lineup for the last food pickup at the library stretched five blocks. For the first time in recent history, we have witnessed empty store shelves and the impact of disrupted supply chains. Our beloved Bedford Auto Mile has not even had new cars to sell for an extended period of time who would have thought that? I believe local food sources are imperative for our well-being in the future presently our food comes from on average 1,500 miles away. Moreover, the quality of our food is diminishing to a point of our poor health, and health care costs are bankrupting society. Why should our government prohibit its citizens from producing their own pure unadulterated nutrient-dense food on their own land with their own hands? Some things from the past are worth preserving for the good of our community as we face a very uncertain future and look to the things we can do to help our families.

Councilman Fluharty thanked the Rotary Club for a successful Rib Cookoff. It was crowded both nights that I was down there. Voting in Ward 3 will be at the high school. There are a lot of cars parked on lawns, and the police officers need to start getting them off of the yards when they drive by the houses. I shouldn't have to call the homeowners and tell them to get their cars off their lawns. If somebody is parked on the street late at night, they need to get ticketed if they are not taking their car off of the street. Happy birthday Mayor Koci.

Mayor Koci stated that we will need a motion to remove item 1 from the agenda. It should have gone on the Work Session Agenda prior to the Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Frank Smith to remove item 1 from the agenda.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jeff Asbury
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Frank Smith
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>YEAS:</b>	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Ordinance No. 10,001-22:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING FEES TO GPD GROUP FOR ITS SERVICES REGARDING DESIGN, BIDDING AND PERMITTING, AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RENOVATION OF THE POOL HOUSE IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Was read by title only.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Walter Genutis to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Sandy Spinks
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Walter Genutis
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>
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<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	

City Manager Mallis stated these are for the engineering fees. As it's stated in the ordinance, this is for the design work and the bidding work, which we're preparing to go out in the coming weeks. If you recall we were awarded two grants up to \$200,000.00, which will go towards the renovation of the pool house, which is the original structure from 1964.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Frank Smith to place said ordinance/resolution on third and final reading.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Donald Saunders
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Frank Smith
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>YEAS:</b>	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	

- b. **Ordinance No. 10,002-22: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF ENGINEERING FEE TO GPD GROUP FOR ITS SERVICES REGARDING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE 2022 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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<b>NAYS:</b>	

**ABSTAIN:**

City Manager Mallis similar to the previous ordinance this is authorizing the fees associated with the 2022 Road Improvement Program, and for the design work along with everything else. We've done Button Road already, and with the approval of the next ordinance, it will be to help out with Darlington Rd. and potentially Creswell Ave. as well.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Frank Smith to place said ordinance/resolution on third and final reading.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jeff Asbury
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Frank Smith
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>YEAS:</b>	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	

- c. **Ordinance No. 10,003-22: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ANGELO BENEDETTI, INC. FOR ASPHALT SURFACE RECYCLING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**  
Was read by title only.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Smith and seconded by Donald Saunders to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Frank Smith
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Donald Saunders
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>YEAS:</b>	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	

City Manager Mallis stated as previously mentioned part of the road program will be to include Helper Dr. and Darlington Rd. in the 2022 program. A few weeks ago we out to bid for South Park and concrete repairs over on Palmetto Ave. and the bids were astronomical and at the recommendation of our engineering firm. We denied those bids we then reached out to Benedetti Inc., which provides surface recycling and they are the sole source provider for this type of resurfacing we just did that on Button Road. We asked them to provide us with some additional quotes from the last meeting we touched on some at the last meeting, and some of the funds that we have remaining we'd like to go ahead and do helper and Darlington this year.

Mayor Koci stated that what's nice is that Benedetti is a local Bedford company, and if you haven't seen the machine that they designed and built and created. It rips up the asphalt in the front and in the back it lays down a new layer it's really something to watch, so that's kind of cool, but it's good that it's a local that we can utilize here.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Sandy Spinks to place said ordinance/resolution on third and final reading.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Victor Fluharty
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Sandy Spinks
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>YEAS:</b>	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	

- d. **Ordinance No. 10,004-22:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH NATIONAL PUMP AND PROCESS, INC. ("NATIONAL") FOR REFURBISHING THE MAIN DRIVE UNITS ON THE PRIMARY SETTLING TANK COLLECTORS AT THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
Was read by title only.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Sandy Spinks to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Walter Genutis
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Sandy Spinks
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>YEAS:</b>	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	

City Manager Mallis stated that this ordinance is to address the main drive units down at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. In the primary settling tank, there are multiple drive units, and we have refurbished one drive unit previously, and there are two that are remaining. The two that are remaining are approximately 36 years old. This isn't an emergency situation but if we don't address them that it will soon become an emergency situation. We are trying to be proactive, and that to get the second one refurbished, we received three quotes, and based on those quotes it is recommended that we go with Nation Pump and Process Inc.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Jeff Asbury to place said ordinance/resolution on third and final reading.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Donald Saunders

<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jeff Asbury
<b>RESULT:</b>	Pass [7 TO 0]
<b>YEAS:</b>	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	

- e. **Ordinance No. 10,005-22:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DELTA INDUSTRIAL PAINTING CO., INC. ("DELTA") FOR THE PAINTING OF LIGHT POLES AND TRAFFIC POLES AND THE PAINTING OF LIGHT POLES AT HEMISPHERE COURT IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
Was read by title only.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Sandy Spinks to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Walter Genutis
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Sandy Spinks
<b>RESULT:</b>	Pass [7 TO 0]
<b>YEAS:</b>	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	

City Manager Mallis stated that the white street light poles that are in Tinker's Creek Commerce Park are City-owned and they are showing significant rust. In the Downtown area some of the street lights and poles are starting to deteriorate at the base due to the road salt and what we'd like to do following the construction is to go ahead and repaint them to clean them up. Then in the spring, the roadway will be done, and the Downtown area will look really nice.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Frank Smith to place said ordinance/resolution on third and final reading.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Donald Saunders
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Frank Smith
<b>RESULT:</b>	Pass [7 TO 0]
<b>YEAS:</b>	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	

- f. **Ordinance No. 10,006-22:** AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY ASSESSMENTS FOR DELINQUENT WATER BILLS IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Was read by title only.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Jeff Asbury to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Donald Saunders
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jeff Asbury
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>YEAS:</b>	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	

Mrs. Howland stated that this is for the Water Assessments and they are done twice a year. This is for the homeowners or tenants that don't pay their bills for at least 60 days, and so we would then place it on their tax bill. This is due to the County in September, and it will not be on the bills until the end of December.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Sandy Spinks to place said ordinance/resolution on third and final reading.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Victor Fluharty
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Sandy Spinks
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>YEAS:</b>	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	

- g. **Ordinance No. 10,007-22: AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY ASSESSMENTS FOR REMOVAL OF WEEDS, TALL GRASS AND TREES ON VARIOUS LOTS IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO DURING THE YEAR 2022 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Was read by title only.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Walter Genutis to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Victor Fluharty
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Walter Genutis
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>YEAS:</b>	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	



<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Smith and seconded by Donald Saunders to place said ordinance/resolution on third and final reading.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Frank Smith
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Donald Saunders
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>YEAS:</b>	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	

- h. **Ordinance No. 10,008-22:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9974-22 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE BEDFORD FIREFIGHTERS IAFF LOCAL 1683 (UNION) GOVERNING LATERAL TRANSFERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
 Was read by title only.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Donald Saunders to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jeff Asbury
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Donald Saunders
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>YEAS:</b>	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	

City Manager Mallis stated that this is a Memorandum of Understanding and it is an amendment to the CBA Agreement that we agreed to in the past. It touches on the lateral transfers seniority step rates, and if you recall, in our last hire within the Fire Department we adjusted and went the lateral transfer route. With the recommendations of the Civil Service typically in the past, we've always hired off of the test. With the lateral transfers, we bring in an individual based off of experience at a level two. Step two addresses this and we spoke with the Local Union and came to an agreement, and we would like this to be amended and attached to the CBA Agreement that was previously approved.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Sandy Spinks to place said ordinance/resolution on third and final reading.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Victor Fluharty
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Sandy Spinks
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>

<b>YEAS:</b>	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	

- i. **Ordinance No. 10,009-22:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF ENGINEERING FEE TO GPD GROUP FOR ITS SERVICES REGARDING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ENNIS AND HARRIMAN WATERLINE IMPROVEMENT IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
Was read by title only.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Walter Genutis to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Victor Fluharty
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Walter Genutis
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>YEAS:</b>	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	

City Manager Mallis stated that this is for the water line improvements that will be taking place on Ennis and Harriman Streets.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Smith and seconded by Jeff Asbury to place said ordinance/resolution on third and final reading.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Frank Smith
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jeff Asbury
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [6 TO 0]</b>
<b>YEAS:</b>	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Asbury, Smith
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Saunders

- j. **Ordinance No. 10,010-22:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FABRIZI TRUCKING & PAVING CO. INC. BEING THE LOWEST, RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
Was read by title only.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Jeff Asbury to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Donald Saunders
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jeff Asbury
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>YEAS:</b>	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	

City Manager Mallis stated as previously mentioned it is for the water line replacements that are recommended for Ennis and Harriman Streets. We previously did a bid opening, and Fabrizi was the lowest and most responsive bidder. The engineering estimate was roughly \$1.2 million for this project, and the low bid came in at \$1.3 million and it is our recommendation to move forward with Fabrizi to get these waterlines replaced.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Sandy Spinks to place said ordinance/resolution on third and final reading.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Victor Fluharty
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Sandy Spinks
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>YEAS:</b>	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	

- k. Motion to approve the Planning Commission's decision to approve Robert Cerra, 2372 Wharrey Dr. Sewickley, PA 15143, with Semper Fi Contracting, LLC is representing Swarg, LTD, proposal to rebrand the existing service station and canopy from a Sunoco Service Station to a BP Service Station at 10 Northfield Rd. in Bedford, OH.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Victor Fluharty to approve the Planning Commission's decision to approve the proposal to rebrand the existing service station and canopy from a Sunoco Service Station to a BP Service Station at 10 Northfield Rd. in Bedford, OH.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Walter Genutis
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Victor Fluharty
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>YEAS:</b>	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith
<b>NAYS:</b>	

**ABSTAIN:**

**9. HEARING OF CITIZENS**

John Sullivan, 70 Berwyn Dr., Bedford, OH: stated that I have a drainage issue and for the past three years I've been trying to get something, and three years ago a City worker looked at it and said, "I'll tell my boss," two years ago the City worker looked at it and said, "I'll tell my boss," and earlier this year the City worker looked at it and said, "I'll tell my boss." I said you tell your boss that if the City doesn't do something and somebody falls and gets injured, I will be a witness in their suit against the City. About an hour later I received a call, and a cone was placed there, and now the cone is sucked down into the drain. I built a retaining wall to keep my yard from sinking into the terrain, and I built it pretty tall in the back, and the dam in the back I put edging all the way around the back and the side. I backfilled it with topsoil and covered it with mulch. I planted bushes, and the total cost was \$1,200.00. I am on social security, and I have exhausted all of my funds, and this drain continues to wash away all of the soft soil. I called Councilman Saunders and left a message to please call me back about the problem, and he did not return my call. A week later I called the City Manager and left a message, and he did not return my call. This is my last-ditch effort now, and something needs to be done, and I cannot do it.

City Manager Mallis said that I will come out to your property in the next day or two, but you could wait until after the meeting I would like to get your phone number if it's possible.

Sabrina Future, 15 Charles St., Bedford, OH thanked the Recreation Department for an event that I attended for the first time, it was the "Summer of Soul," and it was very enlightening and educational. Mayor, I call you all the time about what we are going to do for Juneteenth and MLK Day, so I wanted to thank you for this event. I want to thank you for repaving Union St., but when I was hearing about the rebuilding of the bridge is that going to tear up the street.

City Manager Mallis said that it will not be the street, but there will be some approach slabs that have to get put in as you get towards the bridge, but Union St. will not be touched. It will be closed at Egbert Rd. and Parkway, and it will be closed down by Taylor St.

Ms. Future said that I know there is an issue with the trash all over and that I am very disappointed on the east side and then when I go to the west side it's not like that. I was at a park, and unfortunately Interstate isn't a very nice park, but there are no trash cans there, and there are no public benches. It is very disheartening to me to know my taxes are going if we can't get a picnic table and a trash can. I would be willing to purchase it. I worked with the YMCA and ran a Team Corps Program with the City of Bedford Heights and the City of Strongsville, and it was very effective. We taught the children how to be leaders and if they have an issue in our city we're thinking of taking away basic picnic tables and trash cans because we have issues with our kids. I'm willing to volunteer on a committee to resolve this because taking away a picnic table and trash cans are not the issue, and it's not the solution I'm very upset because I talked about this last summer.

Mayor Koci said that the City Manager just mentioned putting trash cans out not taking them out.

City Manager Mallis said that we are doing a park-by-park assessment.

Mayor Koci said that we have a new Recreation Director and Ms. Future said that she spoke with him and that he was supposed to reach out to you guys and he didn't get back to me, and that is why I came. Ms. Future said that the Veterinarian Building is deteriorating, there are broken windows and brick, and there are a group of bats now, what is the plan for that building?

City Manager Mallis said that he would have to check with the Building Department on the status of that.

Ms. Future said that it needs to be demolished and that there was a buyer and one time, and it didn't go well, now it is nothing but a headache. If a hospital like that can't give you thirty days, really that tells you right there the integrity of these people, so if God closed one door, he will open another door. Who makes the decision on moving the voting places?

Mayor Koci said that the Board of Elections does.

City Manager Mallis said that the Board of Elections makes those decisions. The only thing that we did was share our input this year regarding Ellenwood. We had concerns with all the precincts voting at Ellenwood. The ones that were scheduled to vote there moved because we had a number of programs taking place and the Summer Camp was there too. To have that activity there and all the youth there we'd like to make sure that for safety reasons we asked the Board of Elections not to have voting at Ellenwood. They agreed with that, and for safety purposes, it would be best to relocate for this August and then obviously that one precinct will be going back. They make the ultimate decision.

Mr. Future said that there are dead trees on a private property on Union Street and that I don't know how you guys handle it, but something needs to be done before someone gets hurt. The daycare on Northfield Rd. resurfaced the parking lot and did a nice job, and there are two holes that don't have caps on them, and I don't know if the City takes care of it. Thanked Councilman Genutis and said that food is definitely a concern for me and with everything going on I appreciate that information thanks you for your service.

Jay Watson 40 Berwyn Dr., Bedford, OH said I heard from Council this evening and listened to members that "I think that we often hear is that it just looks bad for the community. I have come to talk about the cars, and I appreciate what you have said. I heard you say it before is "what are the police doing in my community?" This is an issue that keeps coming up and coming up if the police drive by there and seeing all these cars "what are the police doing, just drive by saying that this is just okay?" Something needs to be done. I thought the police were paid to do these things, to take action. Another subject

that was talked about earlier regarding signage in terms of trying to control traffic. We have enough signs out there to tell you what's going on with the traffic. I don't think we need more signage we need police officers going there enforcing the signage. We don't need any more signs, and we don't need any more recordings of how fast people are going. We need something that says when you come into Bedford don't want to see cars in your yard. We don't see police officers enforcing the law. I don't see police officers in my community I used to maybe 15 years ago I would see them go up down the street I don't see them. I don't mind as a citizen calling them and saying, "there are a ton of cars parked in the yard, or maybe they don't see it." I'm saying we pay the police to do their job and we all agree that should be part of their responsibility. I guess we all agree that the next thing is about the hospital closing I did not hear, but maybe it was stated what's the impact on our taxes?

Mayor Koci said it's just a preliminary quick look at around \$900,000.00 a year.

Mr. Watson said I think it's a done deal very seldom is something like this reversed. I also have concerns that we have a medical facility closed on Rockside across from the plaza. It's just empty billing folks, and it's been there for a while. When we talk about what's happening, and I understand your comment about what is happening in Maple Heights, we don't want that happening here. Let me reassure you I have gone to other Council meetings in other communities, and they do the same thing talking about what they see happening in Bedford they say "hey we don't want that happening to our community." I'm not thinking that it's appropriate nor is it appropriate to say what's happening in Maple Heights, but people see, and they have opinions. I think that Bedford does a lot of wonderful things, but I may be whoved over a lot of things we just seem to just say "it's just business as usual and we're just going to let it keep on going," or "we don't have the money to put someone out there to deal with it." But yet citizens come forth and say this is a concern, and we keep coming around and come around the same conversation we need to take some action. We've got buildings around here that have been empty for a long time, but in my opinion and from what I've read it's going in the wrong direction. And for us to rely upon the auto industry as being a big anchor to this community we need to see that the auto industry is going electric. And that the auto industry is selling cars online more and more we better rise up in terms of what we think is anchoring our businesses around here. I don't hear anyone talking about those things, and we need to be talking about being proactive. We're proactive on roads, for me it's good to be proactive about business, period. You spoke about chickens, and that's a great idea, wholesome growing tomatoes. We already have two main neighbors that don't take care of their dogs, we have chickens running around here, and kids let them lose. I think it's a great idea, but we don't have the people to monitor it. This is something that we have to live with because people need to take responsibility, and we fail to make people responsible. We'll another headache when someone says "well you know there's that better community over there, and it's just like what you expect when you got wild chickens running across the street, and you know I just about hit one with a car the other day." I can hear it believe me I can hear it, but it just concerns me it's a great idea, but I don't think we have the foundation for making that happen.

Councilman Genutis said let me ask you this if you had to start all over again would you allow dogs and cats in the community? If dogs were not legal in Bedford, would you be

opposed to having dogs because some people don't take care of them, and they bark or whatnot?

Mr. Watson said I don't have a big concern about a dog barking I have a big concern when you have dogs just running loose, and I see it happening. In my observation, it appears that some of these owners care more about their dogs and their kids. That's their choice, but that's just my observation. I also hear arguments that dogs must be on a leash, but cats know because they might put themselves in danger by being on the leash. I have cats in my neighborhood just running all over the place, and I don't want cats in my yard nor do I want dogs in my yard. I don't hate cats, but that's not my responsibility, and those who own them don't want to be responsible they're just going all over the place so to answer your question. It's a question of being responsible just like having a car I don't mind people in the car, but I don't think it needs to be in the front yard. It could be loud, and that may be obstruction right consider dog barking but let's look at what the issue is. If the cars park in the front yard, I'm expecting a police officer to stop and address it, and I'm not seeing it. We're talking about having a report on counting how fast people are going. I want to see a report showing that the police officers are stopping and making these issues known. Give me those kinds of reports saying from last year we're showing police officers or x amount of people parking in the yard. Give me those are the kinds of reports that I want to see. That is showing that we are really addressing putting the sign out there showing we're tracking how fast people are going I can care less. I can tell you how fast they're going too damn fast and are no police officers out there dealing with it. I'm up there on Rockside Road and Northfield, and I can clearly see where the sign says no right-hand turn on red they make a right-hand turn on red because people are making rules as they go. They feel it meets their needs and I don't need to tell you over and over again. What I want to hear is that we got someone out there to deal with it and I'm not hearing that.

City Manager Mallis said that you asked for the number and it was 236 parking citations that were given this year to date for the street or on the lawn.

Mr. Watson said how does that compare to last year?

City Manager Mallis said I can pull those figures I'm just looking at the year-to-date today. So, there are tickets being issued, if we respond we can't force someone right then "hey get it off the yard right now", but we can issue a ticket. So as far as on-street parking and parking on the lawns, it was 236, that's in six months. So that is some data, and I can provide that at the next meeting if you want to come. I can show you that from the previous years and maybe we can do better. I'm not saying we can't but I do want to provide data that the police are doing and I'm not saying that you're saying that they're not, but they are they are issuing tickets, and they are responding accordingly to complaints. I think it was up 131 stops was just last week as far as traffic.

Mr. Watson said I'm not wanting to have it misunderstood on my part that you don't think that I think they aren't doing anything. I'm just saying there's an opportunity to do a whole lot more okay. I want to clear that up because what I'm seeing the frequency of is it's questioning where they are. Now maybe their some place or doing sometimes like what

you were saying, but if cars are parking on the street overnight and no one's tagging them, and I see a car over, and then I walk up here, and I go over here and pick up the phone and I'll call the police saying, "hey this car has been here for three days." I would like to see some data on if it has gone up over the last five years. I hear talk about how there's either an increase or decline give me some data in terms of the police responding to cars. This has been increasing over the last five years. We are seeing a trend that might be related to the pandemic or people staying home more and not going to work I mean there are a whole lot of things here we can associate with that are good. I don't know what the trends are with backyard gardens, there are a lot of gardens in our communities that have tomatoes growing out of them. I'm looking at the gardens, and they are either torn up or overcrowded with junk. I don't know where the lack of accountability on it but there are a lot of houses that have gardens full or torn up. Once again it looks bad for our community and when are we going to do something about it?

Mayor Koci said we need people to take responsibility for themselves that's number one.

Mr. Watson said i agree with you, but you know people should be responsible for how fast they drive on the road. If you're driving too fast, someone's going to let you know you're going too fast and people are not taking care of their property someone's got to be there to say, "hey listen that is unacceptable it's bad for our community, and these are the consequences." I'm not saying I know what the consequences are and I'm not sure those people in the houses haven't understand their consequences because it is there year after year in the same house. I agree people need to be responsible some people have more of a challenge trying to be responsible. I get that too handicap or whatever funds or whatever, but they have to understand you got to be responsible, and someone has to take that initiative. I'm here to let you know you got to be responsible.

Ina Australia, 51 Elm St., Bedford, OH wished a Happy Birthday to Mayor Koci so we can all be encouraged that we were heard today, and I wanted to thank you guys all for hearing us and letting us speak. There's a lot of great things about Bedford very encouraged Mr. Mallis thank you for being diligent with the trash cans. I appreciate that you know everything takes a long time you know it takes a long time and I appreciate that you guys are out there and you're doing it. We can be thankful that the kids are learning how to swim and that our community offers red cross, lifeguard training, and certification. Other communities don't have pools let alone offering red cross, and that Rayleen Jones and Bree Batten have been doing a terrific job under Mr. Callahan's direction. They're dealing with how do we make people care? We can go back and forth that people want chickens and that people don't want chickens it is one of the things that the young newly married are looking for when they look for communities. They will look at a list of 10 things, and it's one thing that the young people want to do is get back to the roots, and that a chicken might get in our yard. The police deal with the cars in the yard. The last thing is it's unfortunate that now we live in a place where, I don't think you'll remember this but months ago we spoke, and we were on the street somewhere I saw you you're like very excited you said, "Mike and I just got out of the meeting with the hospital", this was right after they closed Richmond Heights. I believe you said they're letting us keep it and to then be sideswiped or whatever that word is where they come at you and just underhandedly tear the rug out



from under you it's not right, but I do believe that sometimes things that we think are going to be the worst can be turned around, and so that's my hope and Bedford is still a great place to live. You guys are doing a great job and we're in it together, so I appreciate

Sabrina Epic, 512 Bell, Bedford, OH said my concern is with the cars, when you guys want to talk about Turney Rd., and the construction are you going to do something about the parking on the street? And how people park in front of signs that were there that aren't there anymore. Because people beforehand took them down. I would like to formally introduce myself to you Mr. Smith, I lived in Bedford all my life I never knew Paula, but after she passed away, we were never introduced to you. When you guys did the new telephone poles in the city, signs were still on the old pole right in front of the new pole. I was just wondering if you're going to take the old sign down and put it on the new one. The old animal warden's wife parks right in front of it. The police were called nothing was done.

City Manager Mallis asked if the old telephone pole was there.

Ms. Epic said it's still there the new one's right next and the signs are still in the old pole, but she parks right in front of it.

City Manager Mallis said we'll take a look at it we're not allowed to touch First Energy's poles. It's kind of a dispute that all of the communities are dealing with them on. I'll take a look at the location if you just hang out afterward for a minute.

Ms. Epic said I know there used to be a curfew back in the day and that teenagers were not allowed after 11 p.m. I was just wondering if that's going to be enforced again or if that's something you could look at because over the weekend I was coming home, and two kids were coming from Glendale School with masks on I shine my brights on them. One guy just gave me the hand across the face and just kept walking, then turning the corner there's a group of like 10 or 12 of them just walking aimlessly in the street. I mean it's not even safe to take my dogs out walking no more because we've had issues in the neighborhood. I just wanted to know what was going to be done about it.

City Manager Mallis said something like that I would suggest in the future definitely call PD and we would respond to that.

Ms. Epic said that we have been, and there are still issues. I don't want to move from the City, because this is a nice city, but it is going downhill, and I just wanted to know what was going to be done about it. Because I work hard, I was told what my tax dollars were supposed to go to, and I just want to see a go-to for that.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Victor Fluharty to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, August 1, 2022.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Sandy Spinks
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Victor Fluharty
<b>RESULT:</b>	Pass [7 TO 0]

**YEAS:** Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith  
**NAYS:**  
**ABSTAIN:**

  
Clerk of Council

  
Mayor-President of Council

Date: September 19, 2022