

Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

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

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 January 17, 2022, the Regular Minutes of January 17, 2023, the Work Session Minutes of February 6, 2023, or the Regular Minutes of February 6, 2023.

Motion to approve the Planning Commission’s recommendation to approve Liberty Development Inc.’s request to subdivide Permanent Parcel No. 814-07-001 from 1 lot, totaling 27 acres, into 6 industrial development lots in Tinkers Creek Commerce Park.

Mayor Koci: This is part of the process.

City Manager Mallis: They are dividing it up and working on the agreement.

Motion to approve the Planning Commission’s recommendation to approve LDC Construction, LLC’s request to construct a 108,000 SF. industrial/manufacturing facility in Tinker’s Creek Commerce Park.

Motion to approve the Planning Commission’s recommendation to approve LDC Construction, LLC’s request to construct a 110,000 SF industrial/manufacturing facility in Tinker Creek Commerce Park.

Motion to approve the Planning Commission’s recommendation to approve Belinda Hughey’s request to modify her Type B Childcare License to a Type A License.

City Manager Mallis: She is the first Five-Star Rated center in the City of Bedford.

Ordinance No. 014-23: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO ACCEPT THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2023 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT.

City Manager Mallis: This is to accept a NOPEC Grant of \$36,000.00, and it will be earmarked to replace two boilers at the complex.

Ordinance No. 015-23: An ordinance authorizing the approval of Engineering Fee to GPD Group for its services regarding design costs and construction administration associated with the

repairs to the Lincoln Waterline Improvements in the City of Bedford.

City Manager Mallis: This is for the replacement of the Lincoln Waterline. It is one of the older lines, and Ennis and Herriman will be done first, and then Lincoln will be done.

Ordinance No. 016-23: An ordinance authorizing the approval of Engineering Fee to GPD Group for its services regarding design costs and construction administration associated with the repair and resurfacing of Broadway (SR. 14) in the City of Bedford.

City Manager Mallis: This is for the additional costs for Broadway Ave.

Ordinance No. 017-23: An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the improvements of State Route 14 from the Western Corporation Limit to the Eastern Corporation Limit, lying within the City of Bedford.

City Manager Mallis: This is a contract with ODOT to repave Broadway Ave. This will be a big project.

Motion to approve emergency funding for unforeseen repairs/replacement of items at the pool house to avoid any delays in the contract completion pursuant to Section 104.01 of the Administrative Code.

City Manager Mallis: This is for an emergency sewer repair from the Pump Station out at the Pool House.

• DISCUSSION OF WARD MEETING DATES

City Manager Mallis: I would like to bring back the Ward Meetings to the springtime and thought that we could put some meeting dates together this evening.

Ward Meeting Dates:

Monday, April 24, 2023: Wards 1 and 3

Monday, May 5, 2023: Wards 2 and 4

Monday, May 22, 2023: Wards 5 and 6

• DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL RULES

Mayor Koci: Council Rules can be carried onto the next Work Session Meeting.

MOTION:	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Walter Genutis to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss Economic Development: Property Acquisition and Tinkers Creek Commerce Park and Litigation: 17500 Rockside Road and Personnel: Building Department.
MOVER:	Sandy Spinks
SECONDER:	Walter Genutis

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

Adjourned into Executive Session at 6:51 p.m.

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

Adjourned out of Executive Session at 7:55 p.m.

Work Session adjourned at 7:56 p.m.



 Clerk of Council



 Mayor-President of Council

Date: March 6, 2023



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1. CALL TO ORDER

Bedford City Council met in a Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Tuesday, February 21, 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 Work Session of January 17, 2023

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

- b. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 17, 2023

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

- c. Approval of the Work Session Minutes of February 6, 2023



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MOVER:	Victor Fluharty
SECONDER:	Walter Genutis
RESULT:	Pass [5 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	Spinks

d. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2023

MOTION:	Motion made by Smith and seconded by Donald Saunders to approve.
MOVER:	Frank Smith
SECONDER:	Donald Saunders
RESULT:	Pass [5 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	Spinks

5. PRESENTATION

- a. Swearing in of Sergeant David Kempski
- b. Proclamation to Eagle Scout Joshua Armstong
- c. A representative from Bedford City Schools:

Mr. Vawter: I am the Executive Director of Human Capital Equity Inclusion, a long title for H.R. for the Bedford School District. A little bit about myself and the school district. Previously, I served as the principal at the high school for nearly ten years, and I have been promoted to Executive Director of H.R. with the Bedford School



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District. We hold our Mayor's Meetings along with our Clergy Meetings monthly, so thank you for this opportunity as well. Our Superintendent is at another Council Meeting tonight, so she asked me to fill in. But just a couple of quick things about what we're doing with the school district. One of the main things we do and will be pulling a ballot in November for our facilities. And one of the great things about this ballot is that we haven't had a ballot on the agenda for over ten years now. We never had a bond, and we have always been financially fiscal, which is great. Another thing we are looking at are building new buildings. We have several buildings that need to be improved, so we've had several monthly Facilities Meetings as we have a lot of great things. Academically, in our high school, we're still moving forward trajectory with our graduation rate. We have our one plan that's connected to the Ohio ODE's Connected One Plan. So we're really moving in the right direction. There are a lot of great things going on at the high school, and I really appreciate Mayor Koci's and the City of Bedford's support of our schools.

Mayor Koci: I just want to make a remark that I was with Superintendent Johnson at a Rotary Club, and she invited four students from the high school to attend. I had a chance to meet these kids, and there are some great kids at the high school; the kids there want a good education. As these four kids, when they were telling me what they do and all the activities that are in just listening to all the things they do, these are good kids, and that needs to be brought out more often, I think.

Mr. Vawter: We have several different buckets, if you will, of students and what capacity they serve in. So we have some students who are in the trajectory or the bucket of going into education. So we have future educators of tomorrow, and they're taking classes specifically to groom them to be teachers. I don't have the specific numbers, but a majority percentage of our students are teachers, classify and certified, have graduated from before high school who are serving, and who are employees as teachers or security officers, custodians, or secretaries. We have a lot of people who graduated from high school coming back to serve in that capacity. Another area that the mayor is talking about is we have students who are in there are in the Fine Arts program, students who are in our CTE program, and they're students who are saying, hey, I just come to school every day. One of the things we are doing, which I think is awesome, is that we are currently in a consortium, Bedford, Shaker Heights, Cleveland Heights, Warrensville, and Maple, and we share the cosmetology



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and other career technical education programs. Well, what the school district is doing under Dr. Johnson's leadership, we would have our own city where our kids will not have to travel to Cleveland Heights, Shaker Heights, Warrensville Maple. We will have those city or career technical education programs right here in our school, in our district. Our kids won't have to travel. You know, our way on a bus from here to Cleveland is not to take you out; it is not going down one list in a row. But we will have those programs right here back in our high school and middle school for our kids being a product of Beverly Hills School district. I went to Care Elementary, Heskett Middle School before going to high school, and I remember taking woodshop in middle school; I remember we had our hallway, and in that hall, we had home economics auto mechanic. In fact, we had two auto mechanics, and we still have all the tech, but we had auto mechanics and a body shop. We also had drafting, engineering, and cosmetology. We cut hair, did massages, and had Home Economics, where you learn how to sew and cook. All those programs that we had, we began to outsource those things, and we share them with our surrounding districts. And there's nothing wrong with that. We're not disrespecting or downgrading our other colleagues in our surrounding districts, but Bedford is unique. We are a trendsetter and a leader. And so we're bringing those programs back to our school and our district. And we want to attract those students, those parents, those community members into our schools, because that's what we did when we went to Bedford. So a lot of those programs, construction, woodshop, auto tech, body tech, body tech, things like that, we will have at the high school moving forward.

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. REPORTS

a. City Manager

City Manager Mallis: A couple of items really quickly. First, just wanted to congratulate Sergeant Kempinski and Eagle Scout Armstrong. Both of those recognitions are very much deserved. I want to commend all of the first responders, our Fire Department, and the individuals involved in yesterday's incident in Oakwood Village. You know, obviously a tragic accident. And our staff was right there to help both Police Department and Fire Department, as well as many others; that is what they're trained to do. All those classes and the training they undergo show in situations



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like that. I just wanted to commend the Bedford Fire and all the other Fire Departments involved. The Fire Department just completed a grant application for \$1 Million through FEMA to replace our ladder truck. You have to start these projects now; the ladder truck is probably three and a half years out if we ordered it today. Our ladder truck is a 1992, and these are north of 1.5, probably closer to \$1.8 million. But we're starting that process, and we did submit that application. The \$1 Million request was the max that we could have. If we could go for more, we would, but we did go for the max. Also, there was a recent announcement by the Board of Elections; if you recall, last year, typically, one of the locations is at the Ellenwood Center for voting. Last year during the Special Election in the summertime events, Ellenwood was not a location, and that was an agreed decision by the Board of Elections as well as the City of Bedford, just because of the amount of activity taking place at Ellenwood during the summer with all the children in the camps. And obviously, when you throw in voting, there's a lot of traffic, and it just made sense not to have that at Ellenwood, and it is coming back this year. So Ellenwood will be a voting location. So for those voting in person, check the Board of Elections to see if your precincts are to report there. None of the others will change. I also wanted to talk about Sergeant Kempinski, and I know that Mayor Koci mentioned it as well as Police Chief Stemple, but I have to commend our entire department, especially our Detective Unit. Over the last few weeks, we've had some unfortunate incidents that, you know, their expertise, the leadership over in that department, working with them day in and day out, we were able to make an arrest for a suspect that was traced to Georgia. And our staff was able to, obviously, with the assistance of a number of different agencies, identify and apprehend that individual. Secondly, I wanted to touch on and to thank City Council for supporting our initiative of installing flat cameras. A few meetings ago actually might have been a little longer. It might have been in earlier in January, the City Council authorized the administration to install 16 Flock Cameras north of \$40,000. We installed these obviously for investigations, and these cameras are at the entrances of town in various locations and their license plate reading cameras. Last week, there was an incident in Maple Heights involving a shooting. Our detectives and our officers worked through the newly installed Flock Camera at the corner of Turney and Lee. We identified that vehicle through that newly installed camera, which is now operational, and provided that information to Maple Heights. And they were able to make an arrest. So, you know, within one week of those cameras being up and running, they've already proved to be valuable. So I appreciate City Council's support



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on that initiative and that expenditure. It's just another tool, another resource that we can use to address unfortunate situations. But, you know, hats off to both our Fire Department and our Police Department; it's been a busy beginning of the year, but they're handling it in stride and doing a great job.

b. Law Director

Mr. Montello: Congratulations to Sergeant Kempfski and Eagle Scout Armstrong, and I would urge you to support the School Levy this November.

c. Finance Director

Mrs. Howland: Congratulations to Sergeant Kempfski on his promotion. I also want to congratulate Joshua Armstrong for his Eagle Scout designation. I just wanted to make sure everyone was aware that the Civil Service Border Commission is advertising for a police officer because of this now new opening from Kaminsky's promotion. And at that, the application deadline is March 3rd. So if you know of anyone that's been in police work for at least two years, they can go ahead and apply before that date.

d. Council Reports

Councilman Fluharty: Congratulations to Sergeant Kempfski. and also City Manager Mallis the Group Homes over on Pinecrest, the cars are flying down the street again. It's regarding the new one that came in there. I've been getting some calls from them up there.

City Manager Mallis: The one home that we're familiar with?

Councilman Fluharty: Yeah, you might need to stop over there and tell them that when they get off work, don't fly through the neighborhood.

Councilman Smith: Welcome to everyone. Welcome, Mr. Vawter. Congratulations to Sergeant Kempfski and to Eagle Scout Armstrong. As City Manager Mallis touched on the cameras that we currently installed, as you can see, they are really helping us and our City. As City Manager Mallis said, within a week of those going up, this incident happened right away, and Maple Heights was able to make an arrest. So, again, the cameras are working. Some people in the City thought that we were doing this to



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track them, but no, they are doing their job. And also, I'd like to mention that the Ward Meetings will begin this spring. I'm looking forward to that and those people that I have not met. I will get a chance to meet them, and they can meet me and see who I am.

Councilman Saunders: First, I want to thank the schools for bringing back the programs that were there back when I was a kid. Not everybody is bound for college, and this way, they are getting training, which people don't realize, but you can make a good living in some of these programs, and you don't have to necessarily go to college. It's good to see that the school system prepares our youth for a possible alternative rather than college. I know the state pushed for the newer facilities because of the new classroom requirements and all that. I've been involved with the Planning Committee, which, by the way, we have another meeting Thursday at Columbus Road School. But I hope the people will actually support the new buildings. The school system hasn't had a levy in many, many, many years. The school system financially is sound and it's probably one of the soundest school systems in the entire Northeast Ohio area. So let's show our support by supporting it in November and we can continue working forward as the school system deserves. I also want to thank our new sergeant and the police department. I'm sure he will do a good job. Filling police vacancies these days is very tough, as you can tell in a lot of communities that are all short-staffed because of it. I'm glad to see the youth are still involved in activities like Eagle Scouts; it's very tough to get to be an Eagle Scout. And as was mentioned by Mayor Koci most Eagle Scouts go on to bigger and better things to the point where they usually make something really good at themselves. I have a question for City Manager Mallis; over the last couple of weeks, I've got some concerns from some residents about if the City has an action plan set up within the City or with the surrounding communities in case something of this nature does happen so that we don't end up with the fiasco that happened out east.

City Manager Mallis: We have a plan between our Safety Forces, Fire Chief, and Police Chief. We discuss various situations. Hopefully, that never happens with our neighboring communities as well. I'm not going to speculate on comparing that situation to here. The obvious item would be a much different impact because of how dense we are, and how rural the area is in that community. But one of the other things we would also rely highly on is the County Emergency Management in regards to



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that. I mean, we have scenarios in place for many incidents regarding securing a site, rerouting traffic, and notifying the public, all of which we do have in place.

Councilman Saunders: I'm glad to hear there's something there, because when you look at this train that derailed, it actually went through our west side suburbs, went through the City and Cleveland, and it went through most of the east side suburbs to the north. And thank God it went off the tracks in a more rural area. That's not to say it didn't create massive havoc where it did, but it could have been a heck of a lot worse. And like I said, we do have a main layout of Norfolk Southern through town, and their trains are getting longer and longer. And if what they're saying is true, that the longer they get, the worse they are. I'm glad we do have that somewhat in place here, which brings you to the north or Wheeling line. I think Wheeling needs to go out and do a walk inspection on some of the rails because they are starting to come apart. But any train derailment can become a hazard no matter what it is, so if we could get a hold of Wheeling and tell them that some of their rails are starting to show deterioration, it would be good.

Councilwoman Spinks: I'd also like to congratulate Sergeant Kempfski. I sound like a broken record. Everybody's congratulated, but it's really important for you and Eagle Scout. Joshua Armstrong, also of the First Ward Meeting, will be Ward's One and Three on April 24th from seven o'clock to nine o'clock. The other ones will follow, so we will get those dates out. Also, the Bedford Historical Society's Reverse Raffle is going to be on March 18th. Tickets are on sale right now; you can get them at the Historical Society, at the gift shop. It's going to be at Elmwood Rec Center. The doors open at 5:00 p.m., and dinner is at 6:00 p.m. The grand prize will be \$1,000 this year. So if you haven't gotten your tickets, you can get them, and we are also selling tables. Also, City Manager Mallis, I know I sent this to you a couple of times this week, but the big car haulers have been coming down Willard over the past week. They are also coming down side streets again; that's really getting out of control. I've been getting quite a few residents calling about their parking again. I've sent you a couple of pictures and stuff at the end of Grand on both sides, which blocks people from being able to come in. That's not good. And I turned in the stuff about people parking, and once again, it's getting out of hand. It looks really bad. I've tried to have little cards that I keep in my car and put on doors asking them to please no parking on the lawn. One car got stuck in their lawn, tried to get it out, and they ended up hitting a



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neighbor's tree because the car was stuck. I'm hoping we can get more information about it, maybe in the Water Bill. The gas line replacement on Cresswell, it's been going on for about six months now, and the residents are really happy. They're starting to go door to door to put the new meters on and stuff. I'm glad to see that at least some of those bad sidewalks over there will be replaced because of that. I've had a couple of residents ask me if we are going to be doing a sidewalk program this year.

City Manager Mallis: It's yet to be determined. We want to see where we end up with the Broadway project first. If so, we'll announce where that may be. We may actually if there are some funds, we may look at replacing certain blocks along Broadway. But we're not sure yet.

Councilwoman Spinks: Okay. Because when I get out and walk and stuff, that's one of the things that a lot of my older seniors do; this is a walkable city, and there's some of the tree line trees have pushed the sidewalks up. And I worry about the residents there in wheelchairs or on walkers who get out and walk. I'm just hoping that we may be able to do something about that later on. Happy Fat Tuesday not too many people here celebrate that for Ash Wednesday. And just like a big shout out to all of the residents, family, and friends who helped me celebrate my birthday, it was a really nice day. I received tons and tons of calls, texts, and emails from residents; it was heartfelt that they remembered my wonderful husband. That makes every day special. It's like every day is a birthday. But he really outdid himself on this big one for me. It was a little tough to swallow, thinking, 60 years, that's a long time, and I'm glad to still be here. But thank you, dear. And to all my friends and family that helped me celebrate. And Happy Fat Tuesday.

Councilman Genutis: Today, I'd like to respond to the outpouring of support at our last council meeting for backyard chickens, the popularity of which has been sweeping the nation in recent times, and as we see in so many of our neighboring communities. And with all that's happening in the world today, it should not be surprising.

Generally speaking, from what I've seen, those who want to raise chickens for eggs here are self-reliant people who want to eat the very best quality food for themselves



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and their children. -People who want to get back to Nature, get back to the garden, and get back to the land. I think those are lofty ideals.

More and more people are realizing our health is determined by our food. Sadly, our society, and particularly the lower classes, can never advance given the diets their circumstances cause them to eat.

It's not about the price of eggs but the quality of our food. Any of us know the goodness of a sun-ripened, homegrown tomato, and eggs are no different. In either case, the cost should really be measured by the cost of healthcare instead. Before, COVID, the cost of healthcare was approx. \$9,600 for every man, woman, and child in this country.

That's more than food, rent, and clothing.

In the 1960's only 4% of the entire population experienced chronic disease. Today half of all children 18 and under are suffering from chronic disease or some other condition, allergic to the food, or the environment. We are in a grave health crisis that is currently bankrupting society. It has been said that we will not even have a physically-able workforce in the foreseeable future.

A large body of published, peer-reviewed scientific research shows that pesticide exposure in unborn and growing children is linked to numerous health concerns we are seeing in our children today.

That's just the pesticides. The second concern is the diminished nutritional value of the food itself due to the depleted soils from conventional farming methods. Our genetic code calls for some 60-90 minerals and nutrients for our bodies to function properly. Kids today, due to our modern food system, simply don't have the minerals in their bodies to perform properly. They are having trouble learning and paying attention, comprehending great thoughts, and holding them. And this is across the entire population.

You may ask, what can I do about it? Well, in the first place, we, as legislators, should work to repeal any restrictions against people growing their own food. We



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should work to remove any obstacles on the basis of morality. Please don't advocate for restrictions against the well-being of those children under the guise of caring for the well-being of Bedford.

I can only hope that, despite any perceptions of potential inconveniences having to do with backyard chickens, we should all be able to place our decision-making into the context of the bigger picture, the ultimate good for society. Which is more important? We are responsible for our future. We, as elected and appointed officials, are caused to be responsible for society and its well-being.

As we witness empty store shelves and supply line disruptions, local food sources are imperative going forward, which requires that our children also learn the means to grow and produce their own food and procure their sustenance from the land. The American economy can only be restored from the grassroots The land is our providence.

The use of this land is now coming into question. We have some of the most fertile lands in the whole world, but here in Bedford, with 3,500 acres, not a single acre is dedicated to agriculture. We are living in a food desert. Our 5-city school district, which comprises 20 sq. miles, has but one single grocery store.

Countless studies attest to the mental, physical (and spiritual) benefits of immersion in Nature. Nature = Health this is a simple and demonstrable approach to the world's most pressing problems, employing age-old organic gardening methods toward a truly sustainable and healthful future. Pure, unadulterated, nutrient-dense food is the most precious commodity on Earth. We as officials have the responsibility to ensure something like this can happen, a simple return of people to healthy and wholesome lifestyles.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Motion to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve Liberty Development Inc.'s request to subdivide permanent parcel 814-07-001 from 1 lot, totaling 27 acres, into 6 industrial development lots in Tinkers Creek Commerce Park.



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SECONDER:	Donald Saunders
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NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

- b. Motion to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve LDC Construction, LLC's request to construct a 108,000 sf. industrial / manufacturing facility in Tinkers Creek Commerce Park.

MOTION:	Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Sandy Spinks to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve LDC Construction, LLC's request to construct a 108,000 sf. industrial / manufacturing facility in Tinkers Creek Commerce Park.
MOVER:	Walter Genutis
SECONDER:	Sandy Spinks
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MOTION:	Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Frank Smith to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve LDC Construction, LLC's request to construct a 110,000 sf. industrial / manufacturing facility in Tinkers Creek Commerce Park.
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NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

Mayor Koci: One of those companies we just follow is Cleveland Tank and Supply. That will be moving up to the Tinkers Creek Industrial Park. They are diesel fuel and hydraulic tanks. It is a very good family-owned business, and it will bring many jobs to the City. We're excited to have them come in. And this is the first step in the process to get them to build the property. So it's a good thing. And the other company we can mention knows it as we're going to retain a company, Lakeshore Electric, who is over on Willis Street, and will be building a new facility adjacent to these to the Cleveland Tank for their place because they're just outgrowing where they are at and they need a new place, and they are a family run businesses that just it's kind of the backbone of the country. These are solid industries we can get behind, and it's not going to be smoking in the air and just good businesses. So we're proud to welcome them and get this rolling so we can get them built.

- d. Motion to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve Belinda Hughey's request to modify her Type B Childcare License to a Type A License.

MOTION:	Motion made by Smith and seconded by Donald Saunders to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve Belinda Hughey's request to modify her Type B Childcare License to a Type A License.
MOVER:	Frank Smith
SECONDER:	Donald Saunders



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

Mayor Koci: You have a good business there, and you come highly recommended and had some good things to say about your operation. So thank you for running a good business. And course you are. You know, you've got to comply with all the other stuff that goes along with it. I don't have to tell you, but this is another step in that process. And we're happy to have you grow your business, whether it's one of these big businesses or the home business. They all mean something to our city.

- e. **ORDINANCE NO. 014-23:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO ACCEPT THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2023 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Was read by title only.

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

City Manager Mallis: This is a grant that we received, as it states this year, roughly \$36,000. We received a similar grant in 2022. NOPEC allows you to escrow the funds for one year. Last year, we were still trying to determine a project for this, so we asked for last year's funds, and it proved to be a very smart move throughout. Starting in October, we have two boilers operating this entire facility and the municipal court. We



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have one boiler that has failed. The second boiler is operating, but they both need replacement. The high-efficiency boilers have a 20 to 25-year life expectancy. We are approaching 20 years in. So what we are looking to do is we will be combining these two grants. We are working with our engineer to put together specs, and ultimately, we are going to have to bid on this project, but these two grants combined will help cover the cost of replacing the boilers for this facility.

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

- f. **ORDINANCE NO. 015-23:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF ENGINEERING FEE TO GPD GROUP FOR ITS SERVICES REGARDING DESIGN COSTS AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE REPAIR TO THE LINCOLN WATERLINE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Was read by title only.

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



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City Manager Mallis: As stated, this is for waterline replacement. The design for waterline replacement at Lincoln. We do have two water lines already scheduled to take place this year. That is on Ennis as well as Harriman in working with our Public Works Department, Water Department, and engineer. It's determined that Lincoln is the next water line that is in need of replacement. So we've authorized the engineer to start designing these plans. And I anticipate that we will be going out to bid this spring for the line replacement as well. And this ordinance will cover the costs of that design work.

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

- g. **ORDINANCE NO. 016-23: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF ENGINEERING FEE TO GPD GROUP FOR ITS SERVICES REGARDING DESIGN COSTS AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE REPAIR AND RESURFACING OF BROADWAY (SR 14) IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
Was read by title only.

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



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City Manager Mallis: This ordinance reflects the cost increase from the initial design of the Broadway resurfacing project. Provided the initial design. If you recall, we had gone back to ODOT multiple times and had to modify these designs multiple times to get us into a cost range that we were comfortable with. This ordinance is the additional design phase with redesigning the Broadway project.

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 [5 TO 0]

YEAS:

Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

Saunders

- h. **ORDINANCE NO. 017-23:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF STATE ROUTE 14 FROM THE WESTERN CORPORATION LIMIT TO THE EASTERN CORPORATION LIMIT, LYING WITHIN THE CITY OF BEDFORD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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]



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NAYS:
ABSTAIN:

City Manager Mallis: This ordinance authorizes us to pay ODOT for the Broadway resurfacing project. This project is roughly \$3.9 million, actually closer to \$4 million. We did previously negotiate our percentage to 15%. Ultimately, after the redesigns, our total cost that we're looking at is \$1.296 billion, which is what this authorization is for. We are covering this through a couple of different areas. One, we're utilizing our second allocation. We only get to our second allocation of ARPA dollars, which is roughly \$650,000. We also have \$400,000 of our annual road program for this year that will get allocated. And then we've also encumbered some funds from last year, cost savings from last year's road program that will also go towards this. So in total, we'll be able to fund our percentage of this and or that can then make final plans to move forward with this project. But overall, actually, really quick. I'm sorry, Mayor. I do want to add, we have not had a pre-construction meeting. None of that has taken place yet. We don't have timelines or anything. Once that is done, we will provide notice as soon as possible to the public for going to start. And the Maple Heights side, are we starting at Broadway to Forbes any detours and anything like that we will share that information when it becomes available.

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

- i. Motion to approve emergency funding for unforeseen repairs/replacement of items at the pool house to avoid any delays in the contract completion pursuant to Section 104.01 of the Administrative Code.



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MOTION:	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Walter Genutis to approve emergency funding for unforeseen repairs/replacement of items at the pool house to avoid any delays in the contract completion pursuant to Section 104.01 of the Administrative Code.
MOVER:	Sandy Spinks
SECONDER:	Walter Genutis
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

City Manager Mallis: But as we're working through the Pool House project, all the interior walls have been demolished. We've televised the main sewer that goes through the facility. It actually runs underneath the Pump Station. Multiple areas of that line have failed, and it needs to be addressed. It makes sense to replace that line because it runs under the building. We can piece make some repairs at three locations. Our recommendation is to replace the entire line now, while all of that is opened up because they do need to cut the floor within the interior of the building. Instead of something happening 10, or 15 years down the road where another area fails, we're now tearing up a building that has already been finished. So it's our recommendation that we make these repairs. The contractor is on-site, and we're looking to do an emergency repair because we still want to stay on schedule so we can open that facility up for the summer pool season. If we wait, we're now delaying multiple weeks until we get that back to City Council.

9. HEARING OF CITIZENS

Nick Papa, Bedford Municipal Court: I am the Acting Judge and Magistrate here in Bedford Court. And I just want to say thank you all for your service. Sometimes I think we forget in life to say thank you. And I remember just this past summer, a young man came up to me and asked me if I was a judge in Bedford, and I said yes. And he said, I just want to thank you because you helped me change my life. And I know that feeling when someone



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says, thank you. So I just want to pass on that feeling and to Council, thank you all for your service.

10. 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:	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.


Clerk of Council


Mayor-President of Council

Date: March 6, 2023