

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2012**

**6:30 P.M. PROMPT**

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- **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA**
- **DISCUSSION OF ELMER FLICK SIGN LOCATION**
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION – personnel**

Bedford, Ohio

June 4, 2012

Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, June 4, 2012 at 6:37 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Daniel Pocek, Warner Batten, Stan Koci, Marilyn Zolata, Paula Mizensak, Greg Pozar, Donald Saunders. Also Present: Clerk of Council Lorree Villers. Administration: City Manager Henry J. Angelo, Finance Director Frank Gambosi, Law Director Ken Schuman, Mike Mallis Economic Development Director. Absent: None.

Mayor Pocek began discussion of the Regular Council Meeting agenda.

Council had no issues with the May 21, 2012 Work Session, Regular Council and Tax Budget Meeting Minutes.

Resolution No. 2456-12 was a resolution approving and accepting the proposed 2012 Tax Budget for the year January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013. Mr. Gambosi noted for the record, the Public Hearing for this topic had been held on May 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. He suggested Council pass this resolution this evening as previously planned.

Resolution No. 2457-12 was a resolution in support of the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mr. Angelo asked Council to consider this piece of legislation this evening.

Ordinance No. 8969-12 was an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Stryker Medical. Mr. Angelo explained Stryker was a sole proprietor for this type of equipment. The lift chairs would save on the crews backs lifting people into the ambulance. The total was \$43,406 but the \$18,000+ grant was a big help. The City was only responsible for \$14,000+.

Ordinance No. 8970-12 was an ordinance authorizing additional work for the Grand Boulevard, Franklin Avenue and Magnolia Avenue waterline replacement OPWC Project. Mr. Angelo and Mr. Gambosi explained there were some additional things that needed addressed. To date, the expenses were \$19,000+ but the City's engineer had suggested the ordinance be written not to exceed \$25,000. The additional monies would cover any unexpected things that needed addressed, as well as the variable construction material prices for curbs and drive approaches. Mrs. Zolata asked if this work was a continuation of the 2011 project. Mr. Angelo explained the weather was the reason the construction ended in 2011, it got too cold to continue.

Ordinance No. 8971-12 was an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract w/Software Solutions. Mr. Gambosi explained the importance of this issue. He had been planning these updates for 10 years. The maintenance for the current system was \$18,000 per year and he could replace it with a new system for \$125,000+. He suggested Council pass the ordinance this evening.

Mr. Angelo explained that the four NSP homes and the four HUD homes that the City currently owned needed their violations addressed and the repairs completed. The cost was going to be approximately \$70,000 for all the homes for various types of repairs. After all the repairs were done, the City would put the homes up For Sale. There was discussion regarding the situation of the economy and how it was going to affect the sale prices. The main focus was to get the homes finished and move forward.

Mayor Pocek wanted Council's suggestions regarding the Elmer Flick sign and statue location. Each Council member shared their thoughts as to where they thought the statue should be placed. There was a short discussion regarding the costs and size of the statue because Council had previously asked Jim

Wagner for the information and to date, they had not received the particulars. They figured the donations that needed to be collected to assist in the statues expense was far from reality. It was determined one of the best places to erect the statue would be in the area of the Bedford sign which was located by the Los Gallos restaurant. Council all agreed Mr. Batten had the best idea for the location.

Discussion of the regular Work Session agenda was concluded.

At 7:52 p.m., Bedford City Council, City Manager Henry J. Angelo, Law Director Ken Schuman, Finance Director Frank Gambosi, went into an executive session to discuss personnel. The Executive Session recessed at 7:56 p.m.

The Work Session adjourned at 7:58 p.m.



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Clerk of Council



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Mayor – President of Council

REGULAR MEETING

BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL  
STATE OF OHIO  
COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

DATE: June 4, 2012

AGENDA

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 May 21, 2012
- b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 21, 2012
- c. Approval of Minutes of the Tax Budget Public Hearing of May 21, 2012

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Resolution No. 2456-12 approving and accepting the proposed 2012 tax budget for the year 2013 (PH & 1<sup>st</sup> Rdg 5/21/12)

6. **REPORTS**

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

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Resolution No. 2457-12 support of the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan
- b. Ordinance No. 8969-12 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract w/Stryker Medical (\$14,468.67)
- c. Ordinance No. 8970-12 authorizing change orders for Terrace Construction Company, Inc. for the Grand/Franklin/Magnolia Waterline Project (\$25,000)
- d. Ordinance No. 8971-12 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract w/Software Solutions (\$25,160)

8. **HEARING OF CITIZENS**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Bedford, Ohio

June 4, 2012

Bedford City Council met in Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, June 4, 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: Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizensak, Pocek, Pozar. Absent: None.

Motion made by Koci and seconded by Zolata to approve the minutes of the Work Session of May 21, 2012. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizensak, Pocek, Pozar. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizensak seconded by Pozar to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 21, 2012. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizensak, Pocek, Pozar. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Pozar to approve the minutes of Tax Budget Public Hearing of May 21, 2012. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizensak, Pocek, Pozar. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2456-12**, being a resolution approving and accepting the proposed 2012 Tax Budget for the year January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 and declaring an emergency placed on first reading May 21, 2012 was read by title only.

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

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

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Pozar to place Resolution No. 2456-12 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi stated this was the early stages of the budget process. The process started by adopting millage, get the certificate of estimated resources started and estimate the revenue expenses for 2013 on a general basis. The budget discussions would start in August of this year and would be completed by December 31, 2012. Mayor Pocek explained the City Manager first started discussions with the department heads then brought the figures to Council in November for discussions. The final adjustments would be carved in stone by the end of December.

Mr. Pozar recalled 20 years ago the City's cash balance was \$30,000-\$40,000. Some of the contractors that were owed money would be present to see if they were going to get paid. He said currently the City was handling \$30+ million dollars and the work load was so different from several years ago. He said by finalizing the budget early the City could take advantage of hungry contractors, a blue print or idea that was being considered and being able to pay for it while the City was doing it. The departments and Council had a vision to work from. He appreciated the efforts the Finance Department did in preparing the documents for Council.

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

Henry J. Angelo, City Manager announced the Cities of Bedford, Bedford Height and Maple Heights were awarded a \$55,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Development Local Government Innovation Fund, which will be used for the regional dispatch. The City was looking on a \$900,000 grant from the Federal Government with an \$180,000 Cuyahoga County match. Kudos to the group and chiefs that were

working very hard on this program and for bring more funds for City use for this project and an additional \$55,000.

No report from Ken Schuman, Law Director.

Frank Gambosi, Finance Director noted the Tax Department mailed 200+ subpoenas in May 2012 and will continue to do so. The department was able to update the records. Kudos to the Tax Department they have been very busy.

Mayor Pocek said there was a meeting prior to this evening's meeting with John Barnes, State Representative (to be) to discuss the statewide municipal income tax issue. Mr. Barnes was in favor in a standardized form for Ohio to aid in potential economic development. It was determined in the meeting that Mr. Gambosi would be drafting a form for Mr. Barnes to use because Mr. Gambosi was the former President Financial Officer of the State of Ohio. He felt the City of Bedford was going to have a good friend in Mr. Barnes.

Mr. Angelo said he has had two meetings with Mr. Barnes and Mr. Barnes was very interested in the information Mr. Gambosi had to share. He stated Mr. Gambosi did a great presentation to Mr. Barnes. Mr. Gambosi felt the advice and information he had to share would be used.

Mayor Pocek announced the Special Work Session on June 5, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Council and the Administration were in agreement the first step the City needed to do was get the Boards and Commission Members involved along with residents and business owners.

Councilman Saunders thanked Mr. Gambosi and his Rotarians for all their hard work for the Rib Festival this past weekend. He stated it was groups like them that helped in promoting the City through their own selfishness and hard work. He announced the Strawberry Festival this coming weekend. The proceeds would maintain and operate the historical building on the square. This was the main fund raiser for the Bedford Historical Preservation Board. He announced former Mayor Lawrence Aguiar had passed away. He served in the 1970's as Mayor.

Councilman Pozar apologized for his absence regarding the June 5, 2012 Special Work Session due to a death in his family. He thought the Special Work Session was going to be exciting and he encouraged everyone to bring someone to the meeting. Everyone would be important in planning the next blueprint for the City. He reported the U.S. Government was in debt approximately \$16 trillion dollars but in the last nine months the Federal Government spent over \$5 billion per day. During that time there were 24 bank failures in 2011 so he suggested everyone check their personal bank ratings. Each bank failure that happened in 2011 cost the insurance company (FDICA) \$64 million to sort out. We as a nation collect \$2.5 trillion dollars in taxes which was 16% of the deficit.

Councilwoman Mizensak enjoyed the Chalk Art event. She then reported to Mr. Angelo that on Greencliff Drive that had rolling curbs, not built-up curbs, some of the drives still needed attention. Mayor Pocek said the work that Sandy Spinks created on Chalk Art day was amazing. He and Mr. Batten were also the rib judges this year.

Councilwoman Zolata stated not only was Mrs. Spinks' artwork amazing but there were several other pictures that were wonderful. She was excited the weather was favorable for the Strawberry Festival this coming weekend. She stated the Service, Fire and Police Departments did a fantastic job for the Memorial Day weekend event.

Councilman Koci requested the low man hole located on Broadway Avenue south of Columbus be raised up. He noted the Dollar Store on Northfield and Columbus Roads still had high grass, which he had

reported three weeks ago. Mr. Angelo noted he'd look into Mr. Koci's complaints. Mr. Koci announced the Tinkers Creek Watershed Partners was having a stream clean up on June 23, 2012 near Overlook Drive in Bedford.

Councilman Batten told a funny story about how Mr. Gambosi every year managed to keep a nut that fit one of the bolts on the spinning wheel and every year they have to go searching for parts.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2457-12**, a resolution in support of the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and declaring an emergency was read by title only.

Motion made by Pozar seconded by Saunders for passage of Resolution No. 2457-12.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 8969-12**, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Stryker Medical 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: Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizensak, Pocek, Pozar. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Mizensak to place Ordinance No. 8969-12 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Angelo explained the Fire Department was able to secure a grant for \$28,000+ so the City's share was \$14,000+ for the equipment.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 8970-12**, an ordinance authorizing additional work for the Grand Boulevard, Franklin Avenue and Magnolia Avenue Waterline Replacement OPWC Project and declaring an emergency was read by title only.

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

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

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Mizensak to place Ordinance No. 8970-12 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Angelo explained because of additional work there was a need for additional funds to finish the project that included: more curb work, three paper streets that would be decreased to driveway size and a couple driveway approaches. This was a continuance of the 2011 project.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 8971-12**, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Software Solutions and declaring an emergency was read by title only.

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

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

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Mizsak to place Ordinance No. 8971-12 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi explained he had been planning this upgrade for about 10 years. He wanted to make sure this type of system worked. The upgrades would include VIP License, Accounting Suite, Payroll, Asset Management, Departmental Purchasing Upgrade and Dashboard. The savings was over \$40,000; he pointed out this was a complete new system for \$25,000+. The City currently spent \$18,000 to maintain its current system.

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

Mayor Pocek said that concluded the business portion of the meeting and asked if anyone in the audience had any comments.

Dick Bender, 69 Wandle Avenue told his story of what he went through to purchase Military license plates. He concluded his story by stating Mr. Barnes's office assisted him in a professional manner and he received his military plates. He just sent Mr. Barnes a thank you card today.

Phil Williams, 150 Best Street stated Bedford's downtown area looked beautiful over Memorial Day. He pointed out the nice job someone had done fixing up the Best Street Day Care building. There was a car at 172 Best Street with flat tires that had been in that condition since 2011. He referred to the Playboy Mansion at 166 Best Street where numerous kids hang out. The father (Scott) moved out of Bedford and now his son lives there. There was an explosion at 166 Best Street last week. He called the police but the son reported they didn't have any more fireworks. Mr. Angelo explained if the police were repeatedly called for this address the City had a nuisance law in place to deal with them.

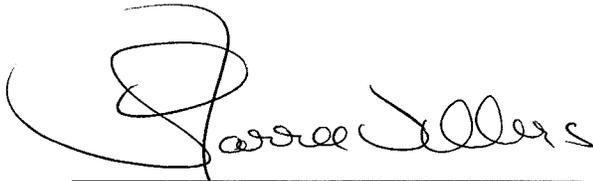
Sandy Spinks, 265 Grand Boulevard said she was honored to be a part of the Chalk Art event. Her drawing was in celebration of the 175<sup>th</sup> birthday of Bedford. She had fun interacting with the children on this event. She also pointed out that there were several children walking down the middle of the streets and they don't move out of the way. Mayor Pocek stated it was arrogance and defiance was the reason they were doing it. Everyone agreed it had to be put to a stop. Mr. Schuman explained these children were addressed by the Police Department and the Court.

Jean Sapir, Southeast Branch of Cuyahoga Library listed the upcoming events: Camp Cuyahoga with Arts Alive, MockingBot Camp, the summer reading program and free lunches for the children under the age of 18 years old. On June 5, 2012 there were the Pyramids and Planets Mathematics of the Ancient Maya and Poems of the Wind Writing Workshop on June 16, 2012. She hoped Council would participate in drawing their flags again as they did last year.

Mayor Pocek announced the first Party in the Park was Wednesday, June 6, 2012. Now that Council was on summer session their next meeting would be July 16, 2012.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 P.M.



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Clerk of Council



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Mayor – President of Council