

Bedford City Council met in a Work Session virtually thru Zoom on Monday, September 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Stan Koci, Sandy Spinks, Walter Genutis, Vic Fluharty, Paula Mizesak, Heather Rhoades, Don Saunders. Administration: City Manager Michael Mallis, Finance Director Frank Gambosi, Law Director John Montello, Clerk of Council Tracy Simons. Absent: None.

Councilman Fluharty began discussion of the Regular Council Meeting agenda.

Council Tabled the minutes of the Work Session of September 8, 2020, and the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2020.

Ordinance No. 9807-20: amending Ordinance No. 6950-97 Section 1341.19 entitled "Removal of Weeds by Owner, Occupant; Notice" Councilman Fluharty stated that it was on First Reading on September 8th. City Manager Mallis stated that this is the ordinance that we worked on to address the front gardens and we included the piece where somebody can request to the City Manager or their designee if they have other circumstances that would require them to seek permission to have a front garden. He continued to state that they can appeal to the city for special circumstances. He also stated that the understand was that we are all in agreement that the way it is written will suffice. Councilwoman Mizesak stated if this is about garden and it is in the front yard you wouldn't consider it a weed, it's a garden item, but if you are talking about cleaning up the weeds around the plants so it can grow properly she can understand it. She continued to stated that the way it is worded it looks like we're removing weeds in a garden that we didn't even approve of in the front yard. City Manager Mallis replied that there were two pieces put in there one for the vegetable garden and in the past, they were not permitted and we added where someone that has certain circumstances they can appeal to the City Manager or designee for special circumstances. He continued to state that Mr. Montello also included in the piece removal of weeds or tall grass to put under that item. Councilman Genutis stated that it was originally removal of weeds and back in the mid 1990's there was a complaint about vegetables and Council just add the one sentence lacking another place in the ordinance and they would mention of no vegetable garden shall extend beyond the front building line.

Councilwoman Rhoades inquired as to who thinks that we need the garden ordinance and Councilwoman Mizesak replied no. Councilwoman Spinks stated the clause that states about having them in the front yard unless the go through the City Manager. She continued to state that if we do this then all the people need to be considered. Councilwoman Rhoades stated that we are the only city that has a garden ordinance and that she doesn't want to be the only city in the area to band gardens. Councilwoman Spinks stated she would not want either on of her neighbors to have a garden in their front yard if they have a back yard, so there has to be some restrictions. She continued to state that the way that it is written is the fair way to do it, because if someone has a piece of property that has no back yard they can go to the City Manager. Councilwoman Rhoades inquired if this ordinance enforceable and Mr. Montello stated that probably not and that it's tough, but we are trying to make everyone happy here. He continued to state that if there is a unique situation the City Manager can give approval. Councilwoman Rhoades asked if we sited Mr. Genutis for a garden in his front and he sue the city can the city enforce it and Mr. Montello stated that the city would have a tough time to enforce it in this day and age. Councilman Genutis stated that part of it is to come up with a solution that everyone would be in agreeance with. He continued to state that we found no other municipalities that

specifically called out vegetables. He also stated that the look and the face of Bedford that would have their ordinances as such to prevent its citizens from growing their own food and it's a bad look in these times. Councilwoman Rhoades inquired as to why are we putting something in there that we can't enforce and if we site some for it and they take us to court we lose. Councilman Fluharty stated that we put it on Second Reading and go over it a little bit more. Mr. Montello stated that if somebody does want it we will work with people to make sure that the neighbor's concerns are addressed if there are any concerns. Councilwoman Rhoades stated that we can't enforce it and wanted to know why are we passing it. Councilman Fluharty stated to put it on Second Reading to have Mr. Montello and anyone else look into it this a little bit more for us.

Mayor Koci and Councilman Saunders have now joined the meeting.

Ordinance No. 9809-20: ordinance rezoning Harrison Street City Manager Mallis state about six or seven years ago we applied for a grant to tear down the building and Ganley acquired the property and it is basically an extension of the Auto Mile. He continued to state that we never re-zoned it, it was zoned simply for industrial and on the back side of the property it is residential, so it made sense to increase the Auto Mile District. He also stated that we did not go through the formal re-zoning process, because when Mr. Montello went through the codified ordinances found that we do not need to under circumstances outlined in codified and that Council can make this decision on this parcel, being that it's being used in that manor, it was discussed prior to that manor. Mr. Montello stated that it is pursuant to Section 1921.01 of our code, which is quoted in the legislation. He continued to state that under special circumstance you can do so by $\frac{3}{4}$ of Council's agreeing. City Manager stated that with $\frac{3}{4}$ of votes we would not have to go through the process of going to the Planning Commission and sending notices.

Ordinance No. 9815-20: appropriating City's Corona Virus Relief Fund Program for second payment Mr. Gambosi stated that the governor set aside two sets of funds for distribution and in doing so there was a second round of H.B. 481 for \$190,573.53 that was sent to the city and it was already received. He continued to state that now it is up the city to substantiate the way that we want to spend those dollars. He stated in Section 1 (a) states how the city has already documented expenditures that we can utilize towards the \$190,000.00. He continued to state that there are a lot of things under the CARES Act that we will be utilizing and including but limited to utilizing the ambulance again for costs if necessary. He stated that the Department of Treasury had some adjustments in clarifications, which allowed more spending in different areas on the recent release. He stated that it would allow us to utilize those funds towards things that we to purchase above and beyond what we would normally do in our budgets. He also stated that there is a possibility of a third round, which will be very substantial and it could be as high as \$448,000.00 distributed and it needs to be passed through the legislature yet and has not be done so at this time.

Councilman Genutis inquired that teleworks was in the legislation such as for the Zoom Meetings, but also is there a cost for borrowing a computer for the meeting and Mr. Gambosi stated may go out and purchase more computers for everybody is what we are thinking. City Manager Mallis stated he would touch on some of it later on when talking about personnel. He continued to state that Mr. Gambosi has been looking at some areas where we can save, but we are also looking at what can we do to enhance either the facilities or equipment. He stated that they will touch on computers later on and that we are forced to do business in a different way

and there are costs associated with that. Councilman Genutis stated that it is going to be a big deal going forward with more people working from home.

Mr. Gambosi stated that we have some larger ideas too that we are working on with facilities that we feel are very appropriate, so the City Manager and I will be looking into that for the possible third round.

Ordinance No. 9816-20: amending §911.03 “Rate Reduction for Disabled Persons and Senior Citizens” Mr. Gambosi stated that out of the next four ordinance he is asking Council to pass (b) and this is establishing based on our past history for the Cost of Living Index with the Department of Labor. He continued to stated that we raised amount for the household discount to \$34,366 and allowing it to go into effect January of 2021. He stated that we are establishing the guidelines and increasing those in line with Consumer Price Index of Goods and Services that we had.

Ordinance No. 9817-20: amending Ordinance No. 9546-17 concerning Section 913.02 “Sewer Rates”, Ordinance No. 9818-20: amending Ordinance No. 9637-18 concerning Section 913.03 “Rate Reduction for Senior Citizens and Permanently Disabled” and Ordinance No. 9819-20: replacing Ord. No: 7780-05 Relating to Water Rates Mr. Gambosi stated that these three are regarding the water and sewer rates for 2021 and at this point in time to summarize what these three ordinances say is the first one deals with rate reduction for Disabled and Senior Citizens are the sewer rates for our city. He stated that there is no increase in the water rates and I am asking Council to put those three on First Reading and pass (b) so we can process the actual application.

Ordinance No. 9820-20: amending Section 351.18 “Truck Parking In Residential Areas” City Manager Mallis stated that he met with the Police Department and he will be meeting with Police Chief Stemple again on Wednesday to address increased efforts to address some of the parking concerns. He continued to state that one of the pieces on here that we did see was in truck trailer vehicles we added some additional language in there. Councilwoman Rhoades inquired that in part A there are two different things there that should be separated out into two different clauses. She stated because the parking area on property primarily used for residential purposes, and that there are people with boats who are going to be angry if we pass this and this is saying that you can’t park them in your driveway. Councilman Genutis stated that it is total contradiction with 1957.11 and 1957.12 that talks about not parking a trailer for more that forty-eight hours, and 9157.11 talks about parking recreational vehicles or boats have to be behind the edge of the garage. He continued to stated that these are two ordinances that in total contradiction from one another. City Manager Mallis stated that it’s intended to be in the roadway and that will get cleaned up and our suggestion is to simple have it on First Reading and we will amend. City Manager Mallis also stated that the intent is that some of these vehicles aren’t intended to be parked in the roadway over night and we will clean this language up, we wanted it on First Reading and then we will work through some of these things. He continued to stated that it should be written in the manor where it’s simply addresses in the street.

Councilman Saunders state that he thought there was an ordinance prohibiting any truck over five tons from being parked in a residential area and the City Manager stated that the police went through the ordinances specifically trying to address a couple of concerns. City Manager Mallis continued to stated that one had to deal with a large trailer, another one was a camper and the opinion that they received is that the way our ordinance was written we would not be able to site.

Discussion of the Regular Meeting agenda was concluded.

Mayor Koci began the presentation of Projects and Goals for the Bedford Downtown Alliance. Maria, Vice President of the Bedford Downtown Alliance, gave recognition to Ms. Chaich, she is the promotions liaison, runs the Facebook and Instagram accounts, and she has also chaired a couple of events as well. She recognized Mr. Stewart, he along with Graffiti Heart and the Downtown Alliance partnered together to get the Road to Freedom Mural. She continued to state that the Bedford Downtown Alliance has secured funding to be able to operate from multiple sources that include: sponsorships, fundraisers and now we are pursuing grants as well. She stated that they have a sponsorship drive each year where they allow local businesses to be able to contribute financially to help with some of our projects. She also stated that they also have annual fundraisers as well. She stated that the things that they plan to do in the future are to create an office space in the downtown area, hire a Main Street Manager, create an online presence for all of the Bedford Downtown businesses, to create another mural and to update the look for the Bedford Downtown business store fronts as well. She stated that they are asking that the City to give \$10,000.00 to help complete these projects for the future. City Manager Mallis stated that the Bedford Downtown Alliance is very beneficial to the community and much appreciated. Councilwoman Rhoades stated that two weeks a new board member and our board is close to being racially balanced to reflect our demographic here in Bedford. Mayor Koci asked if the donation is something that the City is allowed to do and Mr. Gambosi stated from a letter from the Auditor of State that we cannot donate to non-profit's, it's not allowed, however, if we do something to spruce up the downtown area on our properties that we own that assets, then that kind of stuff can be done, but it cannot be given directly to private property and/or given to a non-profit. Councilwoman Rhoades stated that last year you guys gave them \$5,000.00 and Mr. Gambosi inquired what for. Councilwoman Rhoades stated that in June of last year \$5,000.00 was given from the City to Bedford Downtown Alliance and it was taken from the same fund that the Arts Council used to come from. Mr. Gambosi stated that there has to be a specific purpose because we can't do it and that he has a letter in that affect from the Auditor of State. Councilwoman Rhoades stated that Heritage Ohio asks us to go to local government to get funding to help fund our organization and that it is very common in other cities. Mr. Gambosi stated that he would provide her with the letter. City Manager Mallis stated that he thinks it went towards an event. Councilwoman Rhoades stated that if you want to ear mark it for First Friday things you can do that or for downtown improvements they can do that, and that Heritage Ohio asked them to go to local government: city, county and state. City Manager Mallis stated that last year we said that it was ear marked for one of the events or to help with the Chocolate Walk. He continued to state to possible us it for a future art project. Councilwoman Rhoades stated that just to get funding they are more than to ear mark for First Friday's or for another mural. Mr. Gambosi stated that it has to be something sponsored by the City, we have been approached by many non-profits over the years and we could not donate to them. He continued to state it can only be done where we own the assets or it's one of our functions. City Manager Mallis stated that for Council he would get with Mr. Gambosi and look at the budget and that there is some money that we did budget for either downtown events or for an arts project in the Arts and Culture Board that was budgeted for in 2020. He continued to state that if Council does decide to discuss this and look to give funds it could come out of one of those two areas. Mr. Gambosi stated that it can only come out of those for certain purposes as he stated.

Maria stated that we have \$1,000.00 budgeted for each of our First Friday events, prior to COVID they went to things to make the events run and now we do the grab-and-go bags. Mr. Gambosi stated the distribute of money for the purposes to the public for proper public purpose would be proper if it's backed by the City. He continued that is the only way and it can't go to the non-profit, it should come directly from the City to the function or to a vendor when that occurs. Councilwoman Rhoades stated that basically we need to figure out an in-kind plan. Mayor Koci stated that he does not object to giving money to the Downtown Alliance with the guidelines that Mr. Gambosi mentioned and asked if there were any objections not with standing all of the legal stuff that we have to go through. *There were no objections.* Councilwoman Spinks stated that she would like to see them handle all of the events downtown, that's what they are they are the Downtown Alliance. She continued to stated that the Chocolate Walk and the mural have brought a lot of people to the city, now that we don't have an Arts and Culture Board this is great and it's the hub of our city.

Presentation of Projects and Goals for the Bedford Downtown Alliance was concluded.

Mayor Koci began the discussion of fences. Councilman Genutis inquired as to how protects their property without a fence. He continued to state that the City captures and destroys the wildlife and to what extent does the city want to entertain that function, but when the Division of Wildlife and the Department of Agriculture came and speak with us they both reported that fencing is the best deterrent for deer. He also stated that we should at least increase the backyard limit from six feet to seven feet. He continued to state that in the front yard a decorative fence is allowed and it isn't functional, so we have a restriction against a fence to even protect a tree or shrub and that it is a problem if you can't have a fence. Mayor Koci stated that this ordinance was probably written before we had a deer problem, so we can definitely look at changing the backyard fence for that reason. He continued to state that you can put a safety fence around your tree when it's growing. Councilman Genutis stated that we should at least have for protection of landscaping as a general thing. Councilwoman Rhoades stated that in the front yard with tall fences you start getting into line of site. Councilwoman Spinks inquired as to how is someone going to have a garden in their front yard and they don't have a fence around it to protect their vegetables and Councilwoman Rhoades replied that she has several devices that keep the deer out of her garden that have nothing to do with a fence. Councilwoman Mizesak stated that there is a lot to consider about front yard, so for front yard fences there are other rules and regulations that you have to abide by. Councilman Saunders stated that most of the other communities do have a height restriction and no matter which community you're in almost all of them restrict the height. He continued to state they also have a restriction of an off set from the right-of-way line too. Mayor Koci asked what did everyone want to do and Councilwoman Mizesak suggested to research it more. Mayor Koci stated to move it to discussion for the next Work Session Meeting.

Discussion of Fences was concluded

Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:09 p.m.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Rhoades to go into an Executive Session to discuss Economic Development: Tinkers Creek Commerce Park, Meadowbrook, Litigation: Criminal Nuisance, Historic District, and Personnel: Contract Negotiations. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Adjourned out of Executive Session at 7:54 p.m.

Work Session adjourned at 7:55 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Mayor – President of Council

10-5-20
Date

Bedford City Council met virtually via Zoom for the Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, September 21, 2020. Mayor Koci called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. The meeting was opened by pledging allegiance to the flag.

The roll was called. Present: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizsak, Rhoades, Saunders.

Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Spinks to table the minutes of the Work Session Meeting of September 8, 2020. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizsak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mizsak and seconded by Rhoades to table the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2020. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizsak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 9807-20, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 6950-97 SECTION 1341.19 ENTITLED “REMOVAL OF WEEDS BY OWNER, OCCUPANT; NOTICE” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Rhoades and seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. 9807-20 on Second Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizsak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9809-20, AN ORDINANCE REZONING PERMANENT PARCELS NOS.: 812-04-001, 812-04-002, 812-04-003, 812-04-004, 812-04-040, 812-03-012 and 812-03-013 LOCATED AT HARRISON STREET DESCRIBED HEREIN FROM "I-1" TO "B-2A" CLASSIFICATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Genutis to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizsak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. 9809-20 on third and final reading and passed.

City Manager Mallis stated that six or seven years ago at the end of Harrison St. there was an abandoned industrial building that was vacant for twenty (20) years and the city worked with the Cuyahoga County Land Bank along with an adjacent property owner. He continued to state that they applied for a grant to demolish the building and that building came down with the understanding that it was going to be purchased by that adjacent auto dealer. He also stated that it made sense to expand the B-2A being that it will be utilized for automotive. He continued to stated that they are in the process of updating some of their zoning and the Law Director recommends that under the circumstances that we are able to move forward with the rezoning in this manner, so long as three quarters of Council agree on this rezoning.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizsak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Michael Mallis gave recognition to Bedford Downtown Alliance and everybody who was involved with the mural downtown and he is very appreciative from the city's stand point for all of your efforts in bringing it to downtown.

City Manager Mallis stated that the Fire Department is continuing to work on the hydrant flushing. He stated that in Economic Development they are looking at two specific grants and they involve two major projects. He continued to state that the one is a major project down Broadway Ave. next year and it will involve replacement of the waterline from Five Points all the way down to Union St. He also stated that there will be curb restoration, curb work and electrical upgrades. He stated that the project needs to happen next year, because ODOT is planning the resurfacing of Broadway Ave. in the near future. He also stated that they are looking at a Planning Grant through NOACA and that grant will help with the bridge project that we continue to look for funding for.

City Manager stated to please take a look at the City's website and social media for all of the programs and events that are going on down at Parks and Recreation, there are a lot of great things that came out last week. He also stated that we have a Halloween Event that will be in October following all the guidelines that are issued so sign up and take advantage of all the programs that are happening down there.

City Manager Mallis stated that our Second Annual Shred Day will be on Saturday, September 26th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. He stated that you will need to stay in your vehicles and staff will be there to assist everyone with their items to be shredded. He continued to state that these events were paid for through a grant that the staff acquired.

City Manager Mallis congratulated Mr. Gambosi for the notice received from the State Auditor's for a job well done to all of you and your staff.

City Manager Mallis stated that if you have any comments for the Hearing of Citizens portion of the meeting you can email them to citymanager@bedfordoh.gov

That concluded the City Managers report.

Law Director John Montello had nothing to report this evening.

That concluded the Law Director's report.

Finance Director Frank Gambosi stated the Auditor of State released a news report in regards to entities that received the Auditor State Award with distinction and that it is a separate award in regards to getting a very clean audit. He continued to state that it is a very high honor and that we haven't had this award in quite a while.

Mr. Gambosi stated about the second round of the distribution of the CARES Act Funds and the City received \$190,000.00 in regards to the Corona Virus and CARES in assisting us with all the expenditures that we had to do with disinfecting, cleaning, materials, supplies and equipment so we will be asking Council to pass an ordinance tonight in that regards to allow ourselves to

earmark those costs and money for those goods and items that we have already spent in regards to the fight on Corona Virus to keep our employee's safe, as well as our facilities and to the public.

Mr. Gambosi stated that Ordinance No. 9816-20 is the rate reduction for Disabled Persons and Senior Citizens, it's the program that we have everybody apply under so that we can process all of the applications for January 1st.

Mayor Koci thanked him and his staff for a job well done and that amazing work goes on with the small staff that you have there. He also stated that he hopes it gets out to the citizens that the work that gets done here is quite remarkable. Mr. Gambosi stated that we have a great staff and they do an excellent job. He also stated that we lead the way in many aspects in our department to help others and keep that in mind as we go through this in setting the example.

That concluded the Finance Director's report.

Councilwoman Spinks thanked Mr. Gambosi and his department for everything that you do and we appreciate it. She stated that over the past weekend she has seen cars speeding down Grand Blvd. and Willard Ave. are not attempting to stop at any of these stop signs. She continued to state that someone is going to get hit and she doesn't want it to take an accident for something to be done about this. She stated that she just wants to get the message out there that it's not okay to speed down our streets in Bedford. Councilwoman Rhoades stated that during the mural there was an incident where a gentleman flew past the artists and we yelled at the car and the car turned around and yelled at us. She continued to state that the artists felt threatened and that this is the attitude. Councilwoman Spinks stated that something has to be done. She continued to state that our kids should be safe to ride their bikes or play across the street and not have to worry about a speeding car. She also stated that the semi-trucks are coming through again and that signs are up and if you don't enforce the law what do you wait until there's a bad accident and City Manager Mallis stated that he understands.

Councilman Genutis stated that we measure the year with the different instances and now we are three quarters of the way through a very trying year and he congratulated the City of Bedford and the Bedford Downtown Alliance for doing what they can in these times. He congratulated Mr. Gambosi for the reward and that we rely on him heartily. He inquired as to why we don't have the speed sign out and that it should be circulating through out the town always, because it collects data that the Police utilize and City Manager Mallis replied that the failed and that it is damaged and a couple of weeks ago he authorized us to purchase more devices and there is more than one that we have acquired. City Manager Mallis continued to state that they will be moved around and they will be up very shortly. Councilman Genutis stated that when the sign is there that people slow down and it gives the opportunity to do some recording and get an idea of how much speeding there is in various areas. He also congratulated Mr. Stewart and the Bedford Downtown Alliance for the Underground Railroad Mural. He continued to state that as a little kid growing up in Bedford and hearing about Bedford's history with the underground railroad is something that he is always so proud of and seeing it displayed like that is something that we should be very proud of and that it's really been welcomed.

Councilman Fluharty congratulated Mr. Gambosi, his staff and the Bedford Downtown Alliance for all of the work that they've been doing down there. He stated that voting for Ward 3 is at Ellenwood, that five of the six Wards will be there, and he advised getting your vote in by mail. He continued to state that for those who don't know and need to find out you can contact him or anybody else at City Hall. He also stated that the Board of Elections may send out cards like they always do to let people know where they are voting.

Councilman Fluharty inquired about the company that is supposed to come out and do the sewer project in Ward 3 and City Manager Mallis replied that they gave them the notice to proceed their initial date that they were to start, which was last week, per the requirements they have to have a sign installed and they are waiting to install it. He continued to state that once the sign is installed and that it should be very soon. He continued to state that with this being funded fully through a Cuyahoga County Grant that proper advertising has to take place, so they are working to install it and it will start on Henry St. and he will have an update at the morning staff meeting.

Councilman Fluharty inquired about what is going on with the kids that are at home during the day for school and they are out roaming the streets and City Manager Mallis replied that he doesn't know the specifics and what specific school they are enrolled in, even though some of them are remote it doesn't mean that they are supposed be remote for eight (8) hours a day. He continued to state that some of them are given assignments and can log on at any time, that is specific to their school. Councilman Fluharty stated that he will be meeting with the Superintendent on Thursday and he will let her know that some of these kids are out during the day playing.

Councilwoman Mizensak stated that right here on Satin Circle and Button Rd. is a problem for speeding. She continued to state that other than raising the rent at Colony Club they are cleaning up their grounds. She stated that the gas station is doing rather well. She also congratulated Mr. Gambosi and congratulated Ms. Rhoades on a job well done on Saturday.

Councilwoman Mizensak stated Ohio place 9th in the Top Ten for teachers to educate our students and that is quite an honor.

Councilwoman Mizensak stated that the ceremony for the mural, which makes her proud of our City, and with September 11th being the day before a day of remembrance for something very painful, these kids put their heart into that mural that left us with a new bud in the tree of life. She stated that those three kids deserve every bite of life that they can to continue to do what they do best.

Councilwoman Rhoades stated Mr. Darr takes care of our commons and the Garden Club just donated some mums to the City for decorating, and as a thanks to the Garden Club he put up a beautiful display. She also congratulated Mr. Gambosi on his Auditor of State Award with Distinction. She stated that the next First Friday will be on Friday, October 2nd and the theme will be "Family Fun Night" and the line-up starts at 6:00 p.m. She also stated that it will be the last First Friday for the year and it will resume again in March 2021 for the "March for Art."

Councilwoman Rhoades stated that the volunteer meeting for the Bedford Downtown Alliance is this Thursday 7:00 p.m. at DePompei's. She also stated that when you come into an organization like the Bedford Downtown Alliance you will get a lot of leeway in planning a project your way. She continued to state that they are looking for a chair person so that they can resume the Pooka Pick-Ups in the downtown area and they are also looking for someone to do their social media. If you are interested please email us at stories@bedforddowntown.org and let us know and we will get you going on some volunteer work for the Bedford Downtown Alliance.

Councilman Saunders gave his condolences to the Peters Family for the passing of Mr. Peters last week. He also stated about some inquires about when the leaf program starts and wanted to know that since there is an increase in the number of people who are parking on streets how are the leaves going to get picked up and City Manager Mallis replied that it will be mid-October and it also depends on when the weather starts to drop. He continued to stated that our crews work through it even if it means ranking some of the leaves out into the street or further up the tree lawn, we've always managed. Councilman Saunders stated that residents wanted him to bring it up now so that we can look at it before it becomes a problem later. He also stated that they still have a problem with Kimble leaving their garbage cans in the street because they can get around the parked cars and City Manager Mallis replied that they did reach out to Kimble about leaving their cans in the street and we've asked them a few times are their chronic issues or an issue where you can't service a home and they've told us that they put it out to the drivers and the drivers have come back that they haven't.

Councilman Saunders stated that as far as speeding and as several people mentioned that yes, we do have a problem with speeding and that people don't stop at stop signs. He continued to state that there is a concern that someone may get hit. He also stated that it's amazing that someone hasn't hit a deer yet and lost control and hit a parked car or run into someone's yard and hit a house and let's hope that we can get it corrected like some of the other communities where you don't go two or three over the speed limit, because they will pull you over.

Mayor Koci thanked Mr. Gambosi and the Bedford Downtown Alliance and that the best thing about the project is that it was led by our citizens and not by the City. He stated that it's good to see that when citizens get involved in making our city better.

Mayor Koci stated that if you have a question or comment during the Hearing of Citizens portion of the meeting email it to citymanager@bedfordoh.gov.

ORDINANCE NO. 9815-20, ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE CITY'S CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND PAYMENT RECEIVED PURSUANT TO AMENDED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 481 TO THE CITY'S COVID-19 RESPONSE AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO DECLARE A PROCLAMATION was read by title only. Motion made by Rhoades and seconded by Genutis to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizesak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Mizesak to place Ordinance No. 9815-20 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi stated that this is the second round of the governor's CARES Act Funds that he distributed out to the cities and the localities throughout Ohio. He continued to state that in the second distribution the city received \$190,573.53 and this ordinance allows us under Section 1A the authorized purposes for which we will be applying the cost that we have met in regards to disinfecting, Council Meeting communications, social distancing, first responder personnel, administrative leave, dispatch personnel costs and many other items for supplies and materials, contracts that we had to do in keeping our City Hall employee's protected as well as our buildings and staff to the public.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizensak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9816-20, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9725-19 CODIFIED ORDINANCE §911.03 "RATE REDUCTION FOR DISABLED PERSONS AND SENIOR CITIZENS" FOR WATER AND SEWER DISCOUNTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Rhoades and seconded by Genutis to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizensak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Spinks to place Ordinance No. 9816-20 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi stated that this is one of the first steps that we take in regards to the water and sewer discount for the senior citizens and the disabled. He also stated that they look at applications that will be based on their 2019 income and factor it up by the mid-west urban consumer price index each year. Councilman Saunders inquired if it is just earned income or is it all income and Mr. Gambosi replied that it is all income including retirement and house hold income. He continued to state that has nothing to do with tax's, it's in regards to the discount in income earned and retirement income.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizensak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9817-20, BEING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9728-19 CONCERNING SECTION 913.02 "SEWER RATES" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD AS RELATED TO SEWER RATES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Rhoades and seconded by Spinks to place Ordinance No. 9817-20 on First Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizensak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9818-20, BEING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9637-18 CONCERNING SECTION 913.03 "RATE REDUCTION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND THE PERMANENTLY DISABLED" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE

CITY OF BEDFORD AS RELATED TO SEWER RATES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Spinks to Ordinance No. 9818-20 on First Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizensak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9819-20, AN ORDINANCE REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 7780-05 RELATING TO WATER RATES [§911.01 (e)] AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Mizensak and seconded by Genutis to place Ordinance No. 9819-20 on First Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizensak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9820-20, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 351.18 “TRUCK PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS” OF THE TRAFFIC CODE OF THE BEDFORD CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only. Motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Rhoades to place Ordinance No. 9820-20 on First Reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Fluharty, Mizensak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: Genutis. Motion carried Six Yeas and One Nay.

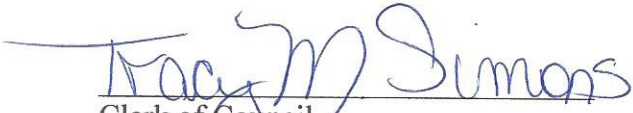
Mayor Koci said that concluded the business portion of the meeting and asked if anyone had any comments to send emails to citymanager@bedfordoh.gov.

Ms. Foreman voiced a concern in regards to school closures and that the closures have put the children of the city in harms way, with schools and parks being closed children have no safe outdoor space to play. She continued to state that children that were previously playing at Carolwood playground are now playing in empty parking lots and streets and wanted to know what the city will do to help with this. City Manager Mallis stated that for the Carolwood playground that is school property and will reach out to the schools and see what their policy is regarding it to see if they could possibly open those. He continued to state that all of the city playgrounds are open and signage was installed at all of those playgrounds advising people that we do send crews out there to clean and spray the equipment down as frequently as possible. He stated that he would be more that happy to reach out to the schools to see if they would be willing to re-open those specific playgrounds.

Councilwoman Rhoades stated that it might be a good idea to set up another email address like a council@bedfordoh.gov for questions that are meant for Council Meetings as to just in general.

Mayor Koci asked if there were any further comments. There being no reply, motion made by Fluharty and seconded by Spinks to adjourn. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Spinks, Genutis, Fluharty, Mizensak, Rhoades, Saunders. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 P.M.



Clerk of Council

10-5-20

Date



Mayor - President of Council