



WORK SESSION MEETING

BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL

DATE: OCTOBER 2, 2023

MINUTES

STATE OF OHIO

COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

TIME: 5:30 PM

165 CENTER ROAD BEDFORD, OH 44146

Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, October 2, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Stanley 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

The were Tabled until the next Council Meeting.

Motion to approve the rededication of Interstate Park to Bill Cosgrove Park. City Manager Mallis stated that they did receive quotes from Game Time for benches and tables. He stated that for two of each it would be \$7,000.00 and for one of each it would be \$3,000.00.

Ordinance No. 075-23: Enacting Chapter 751 "VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS FOR APARTMENT COMPLEXES" City Manager Mallis stated that he has not heard any feed back and to go ahead with the full three readings.

Motion to accept the Planning Commission decision at 660 Broadway Ave.: City Manager Mallis stated that the applicant did not know about the zoning and that this is a conditional use.

Motion to accept the Planning Commission decision for 692 Broadway Ave.: Mayor Koci stated that this is a yes you agree and no if you don't agree.

Motion to accept the Planning Commission decision for 1406 Broadway Ave.: Mayor Koci stated that this is a yes you agree and no if you don't agree.

Motion to accept the Board of Zoning and Appeals decision for 109 Tudor Ave.: Councilwoman Spinks stated that it already has a two car garage and that the BZA had a hard time with the fact of a hardship.

Resolution No. 2607-23: Two-Year Contract with the General Health District: City Manager Mallis stated to place this on First Reading.



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Ordinance No. 077-23: Amending Ordinance No. 10, 033-22 Additional Appropriations: Mrs. Howland stated that this is for stuff that was already approved.

Ordinance No. 078-23: Apply for a CDBG Grant for Police Cruisers: City Manager Mallis stated the grant is due this month and that the funds can be used to purchase cruisers.

DISCUSSION OF BUDGET HEARING DATES: City Manager Mallis stated that he is meeting with the department heads to schedule dates for the Budget Hearings and that it should start fairly soon. He also stated that he would like to have the Budget Hearing Meetings end before Thanksgiving.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

LITIGATION:

ASPEN WOODSIDE VILLAGE

UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS

PERSONNEL:

CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

MOTION:	Motion made by Smith and seconded by Victor Fluharty to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:37 P.M. to discuss Litigation: Aspen Woodside Village and University Hospitals and Personnel: Contract Negotiations.
MOVER:	Frank Smith
SECONDER:	Victor Fluharty
RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

MOTION:	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Jeff Asbury to adjourn out of Executive Session at 6:55 P.M.
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MOVER:	Sandy Spinks
SECONDER:	Jeff Asbury
RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
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NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

The Work Session Meeting adjourned at 6:56 P.M.


Clerk of Council


Mayor-President of Council

Date: October 16, 2023



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1. CALL TO ORDER

Bedford City Council met in a Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, October 2, 2023. Mayor Koci called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. The meeting was opened by pledging allegiance to the flag.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of Minutes of the Work Session of September 18, 2023
- b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 18, 2023

5. PRESENTATION

A member of the Bedford City School Board spoke about the School Bond that is on the November Ballot.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. MOTION TO RENAME AND DEDICATE INTERSTATE PARK AS BILL COSGROVE PARK (1ST RDG. 9/18/23)

MOTION:	Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Sandy Spinks to approve.
MOVER:	Victor Fluharty
SECONDER:	Sandy Spinks
RESULT:	Fail [6 TO 1]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	Genutis
ABSTAIN:	
MOTION:	Motion made by Smith and seconded by Donald Saunders to place said ordinance/resolution on third and final reading.
MOVER:	Frank Smith



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SECONDER:	Donald Saunders
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 1]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	Genutis
ABSTAIN:	

- b. **ORDINANCE NO. 075-23:** AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CHAPTER 751 "VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS FOR APARTMENT COMPLEXES" OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION AND BUILDING CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD TO REQUIRE APARTMENT COMPLEXES TO INSTALL VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS AND PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE BEDFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT (1st RDG. 9/18/23, 2ND RDG. 10/2/23) **Was read by title only.**

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

7. REPORTS

- a. City Manager Mallis stated the following:
- The Parks and Recreation Department applied for a grant through the Cuyahoga County Senior Adult Services Department and was awarded a \$62,000 annual grant, and that's a two-year cycle.
 - These funds will help offset costs for seniors, transportation, Senior Club, those that congregate meals, programs, and classes, all of which will be reimbursed through this grant.
 - The trick-or-treat Street event at Elmwood on October 21st



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- The senior health and wellness fair that's going to be held on October 18th.
 - The children's fall fest is scheduled for this Saturday, October 7th down on the Commons and will begin at 10:00.
 - We went live last week with the new entry exam for patrol officers. We are working through the National Testing Network, and that application will be live through October 30th.
 - We did have some discussions with First Energy and Spectrum over the last couple of weeks. First Energy is not permitted to touch anything that Spectrum owns, so it's a coordinating issue
 - Broadway is moving along, and we did bring up a number of concerns with ODOT that are centered around parking in the Historic District traffic pattern up on the Hill. They harped on Parkway as well as the traffic pattern change at West Grace. The reason some of those traffic patterns have changed on West Grace is that it all centered around the width of those lanes, and it didn't meet the requirements of state rules, which is why it got shrunk. We're working through that and there are other ideas that we think would improve the traffic pattern. But that is why it was changed. It wasn't the city's decision to let's tweak the traffic pattern.
- b. Law Director Montello wished all the candidates' good luck
- c. Finance Director Howland stated the following:
- Reminded everyone that the water discount application period deadline ended last week, but we are still accepting applications.
- d. Council Reports
- Councilman Genutis had no report this evening.

Councilman Fluharty stated the following:

- The road construction on Broadway Ave. down by Forbes Rd. is going smoothly, but there are a couple of problems up and down side streets over on Paul St. and John St. and to have the police over there to help slow the traffic down

Councilman Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting this evening, and we appreciated your input in the meetings.



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Councilman Asbury stated the following:

- Bedford Downtown Alliance's last First Friday is on Friday, October 6th
- This is the last week for the chipper service and leaf pick-up starts in the next couple of weeks
- When you rake your leaves or blow your leaves onto your tree line. Try and keep them out of the street because it clogs up the sewer grates

Councilman Saunders stated the following:

- Whenever there's federal aid money in a project, especially on a state route, everything has to follow the uniform manual traffic control devices, which, by the way, if you ever want to see it, it is available online, but it will tell you the signage that you can allow. It will tell you the striping that is allowed, the roadway parking the whole bit.
- So you will see changes on certain roads, especially in the future when they do Northfield Road because that's a state road also. So it is the law in the state, and the city has to adhere to it.

Councilwoman Spinks stated the following:

- October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Inquired about the flashing speed sign and about the speed plates

City Manager Mallis stated the following:

- We have not purchased any yet, but we are looking at some other areas for that.
- They're planning to put it over on Union Street since that was kind of a detour route with the Broadway project, especially in that dip, I want to say that the 300 area is where we'll be looking to put that one up
- We are going to be putting up permanent ones in various locations throughout town later this year
Cleveland Installed speed tables either in the spring or last fall, and they started a pilot program

Councilwoman Spinks stated the following:

- The Bedford Historical Society's Annual Spirit Walk is October 27th and 28th.

8. NEW BUSINESS



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- a. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S SPLIT DECISION TO ALLOW TA'DOSHYA JACKSON TO OPEN A MASSAGE THERAPY BUSINESS IN THE HISTORICAL DISTRICT AT 660 BROADWAY AVE., BEDFORD, OH 44146.

MOTION:	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Walter Genutis to allow Miss Jackson to open a massage therapy business to much more. Much more than a massage therapy business in the Historical District at 660 Broadway Avenue in Bedford, Ohio. .
MOVER:	Sandy Spinks
SECONDER:	Walter Genutis
RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

- b. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S DECISION TO ALLOW DEONA KNOWLES TO OPEN A BODY ENHANCEMENT BUSINESS IN THE HISTORICAL DISTRICT AT 692 BROADWAY AVE., BEDFORD, OH 44146.

MOTION:	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Walter Genutis to accept the Planning Commission's decision to allow Deona Knowles to open a body enhancement business in the Historical District at 692 Broadway. .
MOVER:	Sandy Spinks
SECONDER:	Walter Genutis
RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	



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- c. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S DECISION TO ALLOW REGINALD DAVIS OF RTD CONTRACTING SOLUTIONS LLC TO CONSTRUCT A 265 SQ FT ADDITION TO THE CHURCH AT 1406 BROADWAY AVE., BEDFORD, OH 44146.

MOTION:	Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Donald Saunders to accept the Planning Commission's decision to allow Reginald Davis of RTD Contracting Solutions to construct a 265-square-foot addition to the church at 1406 Broadway. .
MOVER:	Jeff Asbury
SECONDER:	Donald Saunders
RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

- d. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS' DECISION TO DENY MARIO HOWARD LOCATED AT 109 TUDOR AVE., BEDFORD, OH 44146 TO REMOVE AN EXISTING GARAGE AND BUILD A GARAGE TO ACCOMMODATE A HOBBY OF WORKING ON VEHICLES.

MOTION:	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Victor Fluharty to accept the Board of Zoning Appeals decision to deny Mr. Howard's request to remove an existing garage and build a garage to accommodate a hobby of working out vehicles. .
MOVER:	Sandy Spinks
SECONDER:	Victor Fluharty
RESULT:	Fail [1 TO 6]
YEAS:	Saunders
NAYS:	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury
ABSTAIN:	



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- e. **RESOLUTION NO. 2607-23:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD TO ENTER INTO A TWO (2) YEAR CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD WITH THE GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY FOR HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE YEARS 2024 AND 2025 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (1st RDG. 10/2/23) **Was read by title only.**

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

- f. **ORDINANCE 077-23:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 10,033-22 MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO DURING THE YEAR 2023 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY **Was read by title only.**

MOTION:	Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Donald Saunders to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days.
MOVER:	Jeff Asbury
SECONDER:	Donald Saunders
RESULT:	Pass [7 TO 0]
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ABSTAIN:	

Mrs. Howland stated the following:



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- The budget appropriation ordinance is actually a budget adjustment relating to budget numbers, not actual expenditures. They're related to actual expenditures that have already been approved by Council in the General Fund.
- In Fund 200 the Community Development Fund there was an increase of \$150,000 for the receipt of a Community Development Block Grant for the Bedford Commons train depot electrical painting
- In Fund 113 the various grants related to Fire Police recreation, the Bureau Workers Comp awarded a pole pounder for the Service Department. The Council already approved the expenditure of 15,000, the grants covering 11,000 of that
- Appropriating the funds from a donation received to allow for electrical boxes in the city
- To repair the City Hall boilers Capital Projects Fund for \$123,000, just a little over that we are working on getting some funding for that as well
- The Waste Water Fund for \$43,000 for Sanitary Sewer Repairs

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 [7 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

- g. **ORDINANCE NO. 078-23:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND THROUGH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF POLICE CRUISERS FOR THE CITY OF BEDFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY **Was read by title only.**



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

City Manager Mallis stated the following:

- We have the ability to apply for \$150,000 in community development block grant funds through Cuyahoga County. They are federal funds.
- Bedford a non-entitlement community, which means entitlement communities over a certain population, get hundreds and hundreds of thousands of dollars every year to use how they feel is needed throughout the community. We have to apply for those funds because we're at 13,000; we fall under
- The max is \$150,000 a year. And our county administers that program.
- They are now allowing these funds to be used to acquire cruisers, which will help offset our budget.
- Our intent is to purchase two, possibly three, depending on what types of vehicles are available.
- This grant is due at the end of the month, so we're a little bit up on the timeline.
- The funds have to be spent, and you have to receive what you're using the funds for by September of next year.
- We're undecided if we'll be able to seek out a third vehicle or if we will be only purchasing two if we're successful; pretty confident we'll be successful

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 [7 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Smith, Asbury, Saunders



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ABSTAIN:

9. HEARING OF CITIZENS

Tony Ramos, a Representative from NOPEC: stated the following:

- We restarted our Electric Aggregation Program
- Our re-enrollment process is completed, and we're happy to report that we've recovered about 80% of the customers that we returned last summer
- The city has almost 3,800 residents participating in the Electric Aggregation Program and almost 2,400 residents participating in the Gas Program. That is close to 6,200 residents that are participating.
- Informing business owners about our Pace and Step Lending Programs, Building Energy Audits, and some of the other items that NOPEC provides to member community businesses at no cost

Calvin, Bedford, OH: inquired about the Bedford Recreational Skate Park and informed the City that the equipment is falling apart. He also stated that he and his friends enjoy going to the Skate Park and that they do not want to see it get torn down.

City Manager Mallis stated that the Recreation Department is aware of the disrepair of the Skate Park and that they have started looking for different types of grants to repair the Skate Park.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Victor Fluharty to adjourn the meeting.
MOVER:	Sandy Spinks
SECONDER:	Victor Fluharty
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