



**WORK SESSION MEETING  
MINUTES**

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

**DATE: OCTOBER 16, 2023**

**TIME: 5:30 PM**

Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, October 16, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

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

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

• **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 075-23:** Enacting Chapter 751 "Video Surveillance Systems for Apartment Complexes": City Manager Mallis stated that this is to provide video security and surveillance of the exterior of the property like parking lots and common areas. He also stated that this would help police investigations and would be a benefit to the residents and visitors as well.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2607-23:** Contract with the General Health District of Cuyahoga County: City Manager Mallis stated that he would like to have this placed on Second Reading this evening.

**ORDINANCE NO. 079-23:** POP Plan for 2024: Mrs. Howland stated that this is done every year and is to allow employees to have non-taxed health insurance and it is allowed through Section 125 of the IRS Code.

• **DISCUSSION OF HOUSE BILL 33 THE IMPACT ON CONTRACT PROCEDURE**

Mrs. Howland stated that there will be a couple of Ordinance changes on the agenda for the November 6th Council Meeting regarding these changes.

• **DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES UPDATE**

• **BEDFORD WATER AND WASTEWATER**

City Manager Mallis stated that the water utility is operating effectively and efficiently. The waste water is concluding the NFA study and we will be reporting to City Council in early 2024. We are going to have to review options and most likely there will have to be an



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increase in rates.

• **DISCUSSION OF NORTHFIELD ROAD**

City Manager Mallis stated that there needs to be some road work done on Northfield Rd. on the Northbound and Southbound lanes between Solon Rd. and the bridge.

• **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:  
BEDFORD COMMONS

LITIGATION:  
UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Jeff Asbury to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss Economic Development: Bedford Commons and Litigation: University Hospitals at 6:37 P.M.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Sandy Spinks
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jeff Asbury
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [6 TO 0]</b>
<b>YEAS:</b>	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Asbury, Saunders
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Victor Fluharty to adjourn out of Executive Session at 7:01 P.M.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Walter Genutis
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Victor Fluharty
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [6 TO 0]</b>
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The Work Session Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 P.M.



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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, October 16, 2023. Mayor Koci called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was opened by pledging allegiance to the flag.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL**

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Walter Genutis to excuse Councilman Smith from this evening's meeting.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Sandy Spinks
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Walter Genutis
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [6 TO 0]</b>
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<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a. Approval of Minutes of the Work Session of September 18, 2023**

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Donald Saunders to approve the Minutes of the Work Session of September 18, 2023.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jeff Asbury
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Donald Saunders
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [6 TO 0]</b>
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**b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 18, 2023**



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<b>MOVER:</b>	Sandy Spinks
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Victor Fluharty
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [6 TO 0]</b>
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<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	

c. Approval of Minutes of the Work Session of October 2, 2023

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Donald Saunders to approve the Minutes of the Work Session of October 2, 2023.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jeff Asbury
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Donald Saunders
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [6 TO 0]</b>
<b>YEAS:</b>	Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Asbury, Saunders
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	

d. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 2, 2023

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Sandy Spinks to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 2, 2023.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Walter Genutis
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Sandy Spinks
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Pass [6 TO 0]</b>
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**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**





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- a. **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 (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG. 9/18/23, 2<sup>ND</sup> RDG. 10/2/23) Was read by title only.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Asbury and seconded by Walter Genutis to suspend the rules requiring the reading of said ordinance/resolution on three different days.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jeff Asbury
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Walter Genutis
<b>RESULT:</b>	Pass [6 TO 0]
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<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	

City Manager Mallis stated the following:

- To provide video surveillance, video security, and surveillance of the exterior part of the property
- These areas are parking lots and common areas
- Since the last meeting an amendment has been made to include proper signage for the public
- Will help the police with investigations
- This will be a benefit to the residents and visitors of the complexes

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



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**NAYS:**  
**ABSTAIN:**

- b. **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, 2nd RDG. 10/16/23**) Was read by title only.

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

**6. REPORTS**

- a. City Manager Mallis stated the following:
- Last week, Shelley Company performed the final coat on Broadway Ave. and performed a majority of the striping
  - From the walk-through at Five Points to Flora a number of areas were identified on the list such as: clean-up areas on the roadway and light poles
  - For the first time, we performed the crack seal in-house, and all of the materials that we used are being reimbursed through a grant from Cuyahoga County
  - The City received preliminary plans regarding the Union St. bridge the project was originally supposed to start this year but it has been pushed back to start in 2024 and expanded through 2025





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- The public utilities that are currently under the roadway now have to be relocated first before work can be done and we did receive a proposal on how they intend to reroute the water in with the sewer lines.
  - We will be addressing our concerns with the contractor about this at the end of the month
  - The damaged guardrail on Union St. was reinstalled
  - The Parks and Recreation Department will be holding a Trick-or-Treat Street Event this Saturday. If you are interested in this event, please visit the city website or social media to register for this event
  - Trick-or-Treating in the City will be on Tuesday, October 31, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
  - Health Fair will be held the week of the 18<sup>th</sup> at Ellenwood from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
  - The Bedford Connectivity Project held a public meeting a month ago, and this is the grant that we received from NOACA to explore connecting the Bedford Reservation and the historic downtown and ultimately the Ellenwood Center
  - The Steering Committee Meeting had a meeting this week and we reviewed data from the public surveys and presented with a number of different options for how to connect different routes, what that would look like, and how to deal with some traffic and safety concerns in the historic district.
  - These concerns will be presented at the public meeting on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Ellenwood Gymnasium. We will also be talking about two proposed plans and, ultimately, when the project will be finalized.
  - The plans will go in front of the City Council in early 2024 and that the key is we will then be eligible to go for grant funding for the construction
- b. Law Director Montello had no report this evening.
- c. Finance Director Howland stated the following:
- The Civil Service Commission is still accepting applications for the entry-level position of patrol officer





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- Testing is done through the National Testing Network, and the application deadline is October 30th

d. Council Reports

Councilman Asbury had no report this evening.

Councilman Saunders inquired about the white line on Broadway Ave, if it is going to be a bike lane, or if it is going to stay the way that it is. He also stated that if you have just the center line and not the white line, each lane becomes 20 feet wide, and that's dangerous

City Manager Mallis replied that it was going to be a straight line for now. He continued to state that the white line was put in place of the hashes.

Councilman Saunders reminded the residents to be careful on Halloween and reminded residents to not park in the street on that night because it creates a hazard for the kids.

Councilwoman Spinks stated the following:

- The Bedford Historical Society Museum will be open on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Reminded everyone that if the light at the front door is not on they are not passing out candy and only go to a house that has their front light on.
- The Church of Nazarene will have their Trick-or-Treating on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Asked if big trash cans could be placed on Center Rd. by the bus stops and at Greencroft Park. The trash cans have been making a big difference
- She told everyone to be safe and have a Happy Halloween

Councilman Genutis had no report this evening.

Councilman Fluharty stated the following:



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- He would like to meet up with City Manager Mallis, and Mr. Callahan at Cosgrove Park (formerly known as Interstate Park) to look at a lot of big space for a possible dog park.

Mayor Koci stated the following:

- Announced that Zak's Supercenter is now open. It is located on the corner of Rockside Rd. and Northfield Rd.
- Wednesday, October 11, 2023, was Candidates Night at the Commons, and five of the six candidates were there. There were a lot of good questions and answers, and it is available on the Bedford Tribune website

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **ORDINANCE 079-23: AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING EMPLOYEE PARTICIPANTS TO MAKE INSURANCE PLAN PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS ON A PRETAX BASIS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024 THROUGH HEALTH EQUITY/WAGE WORKS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** **Was read by title only.**

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Mrs. Howland stated that this is an annual update to allow the employees to have their health insurance not taxed and that this is allowed through Section 125 of the IRS Code.





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**8. HEARING OF CITIZENS**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Walter Genutis to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 P.M.
<b>MOVER:</b>	Sandy Spinks
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Walter Genutis
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