



WORK SESSION MEETING

BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL

DATE: FEBRUARY 5, 2024

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, January 16, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Stanley Koci, Sandy Spinks, Steve Salvi, Victor Fluharty, Frank Smith, and Tony Longino. 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 Minutes of the Work Session or Regular Meeting of January 16, 2024.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 002-24: Amending Section 1957.11: City Manager Mallis stated that there was a motorhome one night and a transportation bus parked in the back of City-owned property and to pass it this evening

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 004-24: Enter into an agreement with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health: City Manager Mallis stated that by entering into the agreement with Cuyahoga County, they inspect all 167 outfalls in the City of Bedford.

Ordinance No. 005-24: To purchase a Lucas Chest Compression System: City Manager Mallis stated that Stryker is the sole source provider for these chest compression systems and that two units were included in the capital request, however this unit was not budgeted for in 2024 .

Ordinance No. 006-24: Amending Section 911.13 Entitled " Backflow Protection": City Manager Mallis stated that this can be placed on First Reading this evening. He also stated that the last time this ordinance was updated was in 1994. He stated that Mr. Sokolowski was tasked with looking at the industry standards and being compliant with the Ohio EPA. He also stated that Mr. Sokolowski and Mr. Francis are the provayers and that the start date is when they tag the line with the date.

Ordinance No. 007-24: To accept the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council 2024 Grant: City Manager Mallis stated that this grant is for the year 2024, and it will help offset the costs associated with the boiler replacement project.

• **DISCUSSION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Koci stated that another person submitted an application to the Civil Service Commission. Mrs. Howland stated that Ms. Stradia submitted her application the last time with Ms. Lachowski. Mayor Koci stated that maybe Ms. Estradia could be appointed to a different board or commission.

• **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:
BEDFORD COMMONS EXPANSION**

**PERSONNEL:
POLICE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS**

MOTION:	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Frank Smith to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:00 P.M. to discuss Economic Development: Bedford Commons Expansion Project and Personnel: Police Department Promotions at 6:10 P.M.
MOVER:	Sandy Spinks
SECONDER:	Frank Smith
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Longino

MOTION:	Motion made by Longino and seconded by Sandy Spinks to adjourn out of Executive Session at 6:52 P.M.
MOVER:	Anthony Longino
SECONDER:	Sandy Spinks
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Longino

The Work Session Meeting adjourned at 6:53 P.M.



Clerk of Council



Mayor-President of Council

Date: February 20, 2024



REGULAR MEETING BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL DATE: FEBRUARY 05, 2024
MINUTES STATE OF OHIO
COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA TIME: 7:00 PM
165 CENTER ROAD BEDFORD, OH 44146

1. CALL TO ORDER

Bedford City Council met in a Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, February 5, 2024. Mayor Koci called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

MOTION:	Motion made by Smith and seconded by Anthony Longino to excuse Councilman Asbury from this evening's meeting
MOVER:	Frank Smith
SECONDER:	Anthony Longino
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Longino

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a Approval of Minutes of the Work Session of January 16, 2024

MOTION:	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Victor Fluharty to approve the Minutes of the Work Session of January 16, 2024.
MOVER:	Sandy Spinks
SECONDER:	Victor Fluharty
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Longino

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 16, 2024

b.

MOTION:	Motion made by Longino and seconded by Frank Smith to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 16, 2024.
MOVER:	Tony Longino
SECONDER:	Frank Smith
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Salvi, Fluharty, Smith, Longino

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. ORDINANCE NO. 002-24: BEING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1957.11 OF THE ZONING CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (1st RDG: 1/16/24) 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, Fluharty, Smith, Salvi, Longino

City Manager Mallis stated the following:

- This is amending the existing parking code prohibiting types of vehicles from parking in the Municipal Parking Lots and Municipal Property
- Prohibited vehicles are: large tractor-trailers, commercial vehicles, RV's, boats, and motorhomes

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

6. REPORTS

- a. City Manager Mallis stated the following:
- The City will meet with the contractor from the Broadway Project tomorrow morning.
 - An inspector from ODOT, members of our staff, and our City Engineering Firm reviewed the timing and the control box for all the loops at a number of intersections along Broadway. The timing was not programmed as designed.
 - Scam Squad Alert is available through Ready Notify US, where they provide updates on the most recent scams that target residents
 - Everyone should be receiving in the mail the 2024 Winter/Spring Program Guide from the Park and Recreation Department. There are programs for everyone.
 - A couple of weeks ago, we held a Public Meeting where we shared the plans for the Bedford Commons Expansion Project with the community and the community organizations; we gathered feedback and incorporated that feedback into the new design. There are still a few more hurdles to get over before we can formally bid this project out.

- Thanked the staff and City Council for securing the grant funds to be able to tackle this project. This is something that Bedford, as a community, can be proud of.

Mayor Koci stated that this is going to enhance the downtown area and that the money for this project is from a grant and it is earmarked for this project

- b. Law Director Montello had no report this evening.
- c. Finance Director Howland had no report this evening.

d. Council Reports

Council Salvi stated the following:

- Working on a newsletter for Ward 2 that should be out fairly soon
- Soon, a date will be set for a meeting to discuss the resident's issues related to the high school students trespassing, allegedly trespassing, and allegedly doing drugs on some of the properties on Helper Dr. and Darlington Rd.
- Thanked the Economic Development Director for following up and contacting business owners who want to renovate a building in Bedford
- If anyone in Ward 2 would like to volunteer their time, there will be some innovative programs coming up that will need volunteers to call his residence

Councilman Fluharty asked City Manager Mallis if the City was on a program again for the lighting problems throughout the City.

City Manager Mallis stated that First Energy has been out making repairs to the streetlights that are out; they're not all repaired, but they have been actively working on them.

Councilman Fluharty asked if they were putting in LED lights and City Manager Mallis replied that he would have to find out.

Councilman Smith stated the following:

- Touched on what Councilman Fluharty asked and that they are not going to be replacing the light with LED lights, that it will be a new bulb with a new closure
- Expressed his condolences to the Vasquez family

Councilman Longino stated the following:

- Thanked City Manager Mallis for taking down the No Parking Signs that they talked about
- Reminded everyone to take their trash cans in after garbage pick-up

Councilwoman Spinks stated the following:

- Thanked everyone who helps keep Ward 1 clean along with those in the rest of the City

- Got a call from a resident that the mailbox was removed that she contacted City Manager Mallis about it and that the post office usually lets the City know when they are taking something but this time they didn't
- Thank City Manager Mallis, Mr. Francis, and his crew for cleaning up a mess near a resident's house on Cresswell Ave.
- The Bedford Historical Societies Reverse Raffle tickets go on sale tomorrow at the museum. To get your tickets call (440)232-0796. The fundraiser will be held on March 16th at Ellenwood.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a **ORDINANCE NO. 004-24: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PHASE II STORMWATER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CUYAHOGA BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE AUTHORITY AND CONSENT TO PROVIDE PHASE II STORMWATER SERVICES IN YEARS 2024-2025 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Was read by title only**

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

City Manager Mallis stated the following:

- An agreement with Cuyahoga County for the Stormwater Service Agreement
- Cuyahoga County will provide inspections to 167 outfalls throughout the City
- The outfalls are fed by various streams and creeks; they then take that stormwater and do the appropriate testing. It is required for the City to maintain our MS4 Permit with the Ohio EPA
- The MS4 Permit allows the City to operate a Storm System
Cuyahoga County has the staff that if we need specific training, they will come out and train the staff

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, Fluharty, Smith, Salvi, Longino

- b. **ORDINANCE NO. 005-24: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE A LUCAS CHEST COMPRESSION SYSTEM FROM STRYKER EMS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Was read by title only**

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

City Manager Mallis stated the following:

- The Lucas Chest Compression Systems are utilized by the Fire Department during CPR
- It is considered standard life -saving care
- Two units were identified in the five-year Capital Improvements Plan.
- One of the units has failed, and it is unable to be repaired
- Stryker Medial is the sole source provider for this piece of equipment

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

- c. **ORDINANCE NO. 006-24: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 911.13 ENTITLED "BACKFLOW PROTECTION" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (1st Rdg.: 2/5/24) Was read by title only**

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, Fluharty, Smith, Salvi, Longino

- d. **ORDINANCE NO. 007-24: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2024 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT Was read by title only.**

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

City Manager Mallis stated the following:

- The City was awarded a \$30,000.00 grant through NOPEC
- The money is earmarked to help offset the cost of replacing the boiler system for the Municipal Complex
- Two boilers for the complex failed, and we went ahead and had those replaced and went through the bidding process last year
- The cost for the project was \$125,000.00

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

8. HEARING OF CITIZENS

Dr. Sandu, 37010 Helton Court, Solon, OH: stated the following:

- He has been attending the Bedford Sikh Temple for 25 years, and he runs a free clinic every Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- On October 22nd, he was speaking for the Bedford Leadership Team, and afterward, he and his wife were attacked by a group of people.
- His pride was lowered from the attack, and they are expecting some accountability for the person(s) who attacked them, and so far, he has not seen anything.
- The same person who attacked him on October 22nd also threatened him on December 10th.
- He has been receiving calls stating that they are threatening me with my life.

Mayor Koci stated that he did get his call this afternoon and that he would pass it along to Mr. Montello the Law Director

Sabrina Future, 15 Charles St., Bedford, OH: stated the following:

- She is sorry to hear what happened to Dr. Sandu.
- She called Ellenwood about the free CPR training and said that she got nowhere
- A make-up painting was in the building on the corner of Northfield and Charles St, but now it is gone and was there a permit

- Stated that Martin Luther King Day was last month and wanted to know why the garbage company didn't have the day off but that City Hall had the day off
- February is Black History Month, and there is nothing for it at the Bedford Historical Society

City Manager Mallis stated the following:

- The free CPR training last year was put on by the Fire Department, and it was held at Ellenwood through the Fire Department. nothing has been scheduled yet for this year, but when one is scheduled, they will make an announcement.
- They are familiar with the property at Northfield and Charles St.
- A business owner owns the building and that they did clean up the property and that he would have to pull the permit

Councilman Smith stated that the City of Bedford does not control if the garbage company has the day off or not and that we cannot change its policies and procedures. He also stated that the school is doing a Martin Luther King celebration in the City.

Councilwoman Spinks stated the following:

- The Bedford Historical Society has an ongoing exhibit for Black History, and they did not want to have just a Black History Month.
- History is very important to us, and we don't want to have it for one month but for the whole year

Pat French, Villa San Bernardo Apartments, 1160 Broadway Ave., Bedford, OH: stated the following:

- In November 2021 she came to the City Council Meeting to ask for help with the apartment complex, and now it is February 2024, and nothing has been done
- The same problems that she talked about back in 2021 are still present today and even more
- There have been multiple outages where they were without power, air conditioning, or heat
- Last year buildings D and C were without heat for thirty days. Residents were told that the parts were on order but that the ships weren't coming in from China
- We need help, and that is why we are reaching out to the Mayor, City Council, and the Building Department.
- Mayor Koci stated that the Building Department is aware of it and is in contact with the apartment owners

A resident from 695 McKinley Ave., Bedford, OH: stated the following:

- Bikes were purchased for the Police Department to ride around during the summer to keep up with what was going on throughout the City
- Maybe we could have the prisoners go out and pick up trash in the city. If we are feeding them and housing them, then they should work for it

- When he moved to Bedford 29 years ago that if your sidewalk was up so far the City sent out a letter to get it fixed; if you didn't fix it they would come out and fix it and we got a bill for it

City Manager Mallis stated the following:

- The Bike Shop donated the two bikes and that they were used a couple of times last year and that a lot of it has to deal with manpower
- We are no longer housing prisoners in the Bedford jail; they are now housed in the Solon Jail
- The prisoners that you see on the highway are either from the state or federal level
- The City replaces sidewalks that have lifted on tree lawns from trees. When get quotes from multiple companies, estimate how many blocks we will need to replace and get that cost per block locked into that if a resident wants to do it they can jump on board and get the price
- We received a \$250,000.00 grant from the County that will go toward Turney Rd. and we will be looking at some of the sidewalks in that area.

Alicia Washington, Interstate St., Bedford, OH: stated the following:

- Northfield Rd. going southbound is hideous
- Inquired if the barbershop on the corner of Northfield Rd. and Paul St. was closed
- Are there grants that the City can get and how does the City come up with the percentage
- Has anyone purchased the old donut shop

Mayor Koci stated that Northfield Rd. is a state route and that we will have to wait for the state to do it.

City Manager Mallis stated the following:

- Not only have we been inquiring about getting Northfield Rd. completely resurfaced but we have been pushing ODOT for several years to address the bridge. They started to refurbish the bridge a couple of weeks ago.
- A few years ago, we resurfaced the lane in front of Xellia , and we also resurfaced the intersection at Solon Rd. and Northfield Rd. We are documenting all of the costs that the City has put out because it allows us to negotiate a lower percentage
- The typical funding mechanism is 80/20, where the City is responsible for only 20%
- We need to start planning and looking forward to when ODOT is ready to do Northfield Rd. that we are in a position to where we can contribute our portion
- If we did Northfield Rd. from Corp Limit to Corp Limit it is going to be well over \$ 4 Million, and there aren't grants for that amount of money
- The family that owns the donut shop is not interested in selling the property
- They were issued a notice to make improvements, and the family was out one day cleaning up

A resident from 695 McKinley, Bedford, OH: stated the following:

- Inquired about the BP Station on the corner of Northfield Rd. and Columbus

- He also inquired as to how many daycares does Bedford need

Mayor Koci stated that the BP Station is now a family restaurant, and that all of the daycares are doing business, and that they regulate themselves once they reach a saturation point. He also stated that they are a private business and that the City can't tell them to open or not.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Steve Salvi to adjourn the meeting.
MOVER:	Sandy Spinks
SECONDER:	Steve Salvi
RESULT:	Pass [6 TO 0]
YEAS:	Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, Smith, Salvi, Longino


Clerk of Council


Mayor-President of Council

Date: February 20, 2024