

Bedford City Council met in a Budget Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, February 6, 2023, 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, Finance Director Jennifer Howland.

• **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA**

There were no corrections to the Minutes.

Ordinance No. 10,048-23: City Manager Mallis: This is on Third Reading and that this will help the City get in contact with the homeowner to demolish the house.

Mayor Koci: we received a grant from NOPEC.

City Manager Mallis: We can escrow the grant from last year and use it this year. Two boilers need to be replaced with high efficiency boilers and they are in compliance with the requirements of the grant.

Mayor Koci: Mentioned that the Bedford Schools is looking to do Government Day but that they don't know when.

Discussion of the Regular Meeting agenda was concluded.

Mayor Koci began the Discussion of Council Rules: Councilman Fluharty: At the last meeting we debated on sticking with the agenda items and a time limit for the Hearing of Citizens portion of the meeting. Also to move the Hearing of Citizens to before voting on items.

Mr. Montello: We can discuss them one by one.

At this time Council started to discuss the items one by one. (See Charter Section 11-7)

Councilman Genutis: It is in our Charter we cannot abridge the Hearing of Citizens. That Council can amend the Charter and put it on the ballot.

Mr. Montello: No one else has it in their Charter like the City of Bedford does.

Councilman Genutis: Abridged means "short".

Mayor Koci: State law says that we don't have to allow anyone to speak and that if a City doesn't have a Charter then that is what it may mean.

Mr. Montello: The Chair has the discretion to control the conversation. To have the meetings start earlier.

City Manager Mallis: The City can do a survey to see about starting the Council Meetings earlier.

Mr. Montello: The Mayor shall preside a quorum is four Members.

Councilman Asbury: Under "Voting" Yeah and Nays and that the reason to abstain due to conflict of interest.

Mr. Montello: Best to spell out what Council wants regarding a vote to abstain. Mayor Koci: We would have to vote to have a member abstain. Mr. Montello: would look into what other communities are doing about abstaining.

Removal:

Mr. Montello: This depends on the fact of violation. Mayor Koci: there is a process that has to be done. Mr. Montello: Removal shall be pursuant to the Charter.

Vacancy:

Mayor Koci: it has been updated. Mr. Montello: the legal definitions of the Wards will be updated by March 1st.

Resignation:

Mr. Montello: Council has to accept it.

Regular adjourn:

Mr. Montello: if changes the first meeting after the election at set time.

Special Meeting:

Mr. Montello: Or other electronic means acceptable.

Legislation:

Mr. Montello: this reads what State Law says.

Exceptions:

Mr. Montello: we have the right to Home Rule.

Repeals and Amendments:

Mr. Montello: we can't change the rules in the middle of a case.

Clerk of Council:

Mr. Montello: The Clerk of Council has to follow the rules.

Committees:

Mayor Koci: Back in the day Council wasn't paid but if they were on a committee they got paid.

Order of Business:

Mr. Montello: where to put Hearing of Citizens, to move it before voting on legislation.

Discussion of Council Rules was concluded.

Motion made by Genutis Seconded by Fluharty to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss Economic Development: Property Acquisition and Bedford City Schools Facilities, and Litigation: University Hospitals Bedford Medical Center and 17500 Rockside Road. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, and Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:36 P.M.

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

Out of Executive Session at 8:01 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M


Clerk of Council


Mayor/President of Council

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Bedford City Council met in a Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, February 6, 2023. 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 Special Council Meeting of December 12, 2022

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

- b. Approval of the Minutes of the Work Session of December 19, 2022 were not completed and will be approved at the next Council Meeting.

- c. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 19, 2022

MOTION:	Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Walter Genutis to approve.
MOVER:	Victor Fluharty
SECONDER:	Walter Genutis
RESULT:	Pass [4 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Fluharty, Smith, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	Genutis, Asbury

- d. Approval of Minutes of the Work Session of January 17, 2023 were not completed and will be approved at the next Council Meeting.

- e. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 17, 2023 were not completed and will be approved at the next Council Meeting.



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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 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:	Koci, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

City Manager Mallis: This property has been in deteriorating condition for some time. We've sent multiple notice, final notices. It was sold in 2020. However, there currently is \$23,000 in back taxes on the property. We have not received any response to address the exterior violations. That's why we're here and recommending that the property be condemned and allow us some additional tools to get in touch with any owners to try to remediate.

MOTION:	Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Walter Genutis to place said ordinance/resolution on third and final reading.
MOVER:	Victor Fluharty
SECONDER:	Walter Genutis
RESULT:	Pass [5 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Saunders



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NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

6. REPORTS

a. City Manager

City Manager Mallis: I just wanted to mention there are a number of open positions posted throughout the city are on our website. We have our building Commissioner has posted positions in public works, parks and Recreation, as well as our police lateral transfer. And it is not too early to inquire about seasonal employment to both with Parks and Recreation potentially up at City Hall as well as in public works. So anyone interested please visit our website there. Listed under employment opportunities. There were some questions regarding solicitations. Right now there are zero solicit of permits that have been issued. I know that there has been a couple of utility companies that have been going around. They've been aggressive in the past. We've dealt with them in the past. They do not have solicitor's permit. If anybody does get an individual soliciting, asking to see your utility bill, number one, if they are permitted through us, they'll have a little ID badge from the police department. But if not, if someone is soliciting, please give us a call. Contact the police department and we'll be able to address that. I jump in like several weeks ago. I don't believe I was home at the time, but somebody from Spectrum. Came around and my wife answered the door. She thought it was a package being delivered. The gentleman was very rude. My wife took care of the situation. But what happened was last week we got a notice that somebody set up an account from Spectrum in her name. We actually had a box delivered with their modem, their equipment and everything to hook up for a spectrum account. So, my thinking is this guy didn't take kindly to my wife telling him to get lost and he somehow started an account in her name. So, if these people do come to your doors, the best thing to do is not answer the door and call our non-emergency number at (440)232-1234. Because these people can be very pushy, and we don't need it. We did have a meeting end of last week regarding a number of upcoming infrastructure projects. The good news is long overdue, and the bad news is there's obviously going to be some inconvenience this year is the Northfield Road Bridge. We anticipate that project, although that is not giving the official start date yet. We anticipate it starting sometime in March, weather permitting. There'll be a number of repairs needed on that bridge and they'll be accessing portions of or at least they



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requested. We'll be discussing the logistics of it, accessing the cemetery to do a lot of the underneath repairs on the one side. And then the other discussion was with ODOT regarding Broadway. Broadway will take place this year. The entire length of Bedford Logistics as far as Starting Point timeline, all of that is yet to be determined. But once we get that, we will share that with everyone. Couple of things. There is some information here that was posted to our social media as well as to this website if you're having issues with property tax. Cuyahoga County is working with CAA and housing partners. There's a lot of dollars that if you meet certain criteria that they can assist in delinquent property taxes. So, I'll leave this up here if anybody wants to take a look at it. But it's also posted online as well as everyone should have received the spring or I'm sorry, the Winter and spring program booklet from the Parks and Recreation Department. They continue to expand the programs. They're doing a great work down there. There's a lot of opportunities there from little kids all the way up to seniors. So, take advantage.

Mayor Koci: As City Manager Mallis mentioned about the tax services at our last First Suburbs Consortium Meeting, they are made up of 20 cities that surround the City of Cleveland. And we had Mr. Chambers, who's a Fiscal Officer for the Tax Department there to speak to us about taxes. And they said they would be happy to come out to our City and give a talk on the taxes and all that which we're going to I'm going to get set up so we can have them out here. So just be aware when we get that data set up. So you can talk about taxes and why they do it, and what they do with them. It was pretty informative, so I wanted to pass that along while you were on the subject.

- b. Law Director
Mr. Montello had no report this evening.
- c. Finance Director
Mrs. Howland had no report this evening.
- d. Council Reports
Councilman Genutis: I just have one question for City Manager Mallis, are there some instances where people can come to the door? Is that correct? For religious distribution or political held those two subjects or any other things you could never correct.



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City Manager Mallis: The majority of what we get are utility companies as well as those organizations and try to get you to switch utility companies. They tell you can get savings if you leave this entity and go with that. I can't speak for all of them, but the majority of them, you're not going to see savings, but they get a solicitor, have to see their ID and.

Councilman Fluharty: I just had one and City Manager Mallis answered it with the Northfield Bridge. I know we were getting that going pretty soon here, so that's going to tie up some traffic. I they cutting it down to one lane, each going across?

City Manager Mallis: I believe so, yes, the traffic will be maintained. We have not communicated while we're on Northfield Road. We have not communicated yet with ODOT regarding the condition of Northfield Road, but we did send correspondence. Again, this is about the fifth year in a row to the county engineer's office regarding Solon Road. Solon Road is a county road, and they need to get that road repaved.

Councilman Smith: I have one thing, but you touched on it earlier. I was going to talk about the correspondence I received this week about property taxes, particularly. They want to set up something with elderly members of our community, help them pay their taxes, or give them some type of avenue or different choices as to how they can set up accounts for delinquent taxes and reports.

Mayor Koci: I believe that you can contact the city now. And they set aside several million dollars to help people with taxes. But you got to contact the county, find out how.

Councilman Smith: If we had any meetings or anything, they would come out, send someone out and actually talk to the seniors or whoever it was. Have a problem with paying their taxes.

Councilman Asbury: Had no report this evening.

Councilman Saunders: It's really nice to see such a crowd. Unfortunately, it's usually



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over controversial topics. We need this type of crowd at every meeting. However, a quick comment on the Northfield Road Bridge. If they think they're going to get that without closing it, at times they're mistaken. I worked on that bridge back in the eighties when it was put in New. Anyhow, their construction I think, is optimistic and we shall see how it goes, especially with Broadway going in underneath it. So the town's two main streets coming through are going to be tied up this summer. Fortunately, Union Street won't get done till next year, so hopefully, this mess will be out of the way before they do that one. My main comment is something that I've gotten comments from a number of neighbors for the last couple of days on the UH Bedford Medical Center. They place big, enormous concrete barriers across their drive aprons. Both the Garden Street and the Blaine Street side. Those are hazards to pedestrians. They're actually in the public right away because the public right away goes a foot behind the sidewalk. They shouldn't be there. They look like an abandoned industrial district by putting those there. The neighborhood does not like them at all. They think it's making the area look like a slum and depressed. So hopefully we can do something about that. They figure the next thing they're going to do is probably fence in the parking lot, which they can't do because our ordinances don't allow that. But the barriers aren't working anyway because the curbs on those streets are so low that people are just driving over the curb, over the grass tree line and into the parking lots anyway. Now we got mud ruts through some of the tree line areas so we can look into that and see if we can do something about making them a little bit more user-friendly for the residential neighborhood there. It would be much appreciated. City Manager Mallis, along with the bridge there, talk of repaving the section of Northfield goes up to Solon.

City Manager Mallis: That's what's in the plans, but we're asking them to address especially the curb.

Mayor Koci: Just wanted to point out that Northfield Road is owned by the State of Ohio, not the city that would never be in this shape if that was our route. And anybody has driven over that, you'd close your eyes. You know exactly where you're at. So, I hope they get that done with it.



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7. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

8. HEARING OF CITIZENS

Rayan Sanchez, 783 Lincoln Boulevard, Bedford, OH: We are here to ask our City Council to reevaluate the current restrictions that we have regarding backyard chickens. I know I have talked to a few of you in the past, and I believe I have addressed many, if not all, of your issues in the PowerPoint presentation that is in front of you. Most of our neighboring communities have already amended their ordinances to allow for backyard chickens. We are simply asking for the same opportunity to reap the benefits that our neighbors are already seeing. Ignoring is only one of the benefits that we can get from backyard chickens. They eat our table scraps, which will greatly reduce the amount of waste going into the landfills. And in the summertime, they eat ticks and mosquitoes. So, it's really a win-win. A lot of people complain about their smell, but chicken, too, actually makes great fertilizer. And many of us are in the Bedford Garden Club and we are very much looking forward to that together. I believe that we can work through past prejudices that some of us might have towards backyard chickens and that we can come up with rules, regulations and restrictions that we can all agree on, including restricting roosters because none of us want to hear that at 6 a.m. in the morning and lots of limitations and revocable permit. I think that's a really good point to have revocable permits. If somebody has too many complaints. They get their permits revoked. It's the same with owning a dog that gets loose. You know, animals that large in the city are a big issue. But a chicken is not going to bark all day while your neighbors at work. And it's also not going to get out and bite somebody. My child has been bitten twice by neighborhood dogs who have run away from their yard and a chicken would not do that. I thank you for your time and we look forward to working with you all for a better Bedford.

Dan Hickman, 705 High Street, Bedford, OH: thinks that Bedford is more of our hometown, and we want to keep that hometown feeling. You know, we have Maple Heights very city like now, right at our border. And we have all these beautiful cities next to us that are country like and homestead like. And I think Bedford, we should follow suit with that instead of following suit with Maple Heights and Garfield and everybody that just is so commercialized with McDonalds, Burger Kings. And so I think we need to keep our city. I've been here over 20 years now. I moved into Bedford. I grew up in Cleveland, like in the



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city. I came out to Bedford. I'm like, I love this place. It's like I was like I felt like I was living in the country. Now it's kind of losing that. It's losing that for me, that whole, you know, country vibe, small town. I think that's what we need to stay. We need to keep that image. I think we need to promote that image. I think we are community like everybody here, not everybody. But, you know, we we're all involved. And I think that's what we need to say. I think we need to keep that small town mentality. We don't need to be big. Thank you. Even Tony Boersma, 45 Tarbell Avenue. I've gotten up here before and mentioned the chickens. So here I am again to tag along, he just said. Backyard chickens are way better than chicken restaurants, and we have the chicken district right up the street here. So we'd love to have them here. And I'd like to see Show of Hands who's here to support the chickens. I think that's a pretty good group. And there's one guy in county. I think we need three more of you. So, but anyway, I just kind of want to see that so you guys can see that there is support. And honestly, you're probably going to look at 12 families that get chickens. You know, it's not going to be a nuisance. It's not going to be a hassle. It's going to be something that Bedford can put on their website and say, hey, we're welcoming to people who want chickens, because I know of at least one person who left and live just because of the chicken thing. But they went to a place where they can have chickens out. So, they're up in Cleveland Heights or University Heights now.

Sandy Slater, 118 Tarbell, Bedford, OH: asked if we can address the unfortunate shooting that happened and that that seems to be happening a little bit more? I've lived here over 20 years also, and we do hear gunfire a little bit more often. It's interesting that you said that you lived in Cleveland because this happened ten years ago when someone from the area from Cleveland. But I think we've had two neighbors from Cleveland move close to me. On Saturday evening my husband, I was in the backyard doing stuff and we heard gunfire. And so, my husband, you know, went to look and I called the non-emergency number and he was just celebrating because he moved and got a new house. And that's what they did in Cleveland. So, you know, I can do it in Bedford. And we have a neighbor who also moved probably seven or eight years ago from Cleveland. But the first couple of years they were here. My husband out in the backyard when I was working would hear loud music and loud language. And he even said, the neighbor that, you know, I'm from Hood and I can do what I want, I can say what I want. And they have children and I know they try and get away from a certain place, but yet they still bring some behaviors with them. So, of course, all of us are devastated when we hear something like that. There have been shootings last year,



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too. So, if we can address it and continue to talk about it, I think all of us would appreciate it.

City Manager Mallis: One thing, just to point out, if you hear it, call 911. Don't call the non-emergency. Get someone out there if you would hear it in your yard or anything like that. And we will obviously get there. If there's not that we wouldn't get there for non-emergency, but that can be considered emergency. So please, when heard you call us and we will respond. You know, and I hope that you understand there's not a whole lot. Obviously, it was a tragedy what happened. I think all of us that I can speak, I have, you know, full faith. I know what our police department's doing right now. And I'm confident that that's going to come to a resolution hopefully sooner than later. Without obviously, we can't get into any further about what happened other than, yes, it was a tragedy. It was two brothers that were obviously one perished and one was injured, not a resident of Bedford, but that doesn't matter. It's the tragedy. And again, I'm pretty confident we're going to have a resolution of that very quickly.

Mrs. Slater: But I guess to go along with that, I was so pleased to see the Dads on duty group in the Bedford schools. I remember hearing about the Louisiana group a year or two ago. And so I'm just so happy that our community stepped up. And there was also a picture about donuts and dads at the school. So those are definitely the types of activities and things that we need that can hopefully help decrease tensions.

City Manager Mallis: And I would agree especially, you know, we always talk about it internally here within the administration as well as our police department. Any interaction that we can have with children, with our police officers and our fire department. Positive interaction is good, right? You don't want your first interaction with a police officer to be if you did something bad, you want to know that they're there if they need anything. And, you know, we had our officers, our chief was out donuts with dads. We go there regularly at Central with lunch with the kids. And that's important. You know, Halloween, it's not just driving around in a cruiser, making sure, you know, it's pass out candy from the cruiser or the fire engine or things like that that we can do. So that's important, I think. And I would agree to you to some of your comments to.

Sabrina Future, 15 Charles Street, Bedford, OH: Just listening to the comments about the



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neighborhood and people just being disruptive and different things, I would like to suggest that maybe the council people come up with something like a welcoming package to the new people, residents coming into the area and give them kind of like a, you know, a guideline. Some I've heard young man.

Mayor Koci: We have that already.

City Manager Mallis: Actually, two things. One, we do have a new resident guide, so anybody can request that we do send that out when we get like we used to have a volunteer, a group that in that we have our own utility, we have our own water department, We can see when an account changes to someone that just moves in. And we used to have a volunteer group that would go out, introduce and provide that. Now anybody and we have put that out that anybody can request it and we'll get that to two residents. And it's a lot of detailed information, even beyond, you know, city information. One of the things that we did a few years ago and we're actually we're making some modifications because the last publication, it's outdated. We have a couple new council members. So we're changing that. We have a good neighbor guide and that's going to just like this was mailed to everybody in the community. That Good Neighbor Guide is also going to get mailed to everybody in the community. And it's like the common things that you may see that, you know, you give us a call because your neighbors, I don't know, they're got the music blasting at one in the morning where there's a noise, you know, a noise ordinance or information about when you put your trash cans out, bring the trash cans back in. It's little things like that, like open fire. You know, all of that is included in the Good Neighbor Guide. And that's going to be out what we hope is sometime in March, it'll get to everybody's homes. So, touch on that. Good point. And thankfully, we get that out soon.

Helen Trailer 83 Ellenwood Ave., Bedford, OH: I just wanted to also respond to the comment that it was something that used to be taken care of by volunteers. I just wanted to, I guess, respond to that and say, if that's all that's missing, to make that happen, I think there's plenty of people, including myself, that would be really willing and happy to volunteer to make that better. So I just wanted to, I guess, say that because I think there's plenty of us out here that that agree exactly with that. And I know I. When I moved here eight years ago, I did receive a welcome packet and that changed like so much just for me. I thought that was really, really amazing. And I still have it, you know, I still look back on



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certain things and pay attention to that. So I think that's a really, really good thing. And if I could, I also wanted to respond to the chickens, too, just because I know that a lot of people comment that that has turned it into more of a renting city as opposed to a single-family or owning-your-home city. And I think that having things like that in place are more so geared towards people that do own their homes as opposed to renting. You're not going to put that much time and effort into something that is going to be rented. And I just think having things like that in policies available is a really big into making that happen. I know that's something that I've heard multiple times from multiple groups here in Bedford, so I just wanted to mention that as well.

Mayor Koci: And along that line, if anybody does want to sign up and volunteer to help pass that stuff out for anybody sitting at home, contact the City Manager's Office and we'd be happy to have people volunteer to do that and actually greet the new neighbors. I know my wife and I tried to get around to the new neighbors in our neighborhood, and it just sounds that, as you said, the small town neighborhood thing, just to greet your neighbors and say, hey, here's who we are, and I think that's a good thing to do. So they both want to help out. That would be great.

Tina Austradia, 51 Elm Street, Bedford, OH: said back to the garbage cans and that she knows that you guys have been working for a long time on that and just wondering if there's any progress.

City Manager Mallis: We have them all and they were delivered, so they'll be going out hopefully in the next few days. All depends, weather permitting and whatnot, but we're going to have them all out and also purchase. Actually, we had to replace some that were rotted out at the cemetery. So, they're all going to be they'll all match. A total I think there were 32 in total.

Ms. Austradia: Good job, People, I believe, will use them. The truck stop area that's near the high school. That's not an official truck stop. But if there's anything.

City Manager Mallis: We've reached out to all the property owners in the area and just kind of fill everyone in. If you're not familiar with why that has happened. It started with it took a while, actually. A former council woman, we identified it. There's an app called Trucker



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Path because I never heard of it, honestly. And we found it. And it's got you can download it on your phone. And if you're a trucker, where's the fast food? Where's this? Where's that? Somebody identified that area as free overnight parking. That's how that started. So, it took myself and the former councilwoman, we actually had to create an A I have a trucker path account, created an account, I guess true truth. That's the only way I can comment, really. So we said this is not 24 hour parking. Can't do it. I uploaded like the ordinance, all of that. So, they removed it from the app. But it doesn't mean it's going to stop like that. You know that information gets transferred over and shared with individuals. So, it stopped for a while, started back up. What we ended up doing is we spoke to the property owners. We are not able to tow vehicles on private property, meaning police in the city. So, what we did is it got to the point where we had to unfortunately talk to the property owners and the business owners that we're ultimately going to have the states start citing you in issuing them with citations. One of them did run into some issues where they were posting some of the trucks, but one of the not in Bedford, but one of the local tow companies that can actually tow a tractor trailer. They had to take the cab and you got to come back and take the trailer. It's extremely expensive. So, there was he did not want to get involved with that. The owner where it's the former target site has recently sold, and that new owner is taking some action. I know for a fact they don't up there posting them. It seemed like it's diminishing. There was still a couple up there and we did give the okay up as recently as a month ago for them to chain that off. There was a there was a period of time where they can't chain off certain parking areas in the event that if there was, you can't block that from safety personnel. If something would have a fire department needs to have access to that. But we have the ability to get through a chain. So, we says if you can't stop it, you're going to need to block it. And if we needed to get in there, we would get in there or, you know, after MPD would get in there. So, we're trying to address it. But that's how it started. A trucker paths. If anybody picks up that career, there's an app to find parking and food and everything else.

Ms. Austradia: And then the chickens we've talked and some of us have had some bad experiences, but I feel that most people that would go to the extent of getting chickens realize the work that's involved and would be responsible just as they would not. Not everybody is just going to let them run your stuff. So, I ask again that she would reconsider and appreciate all that you're doing. And I still love it here. So good job, guys.



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Sheila Browncheck, 705 High Street, Bedford, OH: I just want to let you guys know that I'm really concerned about the state of the economy. Inflation is going up. Prices are going to going up. Saudi Arabia is allowing payments for the oil and other than petrodollars. Our money isn't going to be worth anything shortly. My question is if we continue on this path. I see a repeat of the Great Depression. And my question to you guys is, because you won't let us have chickens. My question is, again, like I asked the other meeting, how many emails do you guys need? How many phone calls, how much suffering do we have to go through? How many people need to die? How many people? How much suffering? We're asking for chickens to eat. And I just need an answer. How many people need to die? How much suffering do we need to go through before you even consider allowing us to have chickens on our property?

Justin Hayworth, 125 Ellenwood Ave., Bedford, OH: I just wanted to say that this is Bedford, my kids are doing good. The schools are all right. Yeah, things are messed up. But we're here with each other. We are. We want some chickens. That's why we're here. I've never come otherwise. But I know all of you. I've seen all of you in passing. Security guard before. Hey, Way back in the day. Good man. Took care of me a lot of times. We're here together as a community, So let's just work together, smile together, not worry about what everyone else is doing. Worry about what we're doing here. Work together as a team. I'm active in the outdoor life. We have a gym in our backyard. We have mountain biking, hiking, you name it. We're right there. I'm friends with doctors, lawyers, big time players in the game. We hang out, ride the mountain bike trails. You know where they go to eat? Not here. You know where they live? Not here. But where do they come to ride? We come here. We ride the bike trails. We ride all the way to Hudson. We ride their bike trails, we ride back, and then we drive to another city. I'm trying to get them to come here. Let's show them why with simple stuff called Community. US together. That's it. That's all we got. And I appreciate everything that you guys. do on a daily basis. Councilman Asbury thank you for stepping up and taking control of our district. We appreciate it, guys. Thank you very much. For this opportunity.

Robert Diederich, 1237 Satan Circle, Bedford, OH: I see all these people. I'm quite impressed. What it caused me to wonder, though, how many people actually know which of these people are their council persons on that? Which brings to me thought. What I thought many times is that one thing that I don't see happening in Bedford are actually council



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meetings. Ward meetings are I've known are the council persons, my council woman for years, and yet I never heard of a meeting for her council. Our neighborhood. The thought I have here is would it be too much to ask for the council persons to do two things one, to have their own webpage on the on our Bedford web page, Just a newsletter. Here's what's happening with the opportunity of taking questions from people online versus if they could not come here. Secondly, has it ever been brought up, whether individually or as a group, for the council persons to have meetings with their wards alone? On that, it would seem that if everyone here had a specific interest and that is probably going to be in their ward, not in here, not necessarily all of Bedford on here. And I would just suggest that that be considered that the council person stay a person and start taking some moves into creating meetings for their wards alone, and not simply these one month or two month meetings we have right now. I think we do have ward meetings once a year here. I'm actually thinking more commonly on a month to month basis. I don't know. You know, that's I know that's asking for time, but it was under my it's under my impression that it would bring about a lot more people with an interest if they knew they could talk to their council person about something specific and get answers that way versus what we get in the present approach.

Sue Kostranic 609 West Glendale, Bedford, OH: I want to talk about UH. I've worked in hospitals for over ten years and was it UH that bought Bedford Hospital in 83? I feel that the conglomerates at the time it was a good idea for them to buy up the community, to buy up our community hospitals, but this kind of made a mockery of it over the last several years, and maybe it's time to revisit, maybe going back to some sort of community based hospital system, figuring out what worked then, what wouldn't work today. It would probably take a couple of years to really look into that. But I see that primary care is really a dying art here and a lot of doctors are not going into primary care or geriatric care any longer. And we're dealing with a very highly anxiety ridden society of people that are just calling their doctor's offices like crazy, which is what I'm dealing with now. The same people calling over and over again several times a week because there's a mental health crisis that's going on. And so when you if we had a more community based system again now they said something about that they were thinking of turning you into a wellness center. Well, I don't know a whole lot about that. But if they can fix primary care and put, have it be like more of a comprehensive system where they have social workers and less double use in there, it would greatly take the pressure off of, you know, like cardiology care and like more specialty care. If we were taking care of people's mental health. And plus,



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one when Bedford Hospital was Community of Bedford Hospital, there were people that were living in Bedford and working at the hospital at the same time. So it was creating jobs for the citizens. So, I don't know, maybe it's something that we can look into is having some sort of community based health care again.

Michelle Morales from the Broadway Cycler, Bedford, OH: And I moved here two years and a half ago. And one of the things that I noticed from where I came in Massachusetts, there were no signs out on the road saying chickens, \$2, and some kids sitting out on Sunday morning and selling their eggs. I think that that is something that is a magic lost in this area. When I decided to move here, I moved here because of my family, because I wanted to join my family's business. And I left a very lovely area with lots of farmland. And you could get cheese at the farm down the road. I just think we need more of that. What I've noticed since I've lived here right above the Broadway cycler is there is not a lot of fresh food here. There just isn't. And I really lament the idea that I can't. You don't have to go to Valley View to find an egg for sale or Solon or Maple Heights. So, on top of not being able to have a garden in your front yard, which I admittedly don't have a front yard and I'm not going to keep chickens, although I have many times in the past. And I will tell you, yeah, there are critters out there, but chickens don't attract the critics. The critters are there because there are cats in the neighborhood as well. You know, there are so many arguments against chickens, but I don't see those as being something that will attract human minded sort of person to this town. So, I implore you all to think twice about the idea of having chickens. It will provide community that I don't think you can find by going to the Dollar General and getting a dozen really old, really lame eggs.

Chris Transky, 934 Archer Rd. Bedford, OH: I know my old Councilman Saunders, but I don't know my new councilman now. We've been here for over a year now. But we were looking into getting chickens when we lived on Lincoln. I like that Rayana brought up the revoke of all permits because it's important that people take care of their animals. And I just think that it's a good idea to be able to. I don't know what a permit would cost, but just to have a permit even I don't care if it's \$10. Just to be able to have it then if you start getting complaints, you can revoke that permit, and you have some kind of leg to stand on to take it away. As far as the hospital when you were talking, I thought about Metro hospital, has Metro Hospital approached us? Because I mean, there's nothing in the south side of Cleveland. You know, I was just wondering maybe. And they just put all our money



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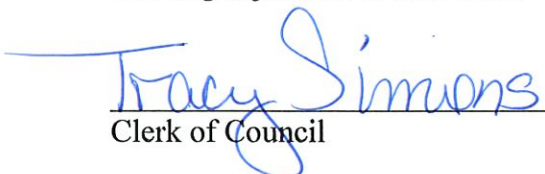
in it and brand new hospital here. It's a good healthcare system and maybe you might want to consider that.

Mayor Koci: We do have a Metro Health facility at the corner of Warrensville and the Rockside Office building. So yeah, so they have a presence here. The whole reason we are in court with UH and we are still fighting and working with them to get some resolution. We have plenty of ideas. Because we're in litigation, I can't say, Yeah, and we want emergency care here. We've been fighting this, and we continue to fight and we'll keep fighting it in and yeah, our heads get tired because of the courts. Yeah. I'm not saying that you're not doing your job. I understand. It's just clear. And there are some things I wanted to say when we were on TV the other day, I had a whole lot more I wanted to say, but. And to button it up, because that's the way the game is played. And but we're they're looking and we're exploring all options. Yes, that's a good way to put it. But we are actively doing it.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:	Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Jeff Asbury to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of February 6, 2023.
MOVER:	Donald Saunders
SECONDER:	Jeff Asbury
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Genutis, Fluharty, Saunders, Asbury, Smith
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.


Clerk of Council


Mayor-President of Council

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