

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MONDAY, MAY 3, 2010**

6:30 P.M. PROMPT

- DISCUSSION OF AGENDA
- SUGGESTED SUMMER MEETING DATES & SEPTEMBER 6 MEETING
June 7, July 12 and August 23
- 166 WOODROW – Building Commissioner Phil Seyboldt
- DISCUSSION OF SAVE TRANSIT NOW/RTA RESOLUTION OF
SUPPORT
- EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel

Bedford, Ohio

May 3, 2010

Bedford City Council met in a work session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, May 3, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Dan Pocek, Warner Batten, Stan Koci, Marilyn Zolata, Paula Mizensak, Greg Pozar, Don Saunders. Also Present: Clerk of Council Kathleen Lynch. Administration: City Manager Henry Angelo, Finance Director Frank Gambosi, Law Director Ken Schuman and Building Commissioner Phil Seyboldt.

Mayor Pocek began the Work Session with discussion of the Regular Meeting Agenda.

Mr. Angelo said Ordinance Nos. 8606-10 and 8607-10 are both declaring properties on Northfield Road nuisances. Mr. Seyboldt said the first at 88 Northfield is a three story, multi-unit property. It is bank owned and the City would like to demolish it and assess the property. He said the second property at 867 Northfield Road is a slab ranch and the owners have been put in a home, but that it is also bank owned. They would like to demolish this home as well.

Ordinance No. 8608-10 is the last \$1 HUD home the City was working on to purchase. Mr. Seyboldt said after the home is purchased they will tear it down. The City is applying for County grant money to be reimbursed the cost of the demolition of this home.

Mr. Angelo said Ordinance No. 8609-10 is selling the city owned home at 109 Palmetto for \$80,000. The City is losing approximately \$20,000 on this house. He also said the process of how the homes are being sold and sent to Council for approval is going to change.

Mr. Seyboldt said the City is losing money on this house, the overall process is working. Any money the City would have at the end of this program would have to be given back, it cannot be given to the City. He recently sat down with Mr. Schuman and Mr. Gambosi and analyzed the program. It is in good standing and is doing exactly what Council wanted it to do. It promotes home ownership and is helping the neighborhoods.

Mayor Pocek understands there will be some houses that lose money and that is part of the process. This program is good for the City.

Ordinance No. 8610-10 is the purchase of playground equipment for Interstate Park. The City will be reimbursed because the City received a grant. Mr. Angelo said it is the same grant the City received to replace the playground at Ellenwood. It will be very similar to that.

Councilman Saunders asked if the old playground from Interstate could be donated to another park. Mr. Schuman will ask Mr. Lewis if it is good enough shape to be donated.

Mr. Angelo said Ordinance No. 8611-10 is another nuisance property. It is located at 263 Forbes Road, behind Circle K.

Discussion of the regular meeting agenda was concluded.

The next item on the work session agenda was the discussion of Summer meeting dates and the first meeting in September. It was agreed on by all members of Council and the Administration that the summer meeting dates will be June 7; July 12 and August 23. This will be put on the next meeting agenda for confirmation.

Mayor Pocek said the first meeting in September is on Labor Day and is always postponed to the next day, Tuesday. However, this year there is a special primary election on that Tuesday. It was agreed that the Council meeting for September 6, 2010 will be moved the following Monday on September 13, 2010. This will also be placed on the next meeting agenda for confirmation.

At this time, Mr. Seyboldt discussed the next item on the agenda, the home at 166 Woodrow. The City purchased the home as part of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program grant money. It was purchased for \$40,000. He passed out a worksheet of the cost of the repairs. It is approximated that \$110,000 will be needed to repair this home. The NSP grant money cannot be used for any other reason than to purchase more homes. The home is very dilapidated and it needs to be repaired. This new proposal is \$50,000 less than the original. The original proposal included keeping the character of the home in tact. This new proposal will eliminate some of those features enabling the City to save money.

Mr. Angelo said the last item to be discussed is the Save Transit Now Resolution of Support. It is part of what the RTA is doing in Cleveland, but will be done statewide. There are many residents that utilize the public transportation system in this area. Council agreed to do the resolution and put it on the May 17 agenda.

At this time, Bedford City Council and Administration went into an executive session to discuss Personnel issues.

Work Session was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Mayor – President of Council

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL - all

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of Minutes of the Work Session of April 19, 2010 - z+k-all
- b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 19, 2010 - p+m=all

5. REPORTS

- a. City Manager -
- b. Law Director - No
- c. Finance Director - No
- d. Council Reports

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ordinance No. 8606-10, declaring the property and structure located at 88 Northfield Road a nuisance
- b. Ordinance No. 8607-10, declaring the property and structure located at 867 Northfield Road a nuisance
- c. Ordinance No. 8608-10, authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement with HUD for the purchase of the property located at 22 Nordham (\$1.00)
- d. Ordinance No. 8609-10, authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement with Sharon White selling the residence at 109 Palmetto (\$80,000.00)
- e. Ordinance No. 8610-10, authorizing the purchase of playground equipment for Interstate Park from Dave Williams, Inc./GameTime (\$34,917.70)
- f. Ordinance No. 8611-10, declaring the property and structure located at 263 Forbes Road a nuisance

7. HEARING OF CITIZENS

8. ADJOURNMENT - p+m=7

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Bedford, Ohio

May 3, 2010

Bedford City Council met in regular session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, May 3, 2010. 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: Koci, Mizsak, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten.

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Koci to approve the minutes of the Work Session of April 19, 2010. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Mizsak, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Pozar seconded by Mizsak to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 19, 2010. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Mizsak, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Manager said in the Plain Dealer on Saturday that there are ten finalists vying for about \$330,000 in grant money. It is actually a voting situation, this is for the Cleveland First Suburbs, which the City of Bedford is a part of. This grant would be for a pilot program providing property owners a chance to finance energy efficient programs. There is a website to vote.

Mr. Angelo wanted to share a letter he received from a resident, this is what makes Bedford such a nice community. The letter was from a Ms. Colleen Schnek about two of the City's employees. She had left her purse on top of her car with \$300 in it and before she even realized that she had done this, it was returned to her. Frank Spagnolli and David DiBianca returned it to her. It says a lot about the kind of employees the City has.

No report from the Law Director.

No report from the Finance Director.

Councilwoman Zolata thanked the Water Department for the tremendous amount of time they spent at 82 Old Egbert. The residents there have been having numerous problems with the water in the home. Shawn Francis, the Superintendent of the Water Department, has spent a multitude of hours working on this. Mrs. Zolata hopes it has cleared up.

Mrs. Zolata asked the City Manager is there was any progress with the Metro Parks on the grass on Old Egbert that was brought up at the Ward Meeting.

Mr. Angelo said Mr. Bellar, the Service Director, has contacted the Metro Parks and is waiting on a response. It was also discussed about the members of the Service Department cutting the grass, but with the Service Department staff being as short as it is, the City does not want to do that.

Councilwoman Zolata said dogs seem to be a big problem this year. There is an ordinance, but there have been so many complaints about dogs running loose and not picking up after their dogs. She asked if the Auxiliary Police could keep an eye out for that.

Councilwoman Mizsak said the first Ward Meeting was held last week. There was a fairly decent audience and really good questions asked. Mrs. Mizsak said the time Shawn Francis spent at the home on 82 Old Egbert should be commended, he does such a good job. She said that is old plumbing in that area. She asked Mr. Angelo if the old fire hydrant can be replaced by that residence.

Mr. Angelo said it was replaced.

Councilman Saunders thanked the Police Department for giving his neighborhood special attention lately. They arrested an individual of a car that was in and out of a known drug house for the last several weeks. Hopefully this will send a message to the others in the area that the City of Bedford does not tolerate those types of dealings in our community.

Mr. Saunders said the first home, part of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program grant, on Washington is under construction and they are moving fast. It should be a great improvement to the neighborhood as will all of the other homes the City has purchased.

Councilman Saunders reminded everyone to vote tomorrow in the Primary Election. The County offices will be on a special primary on September 7, 2010.

Mayor Pocek said Ms. Williams is on the ballot tomorrow and he wished her luck.

ORDINANCE NO. 8606-10, an ordinance declaring the property and structure located at 88 Northfield Road (P.P. No. 814-05-036) a nuisance, ordering action and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Batten seconded by Pozar to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Mizsak, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Mizsak to place Ordinance No. 8606-10 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Angelo said 88 Northfield Road is considered a nuisance for a number of reasons. It is in very bad shape and would be a large expense to make the repairs, it is three story multi-unit building. It is bank owned, and the City is looking to tear it down and assess the property for that cost.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 8607-10, an ordinance declaring the property and structure located at 867 Northfield Road (P.P. No. 813-21-019) a nuisance, ordering action and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Pozar seconded by Saunders to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Mizsak, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Koci seconded by Batten to place Ordinance No. 8607-10 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Angelo said this is also bank owned and most likely will be torn down.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 8608-10, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the form attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein for the purchase of the residence at 22 Nordham Drive, Bedford, Ohio (Permanent Parcel Number 811-36-038) and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Koci seconded by Saunders to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Mizsak, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. 8608-10 on third and final reading and passed.

The City Manager said the City will purchase this home for \$1 from HUD and the sole intent is to tear the home down. The costs associated with this will be reimbursed to the City, there will be no general fund money used.

Councilman Saunders said this home has been a nuisance for quite some time, it will be good for the neighborhood when it is gone.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 8609-10, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement with Sharon White selling the residence at 109 Palmetto, Bedford, Ohio and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Koci seconded by Batten to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Mizsak, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizsak seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. 8609-10 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Angelo said this home was purchased by the City, rehabbed and is now being sold. It is being sold for \$80,000. The program is working.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 8610-10, an ordinance authorizing the purchase of playground equipment for Interstate Park from Dave Williams & Associates, Inc/Gametime through the U.S. Communities Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Koci seconded by Batten to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Mizsak, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizsak seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. 8610-10 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Schuman said this was a grant that Mr. Lewis at the Recreation Department received for playground equipment. This is a reimbursement grant, nothing will come out of the general fund. The first grant was for the playground at Ellenwood and that has just been completed.

Councilwoman Zolata is delighted this will be in her ward. Councilman Saunders brought up an excellent point in Work Session, that if possible the playground equipment being replaced could be donated.

Mr. Gambosi said there will be a small cost to the City for the installation of the playground.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 8611-10, an ordinance declaring the property and structure located at 263 Forbes Road (P.P. No. 814-12-075) a nuisance, ordering action and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Zolata seconded by Koci to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Koci, Mizsak, Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Pozar seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. 8611-10 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Angelo said this property was foreclosed on, the Judge intervened and allowed a loan modification and dismissed the foreclosure.

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

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

Helen Briggs, 149 Grand Boulevard, would like to bring up the parking on Grand Boulevard again. At 5:45 p.m. this evening, going West on Grand Blvd. toward Broadway between Kenyon and Bexley, there is a curve. It is difficult to see around the cars that are parked there. This happened twice, Mrs. Briggs stops behind a parked car and the car behind her went around both her car and the parked car with an oncoming car. There could have been a head on collision. It makes her very nervous. She would like this issue to be revisited.

Mr. Angelo will look into it.

Kathy Williams, 491 Lamson, likes the idea of the new playground equipment at the parks. At Ellenwood one night, there were 25 juveniles (teenagers) on the equipment. Ms. Williams went into Ellenwood about this, how can it be expected for a parent with a small child to come and play on the playground. Will there be more Auxiliary Police checking the playground? She said it happens at Taft park as well. The playgrounds should be for small children. She counted how many were there that night, that amount is scary to a small child.

The Mayor said they are also using the pavilion at Ellenwood as a hang out. The Mayor said it may be time to reinstate the patrol we had with the Auxiliary.

Mr. Angelo said a special attention can be put on the playgrounds. This should help the situation.

Bob Erdos, 119 Noran Circle, said two weeks ago he took his grandchildren at 2:30 p.m. to the playground on Talbot. There were two teenagers there using the equipment for a tryst or whatever. There was a lot of trash, cigarette butts, and the tube slide had sand at the bottom of it that was wet. It hadn't rained for days and there is no water supply nearby so he thought maybe someone urinated on the sand. The following week they went to the park in Walton Hills and it was nice and clean. There was also a sign that said the equipment is designed for children from 5 to 12 years old. Unfortunately, Ellenwood also seemed quite unkempt. He said something needs to be done, and to keep the teenagers out of these parks.

Mr. Angelo said as far as the signs goes that is a good idea. He will look into putting those signs up.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.


Clerk of Council


Mayor – President of Council