

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2015**

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

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- **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA**
  
- **DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:**
  - Bedford Historical Society
  - Arts and Cultural Board Liaison (2 yr term)
  - Community Council
  - Vice-Mayor (2 yr term)
  
- **DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL EXPENDITURES** (Pozar 11/2/15 – 11/16/15)
  
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – (Personnel/Economic Development)

Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, December 21, 2015 at 6:38p.m. Present: Council Members: Marilyn Zolata, Walter Genutis, Greg Pozar, Don Saunders, Paula Mizsak, Sandy Spinks. Absent: Mayor Stan Koci. Administration: City Manager Michael Mallis, Law Director John Montello, Finance Director Frank Gambosi, Chief of Police Kris Nietert and Clerk of Council Lorree Villers. Also present: Beth and Mike Housiaux-Steward and another resident.

Vice Mayor Zolata began discussion of the Regular Council Meeting agenda.

The minutes of the Work Session of December 7, 2015 and the Regular Meeting of December 7, 2015 were tabled; the copy machine malfunctioned and there was a page missing.

Ordinance No. 9335-15 amended Ordinance No. 9232-15 a contract with GPD Group for engineering services. The contract contained increases in the billable hourly rates for the various GPD Group staff. It was understood when Mr. Ciuni was assigned a project he forwarded the proposal to the City using the schedule of hourly rates of various tasks involved with certain projects for that year. Construction inspection hours were a part of construction contracts that were bid out. It was clear any projects currently being worked on by GPD would be billed at the current rates not the new rates. The new rates before Council this evening would only affect future engineering projects in 2016.

Ordinance No. 9337-15 amended §911.03 water/sewer rate reduction for senior citizens and the disabled. Again, Mr. Gambosi reminded Council the amendments were: their spouse and any other household members residing in the premises must have a combined income of less than \$32,406.00 to receive the discount in the year 2016 and the applicant and their spouse must not have more than \$3,000 per year in dividend and interest income. It was determined this did not apply to rental properties; the applicant must reside in the home.

Ordinance No. 9343-15 amended §505.20 (a)(b) "Hunting Prohibited" & Enacting §505.201 "Special Permits for Culling Deer", Ordinance No. 9344-15 enacted §505.26 "Interference with Taking Wildlife" and Ordinance No. 9345-15 amended §549.09 (a) (b) "Throwing or Shooting Projectiles" requested by the Police Department and was read as first reading on December 7, 2015. It was determined the goal was to cull an undetermined number over the next three years at the Waste Water Treatment Plant and the cemetery which were non-populated areas. Clarification was made the program would not occur on private property because the yards in Bedford were not large enough because the requirement was five acres and it was understood the culling of an animal wasn't something residents wanted to witness. The intent of the program was to eliminate deer to decrease the deer/car accidents for safety reasons. It was determined most of these accidents in Bedford occurred on Turney and Center Roads. It was mentioned many west side communities continued to work on a program implementing deer culling. Chief Nietert submitted a draft of Bedford's Deer Management Plan; additional information from the December 7<sup>th</sup> Work Session for Council to review. (See attached) The plan addressed the following: Area of Description, Obligations, Identified Problems, Goals, Solution and Closing. He noted that only 50% of deer accidents were reported and finding a deer carcass one could assume it was hit by a vehicle. Mr. Genutis suggested changes be made but nothing had been decided on as an amendment. He was going to amend the ordinances before Council and submit his own version. After many more suggestions and comments none of the ordinances were amended. It was decided the Administration and Mr. Genutis would work together on amending the ordinances. Council agreed they needed to discuss the issue in more detail so Council would continue the reading process before final consideration in 2016. Mrs. Housiaux-Steward had a few suggests that would be reviewed.

Ordinance No. 9351-15 amended Ordinance No. 9231-14 making additional appropriations. Mr. Gambosi noted the amendments were for: The in and out of \$1,000 was for council personal services salaries for last pay in 2015, and the \$60,000 was for the temporary purchase of the Nissan property on Rockside Road for \$50,000 plus closing costs from the county to be sold to the county land bank, to transfer funds for payroll costs raises in 2015 in the Recreation Department, to account for increased tariff costs from First Energy and of course the street lighting bills, appropriations were needed for Heightened Law Enforcement Grant, to appropriate funds for housing costs and reduce transfer into the General fund by \$108.02 and to add additional pension funds associated with overtime pay \$10,000 and pay raises.

Ordinance No. 9352-15 amended to the CRA for Hemisphere Development LLC. Mr. Mallis and Mr. Gambosi explained this was a modification to the original agreement from 2008. The TIRC recommended the original agreement be modified to reflect their current job status.

Ordinance No. 9353-15 contracted with Nerone & Sons for Union Street Bridge sewer pipe repair in the amount of \$12,600. The emergency repair was to the sanitary sewer attached to the Union Street Bridge over Tinkers Creek that was installed in the 1940's and repairs need to be made immediately due to issues with corrosion and separation. The brackets were no longer attached to the bridge supporting the sewer pipe over Tinkers Creek. It was very important to secure the pipe so the City didn't take a chance of it breaking and spilling into the creek.

Ordinance No. 9354-15 provided issuance and sale of bonds for water meters for \$1.4 million. Mr. Gambosi explained some of the residential water meters were not recording accurately so the resident was not being billed correctly. The City was losing money with slow metering meters. Discussion was held that some of the residents would be unhappy when their bill increased. Mr. Gambosi pointed out if the current meters were metering accurately there would not be an increase in any resident's bill. The only noticeable bill increase would be for those meters that were not metering accurately and the resident should be billed for the water they were actually using. There were residents using a lot of water and not being billed accurately due to a slow metering meter.

Resolution No. 2499-15 directed Plain Dealer/Cleveland.com to modify the ShopCLE distribution process. The City of Cleveland also recently passed legislation addressing this issue. Bedford had received numerous complaints concerning the distribution of the ShopCLE weekly circular by the Plain Dealer and/or Cleveland.com in regards to litter and blight occurring all over the City. Council and the Administration desired the entities to cease and/or modify the delivery process so as to ensure that no littering or blight occurs. Mr. Mallis explained this issue was already being addressed and the resolution was probably not necessary at this point. Council agreed it was best to vote on the resolution this evening.

Discussion of the Regular Meeting agenda was concluded.

#### **DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

Council did not afford themselves enough time to discuss this topic so it was forwarded to the January 19, 2016 Work Session.

#### **DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL EXPENDITURES**

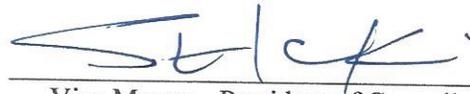
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At 7:50 p.m., Bedford City Council, City Manager Mike Mallis, Law Director John Montello, went into an executive session to discuss Personnel and Economic Development.

Executive session adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Work Session adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

  
Clerk of Council

  
Vice Mayor – President of Council

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - a. Approval of Minutes of the Work Session of December 7, 2015
  - b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 7, 2015
5. **PRESENTATIONS** Swearing-in 1<sup>st</sup> Shaun Stanton – 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Martel accompanied by K-9 Mike
6. **OLD BUSINESS** (1<sup>st</sup> Rdg 11/16/15 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Rdg 12/7/15)
  - a. Ordinance No. 9335-15 amend Ord. #9232-15 contract w/GPD Group for Engineering services
  - b. Ordinance No. 9337-15 amend §911.03 water/sewer rate reduction for senior citizens & disabled
  - c. Ordinance No. 9343-15 amend §505.20 (a)(b) “Hunting Prohibited” & Enacting §505.201 “Special Permits for Culling Deer” (1<sup>st</sup> Rdg 12/7/15)
  - d. Ordinance No. 9344-15 enacting §505.26 “Interference with Taking Wildlife” (1<sup>st</sup> Rdg 12/7/15)
  - e. Ordinance No. 9345-15 amending §549.09 (a) (b) “Throwing or Shooting Projectiles” (1<sup>st</sup> Rdg 12/7/15)
7. **REPORTS**
  - a. City Manager
  - b. Law Director
  - c. Finance Director
  - d. Council Reports
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. Ordinance No. 9351-15 amend Ordinance No. 9231-14 making additional appropriations
  - b. Ordinance No. 9352-15 amendment to the CRA for Hemisphere Development LLC (Ref: #8084-08/9009-12)
  - c. Ordinance No. 9353-15 contract w/Nerone & Sons for Union Street Bridge sewer pipe repair (\$12,600)
  - d. Ordinance No. 9354-15 providing issuance and sale of bonds for water meters (\$1,4 million)
  - e. Resolution No. 2499-15 directing Plain Dealer/Cleveland.com to modify the ShopCLE distribution process
9. **HEARING OF CITIZENS**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Bedford, Ohio

December 21, 2015

Bedford City Council met in Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, December 21, 2015. Vice Mayor Zolata called the meeting to order at 8:06 P.M. The meeting was opened by pledging allegiance to the flag. The roll was called. Present: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Mizesak, Genutis. Absent: Koci.

Motion made by Mizesak and seconded by Saunders to excuse Mayor Koci. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Mizesak, Genutis. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Genutis and seconded by Spinks to table the minutes of the Work Session of December 7, 2015. The copier malfunctioned and the minutes were not complete. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Mizesak, Genutis. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Genutis to table the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 7, 2015. The copier malfunctioned and omitted page 5. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Mizesak, Genutis. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Mayor Zolata announced Law Director John Montello would be swearing in the two new officers Shaun Stanton and Robert Martel accompanied by Officer Futo and Officer Mike (K-9). Chief Nietert stated his thanks for the opportunity to fill the vacancies and congratulated and wished both Patrolmen long and productive careers and urged them to honor their badge. Chief Nietert introduced Officer Futo and Officer Mike. Chief Nietert and Mr. Mallis expressed their appreciation and gratitude to the Automile for their generous donation so the Police Department could have a K-9 Officer. Mr. Mallis again told the story about the rescue Officer Mike made regarding a child in distress. Mr. Genutis referred to the statement Chief Nietert always tells the newly sworn in officers which was to honor the badge. He was touched by the statement of Chief Nietert. The Patrolmen introduced their families.

ORDINANCE NO. 9335-15 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9232-15 PROVIDING FOR A CONTRACT WITH GPD GROUP FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY OF BEDFORD PLACED ON FIRST READING NOVEMBER 16, 2015 AND SECOND READING ON DECEMBER 7, 2015 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Genutis to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Mizesak, Genutis. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizesak seconded by Genutis to place Ordinance No. **9335-15** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis explained the billing would reflect the year the project was addressed; the 2014 projects would be billed at 2014 rates, the 2015 projects would be billed at the 2015 rates and future 2016 projects would be billed at 2016 rates. The WWTP projects would be billed at the rate the project was started.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Mizesak, Genutis. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9337-15 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 8863-11 CODIFIED ORDINANCE §911.03 “RATE REDUCTION FOR DISABLED PERSONS AND SENIOR CITIZENS” FOR WATER AND SEWER DISCOUNTS PLACED ON FIRST READING NOVEMBER 16, 2015 AND SECOND READING ON DECEMBER 7, 2015 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Mizesak, Genutis. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Genutis to place Ordinance No. **9337-15** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi explained the changes were: their spouse and any other household members residing in the premises must have a combined income of less than \$32,406.00 for the year 2014 to receive the discount in the year 2016 and the applicant and their spouse must not have more than \$3,000 per year in dividend and interest income. This did not apply to rental properties; the applicant must reside in the home. Mr. Pozar suggested military be eligible as well. It was determined this idea would be discussed at a future meeting.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Mizesak, Genutis. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9343-15 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 505.20 (a) (b) ENTITLED “HUNTING PROHIBITED” AND ENACTING SECTION 505.201 ENTITLED “SPECIAL PERMITS FOR CULLING DEER” OF THE GENERAL OFFENSE CODE OF THE BEDFORD CODIFIED ORDINANCES PLACED ON FIRST READING DECEMBER 7, 2015 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Spinks to place Ordinance No. **9343-15** on second reading.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Mizesak. Nays: Genutis. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 9344-15 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTION 505.26 ENTITLED “INTERFERENCE WITH TAKING WILDLIFE” OF THE BEDFORD CODIFIED ORDINANCES PLACED ON FIRST READING DECEMBER 7, 2015 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. **9344-15** on second reading.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Mizesak. Nays: Genutis. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 9345-15 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 549.09 (a) (b) ENTITLED “THROWING OR SHOOTING PROJECTILES” OF THE BEDFORD CODIFIED ORDINANCES PLACED ON FIRST READING ON DECEMBER 7, 2015 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Spinks to place Ordinance No. **9345-15** on second reading.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Mizesak. Nays: Genutis. Motion carried.

The Administration and all of the Council members wished everyone a safe and Happy Holidays, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Dot Schwende was praised for another successful Christmas in Bedford Falls event. Congratulations were sent by all to the two new Patrolmen sworn in this evening.

City Manager Michael Mallis explained the Broadway Avenue and Pinecrest sewer project which would be finished sooner than anticipated. He commended the Fire and Police Departments for the recent house fire and drug bust. He urged residents to be good neighbors this winter season by clearing their walks, assist in helping out their neighbors and not to park on the street during snow fall. He announced Nature Stone celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Nature Stone had a successful business, they were a great corporate partner who was truly vested in Bedford. He urged residents and visitors to visit the businesses downtown.

No report from Law Director John Montello and Finance Director Frank Gambosi regarding specific City business. They extended their holiday wishes and congratulations to the two new Patrolmen.

Councilman Pozar understood the Tree Lighting was another success this year with the addition of the Cleveland Ballet and wished he had been here to see it.

Councilman Saunders urged everyone to be a good neighbor and to help their neighbors during the winter season and not park across from their neighbor's apron after a snow fall.

Councilwoman Spinks explained in conjunction with the successful Christmas in Bedford Falls event the Historical Museum had a good turnout. Santa pleased several visitors again this year.

Councilwoman Mizensak was pleased to see The Salvation Army bell ringers at the Christmas in Bedford Falls event. She said Ward 4 recently experienced an arson fire which was still under investigation and another fire where a child was playing with matches. The good news was the mother and her five children escaped without injuries and was welcomed into a neighbor's home to briefly seek shelter. She thanked the neighbor who gave them shelter.

Councilman Genutis referred to painful situations/stories associated in 2015 but reminded everyone there was also wonderful things to look forward to in the New Year.

Vice-Mayor Zolata announced the Finance Director/Finance Department received its 25<sup>th</sup> Certificate of Achievement in Excellence in Financial Reporting. Mr. Gambosi commended his department for all their hard work; the employees were very good at what they do. Mrs. Zolata explained Mayor Koci recently attended a prayer service at the Ahmaddiya Movement in Islam on Center Road. She expressed the recent East Monroe sewer repair was handled quickly and the neighbors were pleased. It was clarified donations were still being accepted for the Lights Out for Hunger.

ORDINANCE NO. 9351-15 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9231-14 MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO DURING THE YEAR 2015 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Mizensak, Genutis. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Genutis to place Ordinance No. **9351-15** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi explained this was the final changes for 2015 and listed a few items of interest: the purchase of the Nissan property, payroll adjustments and collections from the SEALE organization and the increase in street lighting costs.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Mizesak, Genutis. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9352-15 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA (CRA) AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BEDFORD AND 200 EGBERT ROAD LLC, WHICH WAS SOLD TO TINKERS CREEK I LLC APPROVED BY ORDINANCE NO. 8084-08 PASSED ON APRIL 7, 2008 AND TRANSFERRED TO TINKERS CREEK I DEVELOPMENT LLC BY ORDINANCE NO. 9009-12 PASSED ON OCTOBER 12, 2012 WHICH IS OWNED BY HEMISPHERE DEVELOPMENT LLC AND HULL AND ASSOCIATES, INC. (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "OWNER") AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THAT AMENDED AGREEMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Mizesak to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Mizesak, Genutis. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Spinks to place Ordinance No. **9352-15** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis explained this action was a modification/amendment of the original 2008 agreement at the recommendation of the TIRC for the Hemisphere headquarters. Hemisphere was involved with the City and a good corporate neighbor.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Mizesak, Genutis. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9353-15 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH NERONE & SONS, INC. FOR EMERGENCY REPAIR TO THE SANITARY SEWER ATTACHED TO THE UNION STREET BRIDGE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Mizesak to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Mizesak, Genutis. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Genutis to place Ordinance No. **9353-15** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis explained the reason for the emergency repair was to replace the broken brackets/hangers that were there to secure the sewer line.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Mizensak, Genutis. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9354-15 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$1,400,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF IMPROVING AND RENOVATING THE MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM BY PURCHASING WATER METERS, TOGETHER WITH WORK NECESSARY AND INCIDENTAL THERETO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

Motion made by Spink seconded by Mizensak to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Mizensak, Genutis. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Pozar seconded by Spinks to place Ordinance No. **9354-15** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi explained this was for residential water meters for the purpose of paying costs and work associated with the project locking in for five (5) years at the best current interest rates available.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Mizensak, Genutis. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2499-15 A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PLAIN DEALER AND CLEVELAND.COM TO IMMEDIATELY MODIFY THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ShopCLE WEEKLY CIRCULAR TO ENSURE THAT NO LITTERING OR BLIGHT OCCURS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Spinks to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said resolution three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Mizensak, Genutis. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Mizensak to place Resolution No. **2499-15** on third and final reading and passed.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Spinks, Mizensak, Genutis. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

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

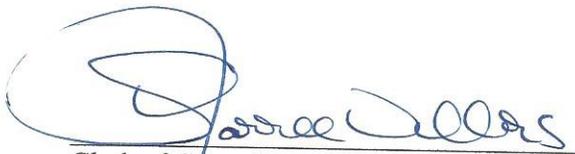
Doug Dressman and Jennifer Shauf, 141 Harriman, spoke about the ongoing construction and contractors involved with their garage project. He referred to the “stop work order” from the Building Commissioner due to the footer issue and with the winter season approaching they would like to continue to move forward. Mr. Mallis explained he had hoped to contact them today regarding their project but he was not able to do so; however, he assured them he would address their concerns Tuesday to expedite the project.

Beth and Mike Housiaux-Steward, 93 Avalon Avenue, voiced their opinions/concerns regarding the three ordinances pertaining to deer culling. Mrs. Housiaux-Steward requested the wording pertaining to "bow hunting", "private property" and "other methods" be addressed/clarified. She was concerned with the overall costs of the program and she did not have a problem with the deer. She questioned: if the City realized the costs in general, if the City knew how to address the issue/program and if the City knew the organizations it should be contacting. She felt the City was not doing the research in its entirety and the program was being rushed. She supported deer contraception and additional signage posted alerting drivers of the trouble areas. She thought the public/residents should be educated regarding deer mannerisms and why they do what they do certain times of the year. She pointed out she and her husband were the only two in Council Chambers who had a degree in Wildlife Management and they were willing to share their knowledge. She did not want her tax dollars spent on culling deer; however, it was important to research the program entirely and inform/educate the public. She referred to her recent public record request that was filled very quickly from City Hall but she was not satisfied with the delay or information she received from Chief Nietert and had to ask again for information which she did receive. She then told an older story about how drugs were sold on her tree lawn during two different years and the poor response she and the neighbors received the one year from the drug task force which resulted in a neighbor moving. She stated if her children were still living in her home she would have called Channel 5 for coverage. In general she didn't have anything against any of the Officers. She then added the rescue squad responded very quickly and professionally in her husband's time of need.

Mr. Housiaux-Steward said he had a degree from Hocking College in Wildlife Management and had 31 years of experience in the forest and hardwood industry. He stated the City needed to find an objective first, determine the deer population in Bedford, pinpoint the locations the animals were entering the City and determine what were deer within the City boundaries -vs- Metro Parks deer. He stated Franklin County and Cuyahoga County were the two areas that had large amounts of deer population. He explained to manage the deer population correctly it had to be in conjunction with surrounding communities. He suggested the City work in conjunction with the Metro Parks on a comprehensive management plan for this region. He said the City needed to "re-think" what needed to be achieved because there were certain areas the deer preferred over other areas. He felt the only plan the City currently had was to shoot a certain amount of deer not knowing the outcome or effectiveness because deer had a radius of one mile. Both offered their knowledge. He referred to Ordinance No. 9337-15 and felt the seniors and disabled should also receive a reduction in rubbish removal.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 P.M.

  
Clerk of Council

  
Vice Mayor - President of Council