

Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Sandy Spinks, Walter Genutis, Victor Fluharty, Frank Smith, Jeff Asbury, and Donald Saunders. Absent: . Mayor Koci

Also present: Clerk of Council Tracy Simons. Administration: City Manager Michael Mallis, Law Director John Montello, Finance Director Jennifer Howland.

• **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA**

Council had no corrections to the Work Session Minutes of December 5, 2022, or the Work Session Minutes of December 19, 2022, or the Organizational Meeting of January 3, 2023.

Ordinance No. 009-23 City Manager Mallis: We have been working with Liberty Development and the site is tricky, so laying it out and trying to find business to go into those spots. Drew from Liberty Development: Liberty Development was just awarded Lakeshore Electric this past week. Lakeshore Electric is a fifteen hundred square foot building, and they want to grow. Industrial buildings are our main supply chain, we start moving this spring. City Manager Mallis: attracting new business is important but keeping business here is important as well. Drew: We are a building and hold type, we build to suit. There is no constant traffic. City Manager Mallis: Sooner or later they will be going to the Planning Commission. We have been working with the Land Bank for the purchase agreement. The other way to go about it is that we can work up some quotes and get reimbursed for and state it in the purchase agreement to have that language in there. Drew: everyone who is working on the project has all of the information on the project. City Manager Mallis: This is a very good project. Councilman Genutis: Everyone will be very happy with what is going on down there.

Ordinance No. 008-23: City Manager Mallis: We have a local company and a new company going in down there.

Ordinance No. 10,048-23: City Manager Mallis: We amended it and to put in on Second reading.

Resolution No. 2597-23: Mrs. Howland: This is in regards to moving over with RITA and adopting their rules and regulations to administer the taxes.

Ordinance No. 001-23: City Manager Mallis: This is an agreement with the County for Turney Road in 2024.

Ordinance No. 002-23: City Manager Mallis: This is an updated contract and that nothing will affect the City and that it has saved the City money. The grant cover 50% of the rides and that this is a better service.

Ordinance No. 003-23: City Manager Mallis: This is for a new vehicle that we did budget for

and that Ganley is \$2,700.00 less than the State Bid price.

Ordinance No. 004-23: City Manager Mallis: To outfit the vehicles and that the City has worked with Hall. They come out to outfit the vehicles.

Ordinance No. 005-23: City Manager Mallis: This is to share a Building Commissioner with the City of Brooklyn. If getting the right person for the position, they would be City of Bedford employee and that the City will bill for the time with the City of Brooklyn. We will continue to use Safe Built for the industrial inspection. The City of Brooklyn did pass legislation on it at their meeting last night.

Ordinance No. 006-23: City Manager Mallis: These are cameras throughout Cuyahoga County and that the City will have to access to the system. The City can also follow where they are going, and this is a sole source provider. This is for high speed chases.

Ordinance No. 007-23: City Manager Mallis: This is for the EMS, and it is in the 5 year plan.

Ordinance No. 010-23: City Manager Mallis: This is to apply for a grant to purchase two pieces of equipment and that the Legislative Body has to approve it.

Ordinance No. 011-23: Mrs. Howland: this is in the Income Tax Ordinance 178.03 (11)(N) and it is just the definition.

Ordinance No. 012-23: Mrs. Howland: This is amending the application of payment and RITA was in agreement with and how we apply tax.

Ordinance No. 013-23: City Manager Mallis: this is for the purchase of a new loader for the Water Department through the State Purchase Agreement.

Discussion of the Regular Meeting agenda was concluded.

Vice Mayor Fluharty began the discussion of Council Rules. Vice-Mayor Fluharty: To start the discussion with limiting the Hearing of Citizens. Councilwoman Spinks: If you can say what you want in three to four minutes and not longer than thirty to forty minutes total. Councilman Asbury: To limit people to comment to what is on the agenda. And that you have to turn in to Council prior to the meeting. To have it prior to voting on the legislation. Councilwoman Spinks: that since it is being televised is when people start speaking for twenty minutes plus. Councilman Smith: The only reason for a time limit is so that the meeting will not get out of hand.

Discussion of Council Rules was concluded.

MOTION:	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Donald Saunder to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss Economic Development: TCCP and Historic District and Personnel: Building Department, Receptionist, Planning Commission/Civil Service.
MOVER:	Sandy Spinks
SECONDER:	Donald Saunders
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS:	Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:33 P.M.

MOTION:	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Walter Genutis to adjourn out of Executive Session.
MOVER:	Sandy Spinks
SECONDER:	Walter Genutis
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS:	Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

Adjourned out of Executive Session at 7:59 P.M.

The Work Session Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 P.M.


Clerk of Council


Mayor-President of Council

Date: February 21, 2023



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STATE OF OHIO
COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA
165 CENTER ROAD BEDFORD, OH 44146

TIME: 8:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Bedford City Council met in a Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Tuesday, January 17, 2023. Vice-Mayor Fluharty called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

MOTION:	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Walter Genutis to excuse Mayor Koci from the meeting
MOVER:	Sandy Spinks
SECONDER:	Walter Genutis
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS:	Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 5, 2022

MOTION:	Motion made by Asbury and seconded Frank Smith by to approve.
MOVER:	Jeff Asbury
SECONDER:	Frank Smith
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS:	Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

b. Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 12, 2022 were not completed and will be approved at the next Council Meeting.

c. Approval of Minutes of the Work Session of December 19, 2022

MOTION:	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Walter Genutis to approve.
MOVER:	Sandy Spinks
SECONDER:	Walter Genutis



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NAYS:
ABSTAIN:

- d. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 19, 2022 were not completed and will be approved at the next Council Meeting.
- e. Approval of Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of January 3, 2023

MOTION: Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Frank Smith to approve.
MOVER: Jeff Asbury
SECONDER: Frank Smith
RESULT: Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS: Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **ORDINANCE NO. 10,048-22:** AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE PROPERTY AND STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 97 NORTHFIELD RD. (P.P.N. 814-15-014) A NUISANCE AND THEREFORE CONDEMNING THE PROPERTY ORDERING ACTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (1st Rdg. 12/19/22 & 2nd Rdg. 1/17/23)
Was read by title only.

MOTION: Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Walter Genutis to place said ordinance/resolution on Second Reading.
MOVER: Sandy Spinks
SECONDER: Walter Genutis
RESULT: Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS: Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders



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ABSTAIN:

6. REPORTS

a. City Manager

City Manager Mallis said that the renovations to the pool house started last week and that they're moving along very quickly. He said that a lot of the demolition has taken place, and they're going to be doing some underground plumbing and electrical work. He said that the goal is for the project to be completed in time for the pool season this summer. He said that we'll continue to provide Council with weekly updates as we progress. He said that, as a reminder the majority of this project was funded through Grant dollars, and a portion of it was funded through or by the City's ARPA Allocations. He said in regard to Parks and Recreation Department that a full booklet is being mailed out to all the residents, that will detail all of the upcoming winter and spring programs that the department is going to be putting together. He said that there are going to be a number of open positions and that some are already posted on our City's website and social media accounts. He said that there is a position that is currently being advertised within the Building Department, and we anticipate some positions will be made available in our Public Works Department, so please keep watching for those advertisements. He said that if anyone is interested, apply to open positions. He said that as of today, we are advertising for lateral transfers for the Police Department there is one opening in the Police Department, and we anticipate multiple openings later this year due to retirements. He said that the Cleveland Metro Parks recently communicated with the City that they're going to be commencing their Deer Management Program, and that is going to be taking place in the Bedford Reservation beginning today and running through March 16th. He said that the hours will vary and that the park will be closed, and signage will be posted. He said this is a reminder that this is their annual Deer Management Program. He said that the City has been working with a contractor as well as Cuyahoga County officials regarding Union Street, specifically Union Street bridge, and that it has been a topic at some meetings that bridge and that Councilman Saunders had referenced that it's not a bridge, but it is in need of replacement. He said that it is going to be a major



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challenge and that initially they projected that job to take place and be completed within one calendar year. He said that will not happen and that they're actually looking at other options to move all of the utilities, which are in the roadway, into a separate utility bridge. He said that it will most likely extend this project to a two-year project when the actual bridge portion of the works being completed that roadway will be closed. He said that they're looking at this project to take place from 2024 through 2025, but no agreements have been made. He said that the contractor actually needs approvals from the City in regard to right-of-way access as well as some utility approvals. He said that the City has not granted that yet as there's some questions and concerns, and we'll continue to update the public when an agreement is made, and when we have a better timeline for that project. He said that there have been a number of questions regarding streetlights, our auxiliary officers did a full assessment and a patrol of the community late last year, and they compiled the list, all of which were submitted to the Illuminating Company. He said that they have worked to start repairing some of those, and in case you're wondering if any of the lights near your home or business were included in that list, you can contact my office, and we can answer that question for you.

b. Law Director

Mr. Montello had no report this evening.

c. Finance Director

Mrs. Howland said that the City has joined the Regional Income Tax Agency and to remind everyone to start filing their 2022 taxes with the Regional Income Tax Agency known as Rita starting February 1st of this year.

d. Council Reports

Councilwoman Spinks notified City Manager Mallis that yesterday two gentlemen were knocking on doors and ringing doorbells asking to see residents' electric and water bills. She said that she had talked to you, so I just wanted you to touch base on that. She said that she wanted to let our seniors know that if you don't know someone, you have the right not to answer your door and that you can deny them your



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water bill. She said that is personal information and everybody needs to be registered if they're going door-to-door, especially with yesterday being a holiday. She said to be on alert because there are scammers out there, so you should never allow them to come into your home. City Manager Mallis said anyone soliciting has to apply for a solicitor's permit through the Police Department. He said that if someone does come to your door you can ask them to see their identity and that he doesn't know if any permits are out now, but he will check that and advise the Police Department to watch for any solicitors and speak with them if we do identify.

Councilman Genutis had no report this evening.

Councilman Smith: Happy New Year. I was going to touch on the light situation. As far as light being identified of the poll lights being identified in the city. I would like to say, if do if there is something in your neighborhood or on your street and the lights are out, please feel contact the city. If in my work, please contact me. They have begun to work on these things, and I see that I've seen several in my Ward that they have fixed. Oh, thanks a lot for the work. And please thank those Hillary police and the police department for doing their due diligence.

Councilman Asbury had no report this evening.

Councilman Saunders: Since Mike brought it up the Union Street Viaduct. And it is a viaduct, not a bridge, It is a stone bridge that's completely filled with dirt. Each one of those arches is filled with dirt, and it's an actual paved roadway over the dirt. That's why the utilities are such a factor because the utilities go through the dirt also. So, it will be replaced with a bridge. So, the old stone viaduct, which a lot of people think is historic, will no longer be there, which then brings up the topic. Have we gotten confirmed that when ODOT replaces it with a bridge that we can get a stamped sandstone concrete put in? So at least it has some remnants of what it used to look like?

City Manager Mallis: Yeah, we did negotiate that with them, that that was part of that



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widening of the sidewalks as well as stamps stone veneer. They did commit to that. We have the ability to choose at the time between a couple of different options, and we're not there yet.

Councilman Saunders: Okay. Well, I'm sure they're still working on the plans because this is a unique situation, because everybody just assumes it's a bridge where you just take it off and replace it. But it's not. They're going to have significant earthwork. That they have to remove from the structure and the utilities are going to be the biggest headache in the whole ordeal there. At least it looks like it's going to go after both Broadway and Northfield Road Bridge. Originally it was scheduled for this year, I think it was, and we would have had one hell of a headache with everything under construction at the same time. But yeah, I said right from the beginning when they said, Oh, we can do it in a year. No you won't. I worked on that bridge years ago when I worked at the county engineer's office. So in any case, let's hope we can get a final product that at least restores some look to the area. My usual comment in January is, of course, parking on the streets when it snows. We just had a snow. And of course, people don't use any common sense. They park the car out in the street, crack at dawn and come home at night. And if they're lucky, they take it in. That affects our plow, driving the street, cleaning, and everything else during this time period, I would assume we're getting it. I don't know if our trucks call them in when they go by them. Hopefully that's the case because eventually, hopefully, some of these people will learn. We're not other communities where you can park your car in the street 24/7 and forget about it. We have difficulties on some of our streets because they're narrow. We're on the residential streets and when you're parked on the street you can't get round it and the piles are big on the aprons it is very difficult to swing the get out of your driveway. If you're backing out also, because most of our driveways are only eight foot by nine foot wide. So, you don't have to swing around. You have to take both lanes for it. So please be courteous and try not to park across from someone's apron also. And in the winter, it's even more critical.



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7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **RESOLUTION NO. 2597-23:** A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE REGIONAL INCOME TAX AGENCY (RITA) RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE INCOME TAX CODE FOR THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Was read by title only.

MOTION:	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Walter Genutis to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days.
MOVER:	Sandy Spinks
SECONDER:	Walter Genutis
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS:	Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

Mrs. Howland: I joined the Regional Income Tax Agency in December. We now would like to adopt the regional income tax Agency's rules and regulations. And this is for you. As the City of Bedford income tax rules and regulations. Now, these rules and regulations are in conformance with Ohio, revised Code 718 and are not in conflict with any of the City of Bedford tax ordinances that an ordinance Section 178. Except for the one item and later in the agenda which we would need to amend in order to allow for read as we have to administer our taxes.

MOTION:	Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Donald Saunders to place said ordinance/resolution on third and final reading.
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MOVER:	Jeff Asbury
SECONDER:	Donald Saunders
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
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NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

- b. **ORDINANCE NO. 001-23: AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE CITY OF BEDFORD CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE MUNICIPALITY, IN THE MATTER OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED IMPROVEMENT AND REQUESTS THE COOPERATION OF THE COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA, OHIO, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE COUNTY**

Was read by title only.

MOTION:	Motion made by Smith and seconded by Donald Saunders to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days.
MOVER:	Frank Smith
SECONDER:	Donald Saunders
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS:	Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

City Manager Mallis: This is an agreement between the city of Bedford and Cuyahoga County, as John mentioned, for the resurfacing of Turney Road. This project is scheduled for 2024. It will go from the West Corp. Limit Turney Road all the way to West Grace. We the county is going to be contributing what we applied for grant



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dollars up to \$250,000 towards this project.

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

- c. **ORDINANCE NO. 002-23: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SENIOR TRANSPORTATION CONNECTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
Was read by title only.

MOTION:	Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Sandy Spinks to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days.
MOVER:	Walter Genutis
SECONDER:	Sandy Spinks
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS:	Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

City Manager Mallis: This is simply an updated agreement of our initial contract that we entered into with senior transportation connection. There are no changes in here that are going to affect our current operations and services that we provide to seniors



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and handicapped as far as transportation. And I just wanted to add one item, as we talked about, when we entered into the original contract, that one, we would be able to offer expanded services to the community. And two, that we would be a cost savings. Our savings over the last three years, in 2020, our total cost was \$38,000. In 2021 cost was \$35,000 and last year it was under \$20,000. And that was due to a grant that we received that is now covering 50% of every trip that we provide. So, it just thought that was important to identify as what we had stated would happen is indeed happening and got to give credit to the Parks and Recreation Department. And I'm working on that grant, which also subsidizes our meals to our senior department, as well as all of our programs that we are now providing. That grant covers 50% of that. So, we're offering more at less cost.

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

- d. **ORDINANCE NO. 003-23:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GANLEY CHEVROLET OF AURORA, LLC (GANLEY) TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2023 CHEVROLET TAHOE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Was read by title only.

MOTION:	Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Frank Smith to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days.
MOVER:	Donald Saunders



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SECONDER:	Frank Smith
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS:	Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

City Manager Mallis: This is a purchase of a police cruiser as identified in the ordinance that was budgeted for 2023. One item to point out, the state bid pricing for these vehicles came in at \$46,415 by going with Ganley Chevrolet. Their cost was 43,645. So, in choosing to up this contract, we will be saving \$2,770, which is below the state pricing for this vehicle.

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

- e. **ORDINANCE NO. 004-23:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HALL PUBLIC SAFTY ("HALL") TO OUTFIT THE ONE (1) 2023 FORD CHEVROLET TAHOE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Was read by title only.

MOTION:	Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Frank Smith to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days.
MOVER:	Donald Saunders



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SECONDER:	Frank Smith
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS:	Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

City Manager Mallis: As identified in the legislation, this is to outfit the new police cruiser. We have regularly gone with how public safety to outfit these vehicles. The main reason is unlike some of the other companies, they come here, and we do all of the work within the fire department base. It makes things go much quicker. It makes these vehicles accessible and, on the road, quicker than us having to send that out to get to get completed. With that being said, we still go out and we do get multiple quotes. Hall Public Safety came in at 18,879,000. The other company that performs similar work came in at over \$19,000. So, they are quicker, more convenient and less money.

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

- f. **ORDINANCE NO. 005-23:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BROOKLYN FOR SERVICES OF A BUILDING COMMISSIONER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Was read by title only.



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MOVER:	Sandy Spinks
SECONDER:	Walter Genutis
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS:	Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

City Manager Mallis: This is an agreement as identified with the City of Brooklyn. It's our goal. We both have a vacancy within our respective Building Departments. That being a certified building official, There is also a tremendous shortage in these certified positions beyond all county in putting our heads together, looking at the resources and what we can accomplish. This screams for a regionalization effort. City of Brooklyn. They operate on the same software system as we do, and the idea is that collectively we will identify a candidate, we will hire that candidate. And that position is being advertised through the city of Bedford. And the individual's going to be he or she will be an employee of the City of Bedford. Any work attributed to the city of Brooklyn; time spent in the city of Brooklyn. We will build Brooklyn accordingly for those costs. All of the salary and ancillary benefits that go along with that, it's a win-win for both communities.

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



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NAYS:
ABSTAIN:

- g. **ORDINANCE NO. 006-23:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FLOCK SERVICES TO INSTALL AND UTILIZE SIXTEEN CAMERAS IN BEDFORD, OH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Was read by title only.

MOTION:	Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Jeff Asbury to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days.
MOVER:	Donald Saunders
SECONDER:	Jeff Asbury
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS:	Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

City Manager Mallis: Flock Services is a sole source provider for the cameras and the specific software and utilization of this type of equipment. In essence, we will have access. The police department will have access to not only the cameras being installed in the city of Bedford, which will be 16 of them, but we will also have access to cameras in other communities. And there are cameras all over the place. Many of the communities have already entered into agreements with flock. Their license plate reading cameras to where if a crime occurred and a suspect is fleeing at Broadway. Forbes And they're outside of Bedford, we will then potentially get alerts when other cameras in other communities identify that vehicle and license plate, and thus we can identify and apprehend any suspect in a safer manner in a much more and much quicker manner. The areas that we are looking at is the entrances of the community, specifically the Broadway rocks, that area, backside and center road rock side of



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Northfield, Northfield in Forbes, Broadway, and Forbes internationally.

Councilman Genutis: City Manager Mallis, could you provide some clarity that these are not traffic cameras catching people for speeding?

City Manager Mallis: These are not traffic enforcement cameras where I you see on the news communities where you're speeding, and you receive a ticket in the mail. That is not what these are for.

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

- h. **ORDINANCE NO. 007-23: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE A LUCAS CHEST COMPRESSION SYSTEM FROM STRYKER EMS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
Was read by title only.

MOTION:	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Walter Genutis to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days.
MOVER:	Sandy Spinks
SECONDER:	Walter Genutis
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS:	Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders



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NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

City Manager Mallis: We have three of these machines within our fire department. EMS, the Lucas equipment. They are sole source provider through Stryker. We had identified during the budget process last year in our five year plan to replace two of them as they are aging. Since then, one of them has failed. They're unable to get repaired and we are in need of replacing that on an emergency purchase. This item was not budgeted for, but obviously a necessity. And again, Stryker Medical is the sole source provider for this piece of equipment.

MOTION: Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Frank Smith to place said ordinance/resolution on third and final reading.

MOVER: Donald Saunders

SECONDER: Frank Smith

RESULT: Pass [6 TO 0]

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

- i. **ORDINANCE NO. 008-23:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH INTERTEK PSI, FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES AT TINKERS CREEK COMMERCE PARK IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Was read by title only.

MOTION: Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Frank Smith to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days.



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MOVER:	Donald Saunders
SECONDER:	Frank Smith
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
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NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

City Manager Mallis: As identified in the legislation and some of this will be further explained in the next piece. Item number J. We are entering into a contract with Intertek PSA to perform the geotechnical services within the park as we move to the next step of development of this property. And just as a friendly reminder, this is close to 30 acres total in that park we have since. Sold five acres last year to Out of Beauty. And now we're looking at the remaining acreage and future development. This will help identify areas for the future to address any concerns regarding future buildings, as well as what measures need to take depending on what types of buildings those are or businesses that would be going in there. Intertek is going to be performing 30 separate boring samples and two specific sites where we anticipate development occurring. And we did receive two separate quotes for that work. One of the quotes from another company came in at around \$19,000. Intertek came in at \$13,500, I believe. Council you have the exact number. Both parties identified that there we could potentially see a slight increase depending on what the what additional work may entail, which is why the legislation is crafted to a do not exceed \$17,000. Even if we do anticipate some additional costs, we will be below the other companies estimate that they provided.

MOTION:	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Walter Genutis to place said ordinance/resolution on third and final reading.
MOVER:	Sandy Spinks
SECONDER:	Walter Genutis
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]



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NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

- j. **ORDINANCE NO. 009-23:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH LIBERTY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY TO THE PURCHASE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 200 HEMISPHERE WAY, BEDFORD, OH, ALSO KNOWN AS TINKERS CREEK COMMERCE PARK ("TCCP") FROM THE CITY OF BEDFORD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Was read by title only.

MOTION:	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Walter Genutis to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days.
MOVER:	Sandy Spinks
SECONDER:	Walter Genutis
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS:	Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

City Manager Mallis: As the public knows we've been working on Tinker's Creek for many years now. Last year, the city took ownership of that property in various agreements with Cuyahoga County. Our initial goal was obviously, we wanted to make sure that we were able to retain for the long term out of beauty. The next step was to really facilitate development on what was expected 20 years ago at that industrial park, and we were fortunate enough to begin working with liberty development. Liberty showed interest right from the beginning. They laid out a plan for us which was shared with City council and development that we believed would



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take place fairly quickly. And it's very important. Not only is it important, you know, we can't specifically identify end users, but there are end users already identified. And this is a win-win for Bedford, for those businesses as well as Liberty. And I want to personally acknowledge Drew Smiley from Liberty, who's attended tonight. I appreciate it. You didn't have to, but it's much appreciated. They've put a lot of work into this. A lot of expenses have gone into this over the last quarter, and it's much appreciated. And I also want to identify Jennifer Kuzma, who's spent a lot of work on this project as well. We talked about this when she came on board almost six years ago and a lot of a lot of heavy lifting to get to this point. So, the next step would obviously be we will work with Liberty as well as the Cuyahoga County Land Bank who act as their access our CIC, to finalize a purchase agreement and execute that.

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

- k. **ORDINANCE NO. 010-23:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR A GRANT THROUGH THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR THE PURCHASE OF A LEAK DETECTOR AND A PIPE AND CABLE LOCATOR FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Was read by title only.

MOTION:	Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Frank Smith to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days.
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MOVER:	Donald Saunders
SECONDER:	Frank Smith
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
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NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

City Manager Mallis: This is a grant through the Ohio EPA. We can apply for up to \$10,000. We identified two items that we're applying for before we can formally submit that grant application. Part of the requirements are approval from the legislative body.

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

1. **ORDINANCE NO. 011-23: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 178.03 (11)(N) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
Was read by title only.

MOTION:	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Walter Genutis to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days.
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SECONDER:	Walter Genutis
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Mrs. Howland: This is more of a cleanup item in section one seven, 8.03 and 11. And your definition of income is an asset inside the definition of exempt income and needs to be removed. So, this is a clean-up item to remove that definition from the other definition, the actual definition of income is later provided in section 178.03 14.

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

- m. **ORDINANCE NO. 012-23: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 178.10 (H)(1) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
Was read by title only.

MOTION:	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Walter Genutis to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days.
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NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

Mrs. Howland: This is needing to be done in order for a reader to administer our tax ordinance, to administer our taxes. Should they? I mean, Section one 78.108 describes the order of an application of payment the City, currently placed payment and order of penalties, then interest and tax regional income tax agency will administer an order of taxed, then live interest and then penalty. So, in order for them to administer the tax, what we're going to do is for anything that they're administering, they're going to proceed with the way they apply the tax in order of tax first. And anything that we handle internally as far as collection account are concerned, we will be applying an order of penalties, then interest, then tax. And Rita is okay with this and it's still in conformance with Ohio Revised Codes 1118.

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

- n. **ORDINANCE NO. 013-23: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SOUTHEASTERN EQUIPMENT CO. INC. TO PURCHASE A 2023 CASE 621G XR WHEEL**



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SECONDER:	Frank Smith
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NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

City Manager Mallis: As mentioned, this is for the purchase of a gas loader model. 621 GSR This is a heavy piece of equipment utilized down at the service department, specifically the water department. This was a budgeted item in our water department this past year and approved the cost \$217,311.60 is through Southeastern Equipment Company. And this is part of the state Cooperative Purchasing Agreement to where this is the lowest cost that we would be able to obtain. This piece of equipment is replacing a 2010 case loader that she used daily for loading gravel, salt, dirt, moving large and large pieces of equipment and debris, and obviously a necessity for the department.

MOTION:	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Walter Genutis to place said ordinance/resolution on third and final reading.
MOVER:	Sandy Spinks
SECONDER:	Walter Genutis
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
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ABSTAIN:	



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8. HEARING OF CITIZENS

Serena Cloud, 8701 Wellman Street, Bedford, OH: I came tonight because I have a couple questions. After I read that what the agenda had on, and one was. Could you just tell me a little bit what the benefit of joining Rita is for the for the regular taxpayer?

Mrs. Howland: We did have a meeting on this.

Ms. Cloud: I know, and I apologize, but you could just summarize it for me.

Mrs. Howland: It's going to basically, in the long run, provide cost savings to the city because of all of their capabilities. They're able to do a lot more with gathering information that we're not incapable of doing, but don't have the funds to be able to do that.

Ms. Cloud: Okay. But it won't impact the taxpayers. My question will, it'll be business as usual.

Mrs. Howland: This is going to be business as usual none of the rules and regulations have changed. The penalties will be the same as they been before. If you pay file and pay on time, there are no penalties just like before. And we still will not penalize if you do not pay your estimated payments throughout the year, just like we've done before. So, nothing is going to be changing.

Ms. Cloud: The second question I had was about the camera system. I noticed that there are on the south side of the city. Is there any particular reason for that?

City Manager Mallis: No particular reason. There's some that we already have set up, So we try to look at areas. I'm trying to think of where some of the other ones are. We are putting some in downtown, but that it was being put in through a donation from the automobile. And then there's others that are over on the automobile area as well that the automobile provided. So, no specific reason. We just we took the recommendation of police department. One area identified, Councilwoman Smith mentioned Attorney and Lee. We're



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only putting one up because Maple Heights already has one there. That's part of the same system. So, there's really no need to have multiple. Obviously, you're going to have them pointed in separate directions, but not a specific reason.

Ms. Cloud: Are there any on the on the north side of the city or on each side?

City Manager Mallis: We're looking at the entrances of, for instance, Broadway in Forbes area. We're looking at North Field and Forbes area on that side. The one area that was brought up in our work session that we're going to go back and talk about, because we can add is possibly the Columbus area that but there isn't one there now. So, we're really looking at the far end like an Oakwood side. Mm hmm. And then more so on the other end, like the Maple Heights side. So, Canavan made both sides to where if someone is coming through and catching them in a catching but identifying the vehicle or the plate.

Ms. Cloud: And my last question is this and this is really what brought me to the meeting tonight is I want to find out if the city has an economic development plan. I've lived here for 21 years, and one of the several things attracted me to the city. One, I still believe Bedford is very beautiful city. The second was because it has such great commerce here and a lot of businesses and over the years, I have just seen them dwindle and dwindle and really have not been replaced even to some of the stores downtown. So, I didn't know if there was a strategic plan laid out to attract businesses. Bigger businesses up in the North feel the Roxy area. That Plaza has been dormant for a while. I did see trucks up there and I'm just wondering, I'm hoping that there is some type of what our tax dollars and the taxes steadily going up.

City Manager Mallis: So, yet we do. And we've identified, for instance, that when you talk about like that area specifically. So, what we did years ago, we had reached out, we worked with actually a private consultant. We did a study for that area. It was at that time and there was some debate, you know, there was one public meeting. There was a debate that we should go after more retail. You know, why are we getting a Costco or, you know, an IKEA when everybody was chasing after some of those, and we took a different approach. To be honest with you. You know, retail is not the answer. Now it wouldn't work if we left that



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completely retail. So, what we did is the consultant, I believe they were out of Beechwood. They put together a plan. We've worked out what other communities did and identified in city council, approved a mixed use development, so all the zoning there had changed. And by changing that zoning, it facilitated the construction. The purchase and construction of the new Mazda site. There is another dealership that has purchased the 11 acres at Bartlett and Rock side. So, there's going to be construction, we believe, taking place this year. That's their hope. The company that purchased the Wal-Mart facility, there is a distribution company in there. So, a lot of that wouldn't have taken place. What is happening on the opposite side? I don't want to say there was litigation, but there were some active debates between two property owners of Walmart, Target, so the former Target footprint and then all of those little stores we had, I believe there were three separate businesses that wanted to go into those stores. They could not go into those stores because it wouldn't pass the building code, because the edge of that strip was on the target parcel and the owner of the target parcel, they needed to work through some things. I can say that as of the end of last November, that has been worked out. So, we anticipate some things are going to be happening. There is in regard to that, some of those spots failing. You know, we one of the things that we've strived and stressed about is it's not so much about development, but it's been about redevelopment. And I think the city has been really good in areas of, you know, we talk about at the end of Harrison, it was an abandoned building there for I think it was abandoned for 23 years. And creatively our staff were able to obtain the property, tear the property down. We sold it and obviously a business bought it and has moved over there. The same thing has happened for the YMCA. That's redevelopment. How do we look at a piece and, you know, make something happen out of that? Although the company has not moved in there yet. An engineering firm has acquired that. They're actually investing almost \$700,000. So, there's going to be upwards of 25 people, professionals there that will help towards that tax base. So, I think it's a lot of, you know, while we do work and I think this the item that was passed this evening for Tinkers Creek Commerce Park, that was a lot of heavy lifting. And we talk about that after the fact. But, you know, we're not Bedford is, as you know, in a dense community. We don't have acres and acres and acres to attract. So, you know, that was our big area where how can we facilitate movement? The reason nothing's happened is that property was being listed at 100 to \$125,000 an acre, and it was appraised for \$50,000. **City Manager Mallis:** [00:51:58] Nothing would ever go there.



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And now we're finally seeing that.

Ms. Cloud: So, my concern is there will be a bunch of firms. Well, I don't know if it will be a bunch of firms and businesses in there, but nothing that would attract foot traffic and, you know, people going in there to shop. So, I don't know if that's part of the layout. I'm hoping it is that there's some businesses that are actually retail that will go in there so far so families can shop, you know, people can eat and dine or whatever, because I just know that A.B. left so now we have to travel so much further now to get those types of services.

City Manager Mallis: I understand that that property that is under contract, someone's going through their due diligence, another type of retail operation. I can tell you that we are we do actively try to bring in restaurants. Those are the hot topics and even work out ways that we can assist our downtown district. A few years ago, we actually provided, I believe it was a storefront program to it to assist some of those local businesses and some of them, you know, I remember 15 years ago I was talking to some or maybe it was 20 years ago, I don't know. And they were upset that, you know, there were a couple of businesses leaving and at the time they were nine all shoes and Romeos. And I'm like, well, you know, 85 years old, these okay to retire. And we've seen some of that take goes to a train shop. The gentleman he's retired and that was you know we didn't want to see that leave the same thing went for the music shop. I mean I took my guitar lessons there when I was five years old. So, we're seeing some of that. I think it's our goal to, yeah, we need to be out there to one that we can help facilitate. If individuals bring something to the table through planning, if there's any programs that we can provide. I know we have recently shared some thoughts with the county who used to offer grant and storefront dollars for new businesses or existing to replace signage and facade. They know they cut all that. So, we don't have the luxury. Of like some entitlement cities get like, you know, not picking on them but you know, your Lakewood's, your Euclid's, your Cleveland Heights, and there's over a certain population, they get CDBG money every year and they can do with it as they may. And that's why those cities have their own maybe storefront or we're going to offer our own small business grant bed for because we're small like all the other small communities. We have to apply for grant dollars, and it's got to be used specifically for that. So, you see a lot of cities. This past year we applied for funds to make necessary repairs for the downtown,



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like the train depot and things like that. And I would recommend it if you had it. State of the city that's posted online. Take a look at that. There's a project that is going to be taking place later this year to expand the Commons, to which I believe will not only attract, you know, residents to that area, but visitors and all year long. And I think it'll further create an anchor for the downtown and businesses that want to be there to increase that foot traffic. And we're basically taking the whole back side of that and doubling the size of Bedford Commons with a water feature, things that we could do in the wintertime. So, you know, there are things that that are happening.

Ms. Cloud: That's good to know. So, my last question along the lines of attracting businesses are there and I don't know how this works with the cities, but does have partnerships around partnerships with places like Jumpstart and Cozy and Urban League and the Small Business Development Center on a business, all the candy shops. So, when I was only my candy shop, those were all of those organizations I utilized to find locations. And I don't ever remember ever coming up as want to have to do my own research and come up here to City Hall. I didn't know if that was partnership or conversation.

City Manager Mallis: We work with them. We obviously work through there's different programs too, through the county and through JobsOhio, things like that as well.

Ms. Cloud: I just want to know, is there if we wanted to just know more about what was going to be happening as far as the economic development, is there any way the citizens, the residents can find out or we just need to attend the meetings?

City Manager Mallis: Follow us on Social Media.

Sabrina Future, 15 Charles Street, Bedford, OH: Happy New Year and happy belated MLK Day. First of all, I just want to say I move to that for because I was raised my family from Southern Illinois. It was a town like Mayberry RFD and BET for Downtown attracted me to it because it had I had some great memories with my family. And so, with that being said, I would like to say I think we have very good festivities in this city. I really do. But one of the things that I hadn't mentioned, I don't know, Mayor talked to you guys about it, but we



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take off you guys. We get paid for the MLK Day, but we don't do anything for MLK Day. And with the world, the state it's in right now. It's disturbing to me, is disheartening to me and it's concerning to me for our community. I've had instances in this community that made me very uncomfortable for no reason, just because the color of my skin, but because of the grace of God and my relationship and my Christian life. I was able to put love over hate and we became friends. And this is someone who had a business, have a business downtown Deptford. And I'm saying that because if that was my experience and I have grandsons, I'm concerned about the state of our world and in Bedford, unfortunately. So I would like to volunteer and put myself up to work with someone in the city for us to come up with some kind of ideas that brings harmony and unity in our community so that we won't have instances like what I experienced before. Because it took a lot of prayer. I prayed almost a whole year until God said, Go in there and approach him. And I did. And we became friends. But it's a heart ache, work, work, and for me to extend my hand out. And so, I just want to know, what can we do in this city to bring harmony and unity in this community, especially because MLK Day comes every year and I'm available. I work with anyone and everyone because I'm not going anywhere. I've been here over 20 years. I love it and I'll be here. And so, whatever I can do to work with I don't know if the mayor talked to you, got a card and twice. So that's the biggest thing on my heart right now, especially when I look at the news, the world news. I'm concerned about where I live. So thank you for your service. And Mr. Sanders, you really touch my heart just to see you coming in here and still serving. Thank you. God bless you. And I pray that God will continuously give you strength to keep doing what you're doing. Thank you. And I just had a question about the expanded services you mentioned, about the connection transportation thing. What like what type of expanded services?

City Manager Mallis: So, when we had when we had our own van service or transportation services internally, we only had one driver and one van. We could only we had a radius that we couldn't go beyond just in order to take this person there, come back, get this person there. So, with this service senior transportation connection, now that they're they have a much wider radius to where if one of our residents contacts them and needs a ride to the Outpost Beechwood, for instance, they can accommodate that. We're actually in the past,



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we wouldn't have been able to do that.

Ms. Future: Okay. Thank you. And then the last thing, the veterinarian property right there on North Field. And I think it's interesting what is going to happen is deteriorating. I mean.

City Manager Mallis: It's terrible and it was unsafe. That was included under the old business, under second reading. And what we're doing is trying to take steps to condemn that. So next meeting will be the third reading, and if approved, it'll be condemned. And that gives us another tool to try to deal with the current owner, if maybe it means ultimate. Demolishing the property. I'm not sure where it'll go, but this is. That was under the old business and it's going to go three readings.

Ms. Future: Okay, the last question I have, and it's me not knowing I've been coming here, but I still don't know everything saying emergency. And to me the only thing was emergency was that striker that he couldn't miss. I'm like, Can you explain to me the emergency thing?

City Manager Mallis: So, when they pass it an emergency And John, if you want to jump in, all of our legislation states that when city council suspends the rules, for instance, like the development ordinance, and we're trying to sell that and enter into a contract with the developer so they can start their due diligence and hopefully see new construction when something's passed on emergency, it's suspending the rules. If we did not do that, it would go the three readings and then after the third reading it still does not go into effect that it is legally bound to wait an additional 30 days so, items just to expedite business and that's why it's passed. It's the emergency basis. The rules are suspended. It's passed. So, once it's passed tomorrow morning, we can execute the agreement with the county or execute this agreement with the developer.

Bob Dieterich, Satan Circle, Bedford, OH: I sat in on a meeting and near the end proposals were made by Councilman Fluharty and Councilwoman Spinks proposing that this public speaking cannot be exceeding about 3 to 5 minutes, that the same person cannot speak more than once and can only speak about items in the agenda and cannot bring up issues that are



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not in the agenda. On that, I want to clarify with all the Council, so I have just five questions. I'll keep it short. I need a yes or no from everyone to see any mistakes. I can start first. I'll go down the line on that. Do you agree that assistance cannot talk beyond a specific time proposed by the Council?

Councilwoman Spinks: That's not what we spoke about.

Mr. Dieterich: Or what did you speak about? I'm sorry. I thought that's what you spoke of.

Councilwoman Spinks: We were just talking about that. It's because of just most of other council, other cities. They have time limits. They stick to the agenda because it's just sometimes it can get out of control. And so we discuss that because of things that have happened of late, of people coming in and coming in and attacking council members with frivolous things. And just this is a business we have to consider everybody, all the residents. And having said, when we come here, we're talking about pretty much everybody that got up to date talked about what was on their agenda. So, it's just that is a discussion. That's why we have work sessions.

Mr. Dieterich: All right. Well, now I have to. But we're going to take a vote up here tonight. But, you know, the this is the first time they actually talked about breaking the rules.

Mr. Montello: The rules haven't been updated since, what, 1930

Councilwoman Spinks: 60 years ago.

Mr. Montello: 60 years, whatever it's been. So, they're looking at the rules not only because of that, because of citizens comments, but for just overall, the whole set of rules should be looked at.

Mr. Dieterich: I'm sorry, I only said and to the part where Mr. Fleury and then you missed things, emphasized the need to restrict the amount of time we speak, how many subjects we talk about and not talk about anything that's not already in is in the agenda. That's



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specifically what I heard, and I'm not going to question that. The question I have is how many of our council agree to that? How many how many, how many people feel that we should not be talking between a specific time? How many say we should not be bringing up an issue that's not in the agenda which is created by the council to begin with? How many cannot speak more than once in a meeting and as a public servant. One last question they did have there. Just keep in mind, do you think that you're responsible proactively to reach out to you to your constituents and vote on their behalf? If you don't want to ask you just questions, if you just want to record that and bring that up at a later time. And they just for the first time again, they are just the place where they just talked, that is broach the subject and update the rules. It's long overdue. I got to say, even like the order of business, someone had mentioned being able to talk about items on the agenda before we vote on that. So that's one thing I think they're going to allow as well, switching the agenda around. So that's not just restricting time limits, but we do try to, you know, at least have the ability well, I'm not quite sure what they're going to do just yet, but that Well, mind and forgive me, sir, why was it there? I love psychologically so much of what they discussed. I should comment on it. But but that that was the first time they talked about it. From my understanding, I will just bring my opinion that I feel that there is no reason why anyone in here should be limited on comments they have in the city of Bedford on that. And there is no reason to my opinion that our councilmen should not respond because I had sent a letter about Rita. I emailed it to my councilman Frank Smith on Friday on that and I cc that to everyone in the council. I received one response from Mr. Astbury and afterwards the vote was taken on that, but there was no response to that letter. Now if people are going to be told reach us, contact us. I reached out. I contacted. Thank you, Mr. Astbury, for responding. That's my statement for today. I never got your email. I never got your e-mail. Well, what's your email, sir? I have listed here. Which one is yours? What? What do you have? Well, here it is. Did you tell me? I got you on the website, maybe. And check it out.

Vice-Mayor Fluharty: It's listed on the website. Must I hit the wrong button?

Mr. Dieterich: Yeah, I think my outlook account will show you. See, that if they did receive it? It would have come back to me.



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Vice-Mayor Fluharty: That's the right one. I never got it. All right.

Mr. Dieterich: Well, maybe I checked. Sometimes they may not have recognized it. And, you know, it could have been thought of a spam I might have popped up, as it may be in that lot of reasons, since you're just starting communication with them. You know, now I'm trying to keep an eye for his e-mails, guys. All right. Well, I'll make sure that I emphasize your name or maybe I'll have it delivered to you, so it isn't spam yet.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Walter Genutis to adjourn the meeting.
MOVER:	Sandy Spinks
SECONDER:	Walter Genutis
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS:	Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M


Clerk of Council


Mayor-President of Council

Date: February 21, 2023