COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2012

6:30 P.M. PROMPT

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- **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA**
- **DISCUSSION TO SCHEDULE SUMMER MEETINGS**
- **DISCUSSION OF CITY MARKETING PLAN**
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION - Personnel (Council Only)**

Bedford, Ohio April 16, 2012

Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, April 16, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Daniel Pocek, Stan Koci, Marilyn Zolata, Paula Mizsak, Donald Saunders, Warner Batten, Greg Pozar. Also Present: Clerk of Council Lorree Villers. Administration: City Manager, Henry J. Angelo, Law Director, Ken Schuman, Finance Director, Frank Gambosi, AFSCME Union representative Jeff Boehm. Absent: None.

Council did not have any corrections or deletions to the following minutes: the Work Session of April 2, 2012, the Regular Meeting of April 2, 2012 and the Wards 3 & 4 Meeting of April 9, 2012.

Resolution No. 2454-12 was a resolution establishing April as "National 9-1-1 Education Month". There was no discussion regarding this resolution.

Resolution No. 2455-12 was a resolution in support of the proposed regional dispatching center located at University Hospitals Bedford Medical Center with the participating cities of Bedford Heights and Maple Heights, Ohio.

Mr. Jeff Boehm, AFSCME Union representative was present on behalf of the police dispatcher employees. He thought one of the benefits of the 2008 Safety Forces Levy was to maintain staffing. The union could be affected by a possible 11% reduction if the City administration laid-off some of the police dispatchers. He had concerns as to why some of the other cities opted out of this regionalization effort and questioned how the shared expenses were going to be divided between the three (3) participating cities. He thought there was a possibility the dispatcher's wages and benefits would be eliminated. Mr. Boehm stressed he was not happy about the situation.

Mayor Pocek explained this topic was in the beginning stages. All the participating fire and police chiefs were working very hard gathering information for the betterment of everyone involved. He said Cuyahoga County and the State of Ohio was pushing for regionalization. He understood the dispatchers would still be in OPERS. He noted this process was going to take 18 – 24 months to hammer out the details. It was important to shape the future of Bedford along with the surrounding communities and whether people could accept change or not, regionalization was in the near future.

Mr. Angelo figured the costs would not be an equal 1/3 per city for the three participating cities but rather based on population. As far as benefits, date of hire and salaries, those issues were not carved in stone and those types of things would be determined by the Council of Governments (COG). One of the concerns was this center would not be a training center.

Mrs. Zolata stressed the surrounding cities needed to look toward the future and be fiscally responsible. The Fire and Police Departments brought this issue to Council; it wasn't Council's idea. Mr. Pozar stated it was the duties of Council to investigate/consider any/all topic(s) brought to them.

Mr. Saunders noted the Federal Government was also forcing equipment changes with very high costs. Equipment upgrades were mandated and this would be an avenue to share the costs.

Mr. Boehm wanted assured by Council and the Administration that they had no intentions to lay-off all six (6) of the dispatchers. Council said they had no intentions of eliminating all the dispatchers.

Mrs. Mizsak was sure the COG would make the right decisions. The current dispatchers were very well trained and the City felt they had very good employees. Mr. Boehm felt when Cuyahoga County got involved it was not a very good sign. Mr. Koci explained the funding and equipment was a win-win for Bedford. He also agreed the dispatchers were very well trained and felt strongly that the Bedford Fire and Police Departments were the best around. It was important to keep the well trained professional employees and to pay them accordingly. Council and the Administration was in agreement that they wanted to be involved in this regionalization to assist in Bedford leading the way to a better future.

Mr. Pozar requested clarification regarding the Safety Forces Levy. Mr. Boehm was concern about the AFSCME Union's reduction of a possible 11%. Mr. Pozar stated it was Council's obligation to do what was right for the taxpayers. He said the City was exploring the idea of regionalization and nothing was carved in stone. The dispatchers had not done anything wrong and the goal was to make sure the dispatchers retained benefits and their OPERS.

Mayor Pocek explained the three (3) cities would control the COG, this was in the "idea" state and it would save money. He respected the efforts of Mr. Boehm to protect the union employees but he felt the COG would do the right thing if it came to that.

Council agreed this was also about maintaining the "Quality of Life" in Bedford and offering better services to the surrounding communities. Mr. Pozar explained the roll the Administration and Council played in when dealing with money shortages and they all were open for any and all types of ideas to maintain a great city to live in. Mr. Koci said he has been promoting this issue for 30 years. Mayor Pocek stressed Council had to control Bedford's destiny and they wanted to see Bedford at the head of the line.

The Resolution of support this evening was just one step forward in gathering information and proving to the participating cities, Cuyahoga County and the State that they were serious in considering this idea. This issue would take 18 – 24 months of very hard work before it became reality. Mr. Gambosi said this program was about keeping the good employees and a way for Bedford to be able to afford the new mandated equipment. There was a short discussion as to how some of the surrounding cities currently cover their dispatch centers and how that might affect certain situations in those other cities. The Administration and Council did not have the full details as to why the other cities would not consider this opportunity and nor were they going to assume.

Mr. Boehm thanked Council and the Administration for their time and clarification.

Ordinance No. 8955-12 was an ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Nerone & Sons, Inc. for the emergency repairs to the Wood Creek Interceptor and to pay GPD Group for fees incurred in assisting and inspecting the project.

Mr. Angelo knew Council was aware of this emergency situation but he informed them he was not sure if the EPA was going to fine the City for this disaster. Another cost might be the resident's driveway that allowed the construction crew to the site for repairs. Mr. Koci questioned the overtime amounts for the foreman. Mr. Angelo would check into it.

Ordinance No. 8956-12 was an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Gardiner Trane for HVAC Preventative Maintenance Agreement.

Mr. Angelo noted this would allow Tony Romito to be trained in his new position. Mr. Romito was very eager to learn and was very focused on his new job duties. Mr. Batten wondered how Gardiner Trane was going to increase the efficiency from 50% to 70%. Mr. Angelo was not sure exactly how that was going to be done but it was an important factor for the minimal amount of extra money Gardiner Trane had

quoted over the other company's lower quote. Council agreed it was best to change to Gardiner Trane for the cost difference and the City had purchased Gardiner Trane for City Hall when it was constructed.

Council decided to schedule the summer meetings for June 4, July 16 and August 20, 2012.

Council agreed it would be best to have Tom Speaks for the City Marketing Plan discussion on April 30, 2012.

At 7:30 p.m., Bedford City Council and City Manager Henry J. Angelo went into an executive session to discuss personnel. The Executive Session recessed at 7:56 p.m.

At 7:58 p.m., Bedford City Council recessed to conduct the Regular Council Meeting.

Clerk of Council

Mayor – President of Council

REGULAR MEETING | **BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL** | **DATE: April 16, 2012**

STATE OF OHIO

AGENDA | **COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA** | **TIME: 8:00 P.M.**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

   a. Approval of Minutes of the Work Session of April 2, 2012
   b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 2, 2012
   c. Approval of Minutes of the Wards 3 & 4 Meeting of April 9, 2012

5. **REPORTS**

   a. City Manager
   b. Law Director
   c. Finance Director
   d. Council Reports

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

   a. Resolution No. 2454-12 establishing April as "National 9-1-1 Education Month"
   b. Resolution No. 2455-12 supporting the Regional Dispatching Center
   c. Ordinance No. 8955-12 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract w/Nerone & Sons, Inc. ($29,816.37)
   d. Ordinance No. 8956-12 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract w/Gardiner Trane ($5,996)

7. **HEARING OF CITIZENS**

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

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(Council minutes and agenda posted at www.bedfordoh.gov)

Bedford, Ohio April 16, 2012

Bedford City Council met in Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, April 16, 2012. Mayor Pocek 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: Mizsak, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci. Absent: None.

Motion made by Batten and seconded by Koci to approve the minutes of the Work Session of April 2, 2012. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizsak, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Mizsak to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 2, 2012. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizsak, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Zolata and seconded by Mizsak to approve the minutes of the Wards 3 & 4 Meeting of April 9, 2012. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizsak, Pocek, Pozar, Zolata, Koci. Abstain: Batten, Saunders. Motion carried.

No report from Henry J. Angelo, City Manager.

No report from Ken Schuman, Law Director.

Frank Gambosi, Finance Director announced the City received its 21st CAFR award and the Tax Department has been very busy. The Tax Department had collected signatures to maintain the income tax services in Bedford and not by the State of Ohio. He also announced the Rotary Pancake Breakfast Health Fair on Sunday, April 22, 2012.

Mayor Pocek said he would be in attendance for the Pancake Breakfast. He announced the Wards 5 & 6 Meeting on Monday, April 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. He stated Mr. Barnes would be the State Representative starting January 2013 and he would be in attendance at the next Mayors and Managers Meeting.

No report from Councilman Batten.

No report from Councilman Koci.

Councilwoman Zolata thought the Wards 3 & 4 Meeting went very well. She announced the Arbor Day event on Friday, April 27, 2012 located at City Hall at 10:00 a.m. The Garden Club and students from Holy Spirit would be in attendance. She clarified the World Changers applications were available for the residents.

Councilwoman Mizsak offered condolences and prayers to Jack Wardley for the recent loss of his son John Wardley. She agreed with Mrs. Zolata that the Ward 3 & 4 Meeting went very well. She urged all the Wards work together to maintain the good Quality of Life Bedford has to offer.

Councilman Pozar urged residents to attend the Ward 5 & 6 Meeting that will be on Monday, April 23, 2012. He thought these type meetings were very informative.

Councilman Saunders requested an invitation be sent to Ellen Connolly District 9 Cuyahoga County Councilwoman for the Ward 5 & 6 Meeting. He informed Mr. Angelo that a lot of the residents were placing their rubbish too early at the street curb.

RESOLUTION NO. 2454-12, a resolution establishing April as "National 9-1-1 Education Month" and declaring an emergency was read by title only.

Motion made by Batten and seconded by Koci for passage of Resolution No. 2454-12.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizsak, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2455-12, a resolution in support of the proposed regional dispatching center located at University Hospitals Bedford Medical Center with the participating cities of Bedford Heights and Maple Heights, Ohio and declaring an emergency was read by title only.

Motion made by Koci and seconded by Zolata for passage of Resolution No. 2455-12.

Mr. Angelo explained Bedford, Bedford Heights and Maple Heights were joining efforts for a regional dispatch center at the University Hospital Bedford Medical Center. The goal for Cuyahoga County was to have 5 dispatching centers. Currently there were 48 dispatching centers in Cuyahoga County. The other participating cities would be considering the same resolution this week. Mayor Pocek explained this was just the first step of this process and the City of Bedford has in the past strived to be very involved in utilization efforts. This process was going to take 18 – 24 months before it became a reality. A Council of Governments (COG) would be formed to oversee this operation. Mr. Batten said this was talked about for the past 20 years and he thought the safety services would be better and the participating cities would save a lot of money. Mr. Koci said he was in support of this topic and he thought the time has come. He has been in favor of this idea for 30 years. All the participating fire and police chiefs were very involved in gathering information, addressing concerns and working on the details. Mrs. Zolata thought the cities were being fiscally responsible. Mrs. Mizsak thought the regionalization of the warning sirens was a great effort so this was a great idea too. Mr. Pozar thought human nature was resistant to change of any type. He thought it was best to educate everyone over time so everyone understood and after all the facts were known the prevailing wisdom would agree the participating cities made the right choice. Mr. Saunders thanked University Hospital for offering the free space for this center. He explained Cuyahoga County and the Federal Government was contributing funds toward this center so it was ideal for the participating cities to move forward with the idea. One of the benefits was the additional employees at this new center would be paying income tax to the City of Bedford. Council agreed this was a great idea.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizsak, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 8955-12, an ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Nerone & Sons, Inc. for the emergency repairs to the Wood Creek Interceptor and to pay GPD Group for fees incurred in assisting and inspecting the project and declaring an emergency was read by title only.

Motion made by Mizsak seconded by Pozar to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizsak, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizsak and seconded by Koci to place Ordinance No. 8955-12 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Angelo explained there had been a 24 inch sewer pipe that had broken and this issue needed to be addressed as an emergency because of the large amounts of raw sewage that was being dumped daily into Wood Creek. He was not positive if or how much the City was going to be fined by the EPA for this issue. He added a resident allowed the City and construction workers use of their drive for access to the creek, so there might be possible repair costs there too.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizsak, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 8956-12, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Gardiner Trane for HVAC Preventative Maintenance Agreement and declaring an emergency was read by title only.

Motion made by Batten seconded by Zolata to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizsak, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Pozar to place Ordinance No. 8956-12 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Angelo explained the current equipment was Trane equipment and Gardiner Trane offered an energy star rated building increasing the current rating of 50% to 70%. The Administration and Council members thought for the minimal cost it would pay off in the long run.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizsak, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pocek said that would conclude the business portion of the meeting and asked if anyone in the audience had any concerns.

Sandy Spinks, 265 Grand Boulevard explained she had been working on getting local farmers to participate in a downtown Bedford Farmers Market, which she hoped would take place the last week in July 2012.

Kathy Williams, 491 Lamson Avenue had been previously told the radio tower location was specific because of the quality or clearness of the signals for the dispatchers, which she felt was not a true statement if the dispatchers were being relocated. She pointed out there had been an increase in cancer around the location of the tower so she asked if the tower was being relocated. Mr. Angelo replied the tower was not going to be relocated. Mrs. Williams asked if University Hospital was collecting rent from the participating cities. Mr. Angelo replied, no. Mrs. Williams understood the cities would have to pay for new equipment. Mr. Angelo explained there were grants involved in aiding in equipment costs. Mrs. Williams asked if some of the Bedford dispatchers would lose their jobs. Mr. Angelo said the goal was to offer the current dispatchers an opportunity to work at the new dispatching location. The COG would be handling the employees, not the individual cities. Mayor Pocek reiterated this process would take place over the next 18 – 24 months and originally there were eight (8) cities involved but currently there were three (3).

Barbara McDaniel, 186 Center Road pointed out the deterioration of certain parts of the City Park behind City Hall that needed some tender loving care. She thought it was worth saving because of the amount of money that was spent beautifying this area. Mr. Angelo explained some of these issues had already been

addressed and vandals were destroying a lot of signs and mailboxes in the City. Mrs. McDaniel cringes when she reads the wording "precious cargo" on the side of the senior vehicle.

Jeff Duber, 134 Harriman Street noticed in Florida that they had quiet zones by the railroad tracks and wondered if Bedford would ever see quiet zones. Mayor Pocek said this issue had been an ongoing problem. Mr. Angelo noted this topic was being explained at every Ward Meeting of late and there were several unanswered questions, concerns and traffic concerns. He urged everyone to attend the Wards 5 & 6 Meeting on April 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. for the latest update and information from Mr. Mallis. Mr. Pozar stressed this was a very frustrating topic because of all the hoops the City had been jumping through over the past several years.

Tim Tench, 286 Marion Drive agreed with the new dispatching center but he has concerns even though the "theory" sounds logical. He had faith that the Administration and Council would ask the right questions. Mayor Pocek urged everyone to read the newspaper to educate them on what topic/issues were going to be addressed in the future. Mr. Tench had concerns why other cities backed out of the first attempt of this type of center. He said just because the State or Federal agencies mandate items do not mean it is correct. Mr. Koci added this idea was happening all over the country but it was the first time in this area that the fire and police departments worked together. Mr. Angelo stated these participating cities wanted the new dispatch center to be the premier center so surrounding communities would eventually want to be a part of our center. This center would not be a training center for other communities. Mr. Tench had concerns because of the past history regarding University Hospital's situations. Mr. Pozar thought if the hospital closed due to problems, there could be a huge benefit for Bedford. With future technologies, it might allow the dispatch center to grow beyond what can be imagined today. Mr. Tench still had concerns. Mayor Pocek clarified the administration and council was taking this issue very seriously and they would do what was best for the City of Bedford. Mr. Duber pointed out SEALE and Hazmat were joint efforts of several communities. He thought the new regional dispatch center could set higher standards/requirements for the dispatchers regarding medical awareness/training.

Helen Briggs, 149 Grand Boulevard explained there was a vehicle (RV) being repaired that had been placed on cement blocks at 307 Grand Boulevard. Mr. Schuman said the vehicle had to be operable but it would be investigated. Mrs. Briggs wondered if there was a sign limit that could be placed on a tree lawn. There were several different types of signs being posted in the tree lawn near her residence. She was told that signs were not permitted in any tree lawn so she could remove them herself. Mr. Shuman stated the signs were illegal.

Dot Schwende, 513 Lamson Drive pointed out the failure with the RTA bus system in defense of Mr. Tench. Mr. Gambosi noted "regionalization" was not a new idea and some efforts had paid off.

Mayor Pocek asked if there were any further comments. There being no reply, motion made by Koci and seconded by Mizsak to adjourn. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Mizsak, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 P.M.

Bonnie Sellers
Clerk of Council

David S. Pocek
Mayor – President of Council