BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING

BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL

STATE OF OHIO COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

165 CENTER ROAD BEDFORD, OH 44146

TIME: 5:30 PM

**DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2022** 

Bedford City Council met in a Budget Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, October 17, 2022, at 5:30 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, Finance Director Jennifer Howland, Assistant Finance Director Allison Chance.

# BUDGET HEARING CITY MANAGER

**MINUTES** 

Mayor Koci said that City Manager Mallis is doing a great job and has been an exciting journey.

City Manager Mallis said you would get good things if you surround yourself with good people. You have to map out a plan, and we have. Being able to do significant projects, we look at each department; there is accountability when you are brutally honest with the public. We still honor the quality of life issues. From an infrastructure standpoint, we got a GIS System. Thanks to City Council for being proactive in going to the County for funding. Our tax base is very diverse. This year there was much moving around in the departments, which is not bad.

At this time, Council reviewed the Expense & Revenue sheets for the City Manager. See attached)

#### LAW DEPARTMENT

Law Director Montello said he feels it is essential to pursue the hospital. The Law Department has done too much this year.

At this time, Council reviewed the Expense & Revenue sheets for the Law Department. See attached)

#### DISCUSSION OF AGENDA

Resolution 2592-22 to accept the donations from Heather Rhoades and Jeff Hric; Mayor Koci said that this is to accept the donation and what the donations are going to.

#### DISCUSSION OF PENALTY FOR PASSING SCHOOL BUSSES

Mr. Montello said that Ordinances 331.38 and 33.03 pertain to the penalty for school buses.

#### DISCUSSION FOR POTENTIAL CDBG AND CDSG PROJECTS

City Manager Mallis said that the City must apply for the grants by the end of the year, but the City would like to have the application done by December 1<sup>st</sup>. He said that \$150,000.00 is earmarked for the Square and that \$50,000.00 may be used to redo the Skate Park.

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Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Genutis to go into an Executive Session to discuss Litigation: UH and Personnel: Building Department. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, and Asbury. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:05 p.m.

Motion made by Asbury 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 7:58 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

Clerk of Council

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Mayor/President of Council

Date: November 7, 2022

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# City of Bedford 2023 Expense Budget Worksheet

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Account	Description	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Department 2023 City Manager Request Recommendation		2023 Council Approval
CITY MANAGER								
110-7110-00-5-31000	SUPERVISION	\$102,720.48	\$104,874.20	\$104,550.00	\$55,794.07	\$117,300.00	\$117,300.00	
110-7110-00-5-32000	OFFICE ADMIN ASST & PT RECEPTION 1040 HRS @ \$20.00	\$119,603.31	\$119,822.83	\$120,235.00	\$91,207.96	\$91,395.00	\$91,395.00	
110-7110-00-5-37000	OVERTIME	\$37.54	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	
110-7110-00-5-38000	LONGEVITY	\$12,406.84	\$13,690.53	\$12,945.00	\$9,251.07	\$13,153.00	\$13,155.00	
110-7110-00-5-41000	HOSPITALIZATION	\$54,300.00	\$56,600.00	\$57,000.00	\$23,781.25	\$57,075.00	\$57,075.00	
110-7110-00-5-42000	P.E.R.S.	\$32,762.96	\$32,798.84	\$33,425.00	\$17,639.88	\$29,218.00	\$31,130.00	
110-7110-00-5-45000	WORKER'S COMPENSATION	\$2,234.53	\$2,744.55	\$3,290.00	\$289.81	\$3,660.00	\$5,540.00	
110-7110-00-5-46000	LIFE INSURANCE	\$474.96	\$475.00	\$495.00	\$206.25	\$491.00	\$490.00	
110-7110-00-5-47000	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
110-7110-00-5-48000	MEDICARE	\$2,320.58	\$2,348.93	\$3,460.00	\$1,278.45	\$3,027.00	\$3,225.00	
110-7110-00-5-51000	TRAVEL	\$297.13	\$14.56	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
110-7110-00-5-51500	EMPLOYEE TUITION & TRAINING	\$1,350.00	\$250.00	\$3,200.00	\$6,400.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
110-7110-00-5-53500	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$554.40	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$59.75	\$500.00	\$500.00	
110-7110-00-5-57500	RENTS, LEASES, & MAINT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
110-7110-00-5-57510	PHONE PAYMENTS	\$690.20	\$679.90	\$1,000.00	\$282.57	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	
110-7110-00-5-64000 10/3/2022	EQUIPMENT UNDER \$5,000	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

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SPECIAL PROJECTS			ANALYSIS SERVICES SER					
110-7140-00-5-51500	INDIGENT BURIALS - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
110-7140-00-5-52020	JUDGEMENTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	
110-7140-00-5-53500	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
110-7140-00-5-54500	CITY PARTICIPATION	\$10,725.79	\$19,521.76	\$46,271.00	\$9,466.63	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	
110-7140-00-5-54510	BEDFORD HTS REC REBATES	\$1,050.00	\$200.00	\$2,500.00	\$125.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	
110-7140-00-5-54520	ARTS & CULTURE BOARD	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
110-7140-00-5-54530	LPV PRODUCTIONS SERVICES	\$6,460.00	\$15,290.50	\$12,000.00	\$3,400.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	
110-7140-00-5-54540	SOCIAL WORKER CONTRACT	\$1,087.50	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
110-7140-00-5-55000	CLEVELAND RESTORATION SOCIETY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
110-7140-00-5-64000	EQUIPMENT UNDER \$5,000	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0:00	
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LAW DEPARTMENT								
110-7120-00-5-31000	SUPERVISION INCLUDES ASST. LAW DIRECOTR	\$118,013.28	\$120,160.96	\$124,850.00	\$61,366.16	\$127,107.00	\$127,105.00	
110-7120-00-5-38000	LONGEVITY	\$1,590.23	\$1,622.43	\$1,675.00	\$830.44	\$1,727.00	\$1,725.00	
110-7120-00-5-41000	HOSPITALIZATION	\$18,099.96	\$19,000.00	\$19,025.00	\$7,927.10	\$0.00	\$19,025.00	
110-7120-00-5-42000	نې يې يې و	\$16,716.14	\$16,770.15	\$17,715.00	\$8,934.21	\$0.00	\$18,035.00	
110-7120-00-5-45000	WORKER'S COMPENSATION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
110-7120-00-5-46000	LIFE INSURANCE	\$159.96	\$160.00	\$165.00	\$68.75	\$0.00	\$165.00	
110-7120-00-5-48000	MEDICARE	\$1,721.63	\$1,753.48	\$1,835.00	\$883.96	\$0.00	\$1,870.00	
110-7120-00-5-51000	TRAVEL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	
110-7120-00-5-53300	LEGAL FEES NEGOTATIONS IN 2023	\$22,499.90	\$54,925.90	\$48,855.10	\$18,884.33	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	
110-7120-00-5-53500	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OUTSIDE COUNCIL	\$16,278.50	\$15,107.50	\$46,000.00	\$1,290.00	\$45,000.00	\$50,000.00	
110-7120-00-5-57510	PHONE PAYMENTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
110-7120-00-5-65000	STATIONERY, SUPPLIES & DUES	\$864.66	\$615.67	\$500.00	\$75.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	•
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BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL STATE OF OHIO

**DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2022** 

**AGENDA MINUTES** 

COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

**TIME: 8:00 PM** 

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Bedford City Council met in a Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, October 17, 2022. Mayor Koci called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M.

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- 3. ROLL CALL
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of Minutes of the Work Session of October 3, 2022

**MOTION:** 

Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Donald Saunders to

approve.

MOVER:

Jeff Asbury

SECONDER:

**Donald Saunders** 

RESULT:

Pass [7 TO 0]

YEAS:

Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 3, 2022 Mayor Koci said that these will be voted on at the next meeting.

c. Approval of Minutes of the Budget Work Session of October 10, 2022

MOTION:

Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Sandy Spinks to approve.

MOVER:

Walter Genutis

SECONDER:

Sandy Spinks

RESULT:

Pass [7 TO 0]

YEAS:

Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith

NAYS:

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#### 5. PRESENTATION

a. Swearing in of two Firefighters/Paramedics: Timothy Zdesar & Daniel Burnett

#### 6. OLD BUSINESS

#### 7. REPORTS

a. City Manager

City Manager Mallis said congratulations to the new paramedics and that it is great to have them on board. He also thanked the Fire Chief and the Assistant Fire Chief for their efforts in working towards obtaining the funding to cover those officers. I want to mention that for anyone who is interested there is a program Cuyahoga County along with other entities are putting on some tax foreclosure events that are geared towards assisting anybody who is having some issues with their property taxes. Please visit our website visit and our social media platforms for the two events that are scheduled for this week again, visit our website if anyone interested in getting further details. Our crack sealing was obtained from a grant that program is going to start this week we are going to focus on Solon Road then we'll move over to Egbert Road for the second part of that so there will be some traffic challenges in that area, but it should be completed within a week. Again, this responded to a grant all of the materials will be reimbursed by cut through Cuyahoga County and I also just want to mention that Halloween Trick-or-Treat is on the 31st from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., but before that anyone who's interested the Parks and Recreation is having a Trick-or-Treating Street which is scheduled for the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10 o'clock it's that a great event. They started it a few years back and you have to register so anyone that's interested please visit the City's website Parks and Recreation website of course social media platforms.

#### b. Law Director

Mr. Montello had no report this evening.

#### c. Finance Director

Mrs. Howland congratulated to the new firemen and fire paramedics, She also reminded everyone that today was the deadline to file your 2021 income tax forms if you had to filed for extension.

#### d. Council Reports

Councilman Genutis congratulated the new firefighters. He also personally thanked Ms. Rhodes and Mr. Hric for their genus donation to the City that will pass a resolution here shortly.

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Councilman Fluharty congratulated the two firefighters and welcomed them to the City.

Councilman Smith congratulated the two firefighter and welcomed them to the City.

Councilman Asbury reminded everyone that chipper service is done for the year and that the leaf pickup service will start pretty soon. I noticed that uh really quickly we got some red and things are dropping and there are already some piles on the tree lawns. As a reminder, please try and keep your leaves on the tree lawn and don't let them get into the street because they cause issues clogging up the grates. As City Manager Mallis mentioned that Trick-or-Treating is Monday, October 31st so please be careful when you're driving during 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There are kids and teenagers out there. He also said that if you are taking your kids around, please don't drive beside your kids as they're walking, because it just creates too much congestion on the streets and that creates a dangerous situation. So, let's think about the kids so please get out and walk with them. He also congratulated the two new fire fighters and paramedics and that they hopefully have a long and safe career in Bedford.

Councilman Saunders said that he had a couple residents on Nordem that are complaining about the resident at 128 who puts out corn piles in her driveway almost every day to feed the deer. He said that it is causing a mess on the street and well let's put it this way the deer are everywhere because of it and if we could look into it and try to get her to stop doing it. He said that it is illegal in Ohio to feed them anyway and that it would be nice to get that stopped. He said that the other thing is that also on Norton, when you're coming down off of Columbus on the North there's no parking sign that states no parking. He said that there is only one sign, and the residents what to know what happened to the second sign. He said that if City Manager Mallis could have the Service Department Send somebody to look into seeing where it went, and to have another one put up would be greatly appreciated. He said go Tribe.

Mayor Koci said that on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> is Trick-or-Treat Street down at the Ellenwood Recreation Center for kids ages zero to 12. He said that it's a nice family atmosphere and the Recreation Department does a real nice job putting that together for the kids. He said that they have a lot of goodies so be sure you get your kids down there, and let them dress up it's a lot of fun. He also said that he just received a letter from the Board of Elections that the voting places for this year will be the same as they were in May that Wards 1, 2, 3, and 6 be at the High School, and that Wards 4 and 5 will be at Glendale Primary School. He also said that everyone should be getting notification from the Board of Elections soon as to where you're voting so that'll give you a little heads up on that

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Councilwoman Spinks said congratulations and welcome to our two new firefighter paramedics you've got a great team over there. She said that we are very lucky to have our First Responders. She said that Trunk-or-Treat is on the 29th at the Church of Nazarene from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. rain or shine. She said that the Bedford Historical Society will be doing Trick-or-Treat as well on the on Halloween the same ours as the City so if you want to take your kids or grandkids door to door come see us at the Historical Society. She said that the Director of the Historic Society and the proud president on behalf of the Historical Society we would like to personally thank the Bedford Downtown Alliance for this past Friday. She said that we had one of our Speaker's Series and thanked the Bedford Downtown Alliance for providing cookies plates and napkins it was much appreciated. She said that it's a team effort and she saw pictures and heard that it was phenomenal. She said that the Historical Society the "Kris Kriegel" will be going on December 10<sup>th</sup>, and you can contact Ms. Schroeder and that we are still looking for some Artisans and Crafters. She said that it will be right in the museum so you can do some Christmas shopping and if you've got a craft or you and a local artists, please contact the museum between now then. She also said that the times will be announced at the next meeting. She stated to City Manager Mallis that the trash on the corner at the end of Grand Boulevard and Broadway going down toward the Broadway the car dealership is really bad and they have they do have several trash cans in their parking lot. She said that she has personally see it being thrown out. She said that their employees are just throwing it out of their cars. She said that every day she is picking up trash and if it blows out onto Broadway that she will not go out Broadway to pick it up. She wanted to know if we can have some help and that she knows that Rockside is really bad, but for Broadway with the trash in the medium. She said that you know I I've had a couple of people to get it and that she doesn't want them out there risking their life for it. She also said that she appreciates and said thank you to all the people that do get out and help pick up the trash. She said that it is something very important to me to keep our City clean.

#### 8. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Resolution No. 2592-22:** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF HEATHER RHOADES AND JEFF HRIC TO THE CITY OF BEDFORD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Was read by title only.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Victor Fluharty to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three

different days.

MOVER: Sandy Spinks
SECONDER: Victor Fluharty

RESULT: Pass [7 TO 0]

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YEAS: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith

NAYS: ABSTAIN:

City Manager Mallis said as the ordinance reads that multiple donation were provided to the City at the last Council Meetin and that the City is extremely grateful and appreciative to Ms. Rhodes and Mr. Hric for that donation. He also said that the City will earmark it based on what was requested at the meeting: Parks and Recreation for the park improvements and for police and fire towards their protective gear, as well as the service department and Public Works that will go towards the downtown decorations and we're looking at acquiring some new pieces this year. He said that it definitely all go towards a good cause and again much appreciated.

Mayor Koci said that the appreciates it and that it was put out on Facebook that the City turned down the money, which the City didn't, and that the City is happy to accept the donations from Ms. Rhoades and Mr. Hric. He said that it's just a tremendous thing they do to help out with those little things that our departments can get to do that mean whole lot to the Departments and to the City. He said that the City just wanted to publicly thank them for their generosity.

MOTION: Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Frank Smith to place said

ordinance/resolution on third and final reading.

MOVER: Jeff Asbury

SECONDER: Frank Smith
RESULT: Pass [7 TO 0]

YEAS: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

# 9. HEARING OF CITIZENS

Josh O'Reilly, 1119 Broadway Ave., Bedford, OH said that the Northfield Bridge the debris on sidewalk is terrible and that it probably from all the plows kicking it up all. He said that he recommends doing a big curve and guardrails. He said that when he hit in a guardrail at 70 miles an hour hi insurance paid for it to get replaced. He wanted to know if there a reason why that there's still a lot of the guardrails around the City that are damaged. He said that the accident last night where the guardrail was not secure or that it doesn't really cover the whole area especially if you have a lot of high traffic or accidents, area you think that you would. City Manager Mallis said that items like the right-of-way and if it's a guardrail that what is done is that we identify the damage, and if the property owner doesn't have insurance the City has to pay to get it fixed. He said that he doesn't know of any specific ones and that he would have to

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look at the area, and when that accident was, and if that individual had insurance, and if they went to court.

Mr. O'Reilly said that you've got to keep the community safe and that the accident last night was just a shame that a young lady had to experience it and that he doesn't the circumstances but the community is what makes Bedford. He said that he walks all the time and that he has insurance and when he hit a guardrail they covered. He said that he doesn't know why it would be an issue and if it is a county issue or a city issue. City Manager Mallis said that the guardrails are owned by the county. He also said that for instance the City had some electrical boxes damaged this year, there were I think two of them and in both instances the motorists did not have insurance. He said that fell on City because it was our equipment in the right of way. Mr. O'Reilly said that he is just looking out for the safety of the community.

Jim Slifka, 130 Grand Blvd., Bedford, OH said that in the State of the City Address earlier in the year you said that once all of the sewer work was done on Broadway that it will be paved from Maple Heights to Oakwood do they have a firm date when they may do that, or what year they might do that? Mayor Koci said that those are projected for next year 2023. City Manager Mallis said that originally it was supposed to start this fall and that ODOT wanted to push that out to the spring of 2023. He said that at our last meeting in communication with them was roughly February of this year. He also said that ODOT would determine if they are going to start this fall or if they'll just start in the spring of 2023 so that it'll be completed by the fall of 2023. He said that the which is okay with either way and that our biggest thing was we needed to finish our work. He also that at the time of that February meeting the estimate for that project was roughly 2.8 million dollars and that ODOT and notified Bedford that we would be responsible for \$600,000.00 and that is roughly 15% of the project it is a little more and we negotiated some of that down. He said that ODOT was committing to 2.2 million and that the City did receive a letter about three weeks ago indicating that the estimated cost of construction is now rising to 5.9 million. He sat that ODOT is only paying 2.2 and they expect the City of Bedford to pay the remaining three plus million dollars to get Broadway done obviously you can understand the City's response and my response. He said that for all of the infrastructure money that has been out and touted how does that fall on a local government it's just unacceptable. He also said that the City is not in a position to pay that for Broadway and that the City did send that communication to ODOT and they did respond. He said that the City has we a meeting next week I believe Monday, so we'll have specifics as far as Broadway, but as it stands right now it's supposed to start spring of 2023. I will say that we're disputing their most recent financials so that's kind of where we are at. Mr. Slifka asked so when you do that work do, they also fix some of the super grates or just basic stripping and repaying. City Manager Mallis said that they will be doing all of the stripping and repaving if there's any like major like a curb repair that has to get done we are responsible for all of the sidewalk ramps the ADA accessible sidewalk ramps all that falls on the city um all of the parking Lanes throughout the historic district they don't feel

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that that is part of the street so they wouldn't pay that to get that paint that 47:26

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falls on the city originally our expenses were exceeding one million dollars we had negotiated that down and we were comfortable with that roughly. He said that although it would eat up a lot of our Road Resurfacing Program getting Broadway completely redone is important and we were good with that. He said that with them coming back to us and with the idea that expenses have gone up which we understand expenses go up but to go up that amount, and then to turn around and say that it's falling solely on the City of Bedford we had to share with them that is just completely unacceptable. He said that given the news story that actually just came out the other day that Ohio has received billions of dollars and ODOT is the recipient of those billions of dollars we're not paying any more than what we originally negotiated so the start date is tentative right now and we'll see how that discussion goes next week.

Jennifer, 58 Union St., Bedford, OH said that last night they had another car crash on our street and we're just here to bring more attention to the speeding and the lack of guard rails and the condition of our guardrails. Another member of the audience said that there was another one a couple months ago you probably know about and going to today the guardrail wouldn't have made any difference okay, but it is a hazardous road. He said that the one a few months ago it did come through the part that's in question again the part where the originally initiated the whole guardrail issue, and there still isn't a guardrail, and that was approved more than 20 years ago. He said that we're still wondering why death was the one that initiated the whole thing everything else got covered except the worst part. Jennifer (audience member) said that we need a guardrail fixed, we need signs, and that we need something our road is dangerous. She also said that signs where and they were removed and not replaced. She said that our homes are very close to the road these cars have hit our homes. A member of the audience said that several of the guardrails that have been hit are falling over. He also said that the last time we were told that the City couldn't do anything about it, but if nothing could be done about this at least if something could be done about the trucks because in every case uh if it was one of the semis coming through there instead of this, we would be dead. City Manager Mallis said that he sent multiple emails to Cuyahoga County and that is their guardrail. He said that there are certain requirements under the ODOT Roadside Section in their Code on what warrants a guardrail. He said that what we did is we had sent all of the pictures from the police report, and that he indicated to them that that both Chiefs and I believe that is that is a safety concern, and that they should look into that. He said that multiple emails were sent, and multiple messages were sent to the County engineer, and we did receive a response from an employee it wasn't from the engineer, but it was an employee from Cuyahoga County. He said that we had some conversation and there was a little bit of a disagreement as far as our opinions, and that he had then requested last month our engineer to do a full study on that ODOT roadside section that combined with the accidents we believe will warrant and justify a guardrail in the section you're referring to. He said that the City solely can't install a guardrail or remove that guard out there. Audience member asked why a guardrail wasn't installed there and City Manager Mallis said that is between the county.

Mr. O'Reilly asked if they could have a community meeting with the county then because it seems like obviously, actions should speak louder than words but interactions verify your words.

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Jennifer (audience) asked if there was anything that they could do and City Manager Mallis said that he would give them the contact information the Cuyahoga County Engineer.

Robert Diederich, 137 Santin Circle, Bedford, OH: asked about the Community Development block grants and he saw notes about those we receive and are applying for them. City Manager Mallis said we are applying for them, and the grant application is due middle of December. He also said that we will be having a public meeting in a couple weeks to talk about potential projects of what we would apply for obviously take any input and we need to narrow that down and then do the grant. Mr. Diederich asked about the amount and City Manager Mallis said that the CDBG is \$150,000.00 and the CDSG is \$50,000.00. Mr. Diedrich asked if the City had any tentative ideas on how to use that money and City Manager Mallis said that they will probably talk about some of it in the public meeting. Mr. Diedrich asked if the City received any offers regarding the area 17500 Rockside Road since the state was turned down. what approach is the City doing on it and City Manager Mallis said that the City constantly sending available properties to leads that come in through team NEO Jobs and locally and that have been none.

Member of the Historical Society said that they will be open anytime there's anything going on in the Square will be there for the tree lighting, trick-or-treating, so please come and see us. She said that they are making some changes and they would love to see everyone.

# 10. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** 

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Walter Genutis to adjourn the

meeting.

**MOVER:** 

Sandy Spinks

SECONDER:

Walter Genutis

RESULT:

Pass [7 TO 0]

YEAS:

Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith

NAYS:

**ABSTAIN:** 

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Mayor - President of Council

Date: November 7, 2022