

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
MONDAY, MAY 7, 2012**

**6:00 P.M. PROMPT**

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**Dinner will be served**

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- **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA**
- **DISCUSSION OF 10 YEAR CITY PLAN**
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION - Litigation**

Bedford, Ohio

May 7, 2012

Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, May 7, 2012 at 6:09 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Daniel Pocek, Warner Batten, Stan Koci, Marilyn Zolata, Paula Mizesak, Greg Pozar, Donald Saunders. Also Present: Clerk of Council Lorree Villers. Administration: Acting City Manager Mike Mallis, Finance Director Frank Gambosi, Assistant Law Director John Montello. Absent: City Manager Henry J. Angelo, Law Director Ken Schuman.

Mayor Pocek began discussion of the Regular Council Meeting agenda.

Mayor Pocek said the sign was displayed this evening in Council Chambers and the Elmer Flick Committee had done a very nice job. It was very impressive.

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Ordinance No. 8960-12 was an ordinance amending Section 1303.04, Registration of Contractors, entitled "Time and Fee" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bedford, Ohio. Mr. Mallis explained this would give the City a lot more teeth if the contractors didn't register. The City investigated the surrounding cities and these amendments would be similar to the surrounding municipalities. Mrs. Zolata asked who was going to be responsible for the enforcement of this ordinance. Mr. Mallis replied, the Building Department. Mr. Pozar felt the Building Department was not enforcing things like they should be. He referred to a situation where one of the City's inspectors allowed a certain project to continue, which should have been stopped and now the resident was having problems with the contractor. Mr. Mallis said these amendments were the tool to address all the contractors that were not registered with the City. Mr. Saunders pointed out if the "homeowner" did the work there was no need for a permit. The only time a permit was necessary was when the contractor was performing the labor. Council felt this ordinance should go through the reading process and not passed as emergency legislation.

Ordinance No. 8961-12 was an ordinance declaring the properties and structures located at 49 – 51 Avalon Avenue (P.P. NO. 811-35-019) nuisances, order action. Mr. Mallis listed several issues with this property. The poor condition was unbelievable. There was no mortgage but back taxes and a large Medicare lean on the property plus the children have no interest in the property. He noted this was the

first step of the process of dealing with this property and he was not sure if there would be any funds after all the loans were paid.

Ordinance No. 8962-12 was an ordinance establishing fees for ambulance services for the City of Bedford. Mr. Gambosi explained several ways the ambulance fees were billed. Great Lakes Billing suggested the City amend its fees to be current with surrounding areas. The last time this issue was addressed was in 2008. The funds help pay for: new safety equipment, training, education, supplies and other different types of equipment for the Fire Department.

Ordinance No. 8963-12 was an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Light of Hearts Villa. Mr. Mallis said the Light of Hearts Villa (LOHV) had complied with the concerns the City had with the draft contract. There was a \$10,000 cap that could be increased without approval. The operation was a very big benefit to Bedford for those in need of help. LOHV now had a Master Social Worker which was very important. Mr. Saunders explained this organization also assisted in the Meals on Wheels Program.

Mayor Pocek asked Mr. Mallis to update Council on the discussions Mr. Angelo and Mr. Mallis had with Tom Speaks from The Impact Group regarding the Marketing of the City. Mr. Mallis briefly explained the final decision was for the City to agree to a contract using Tier 1 for Tier 3 costs with a re-evaluation after six months. It was necessary this ordinance be considered at the May 21, 2012 Regular Council Meeting.

Council thought the Master Plan was a useful tool to operate the City and all the departments needed to utilize it. Mr. Mallis said the Master Plan could be used in the grant writing process as a guide. Council agreed there were several areas that could be updated to meet the changes over the years but overall they felt the City/Administration tried to use the plan regarding daily operations. They felt the framework as almost perfect but there were a few areas that needed revised. Council agreed the Administration and Historical Society, Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals needed to be involved in the amendments of this document. The Board of Zoning Appeals needed to focus on the map on Page 4.

The Master Plan should serve as a document outlining the City's intentions for the future. The Plan should also provide tremendous assistance in the following ways. Mayor Pocek referred to Page 3, "Use of Plan" section of the 2007 Master Plan: (see attached):

- 1) Council felt the information was being compiled to provide Plan Proposals upon which City Officials can base short-range decisions within the context of long-range planning.
- 2) Council thought the City made efforts to be the guide for overall redevelopment including providing assistance and direction to potential developers.
- 3) Council agreed the administration of zoning regulations was being followed as a guide for making reasonable decisions on rezoning applications.
- 4) Council felt the community was balanced regarding development with economical provision of community facilities and services, utilities and responsive quality safety forces.
- 5) Council thought the idea to encourage long-range economic development and planning policies were taken into consideration.
- 6) Council knew the City promoted going "Green" in selecting and applying for grant programs that would benefit the City.
- 7) Council felt strongly that the City continued to work on preserving the historic and aesthetic character of the City's unique and historic properties.
- 8) Council agreed everyone was promoting the safety, prosperity, health, morals and general welfare of the residents.

Next Council addressed Page 5, "Major Initiatives of the Plan":

- 1) Council was very proud of the Historical Automobile. They felt the area had undergone a few major improvements and there were more improvements in the planning process.
- 2) Council was pleased with the recreation trails but some areas still needed attention.
- 3) Council agreed some of the Gateway signage was satisfactory but some of the lettering was too small. Mayor Pocek was not satisfied with some of the colors used on the signs.
- 4) The "Presidential" neighborhood banners were going to be installed in 2012 so that goal was met.
- 5) Council felt they had accomplished the efforts of "Keeping Bedford Green".
- 6) Council thought the idea of neighborhood branding was a good concept and the City continued to work on this.
- 7) Council agreed the Waste Water Treatment Plant always needed work but it had improved.
- 8) Council had concerns regarding some of the water lines in the City, however, some of the joints and valves had been replaced which showed an increase in water billing.
- 9) Council figured GIS program would help with these types of improvements.
- 10) The railroad crossing issues were currently being addressed through the Police Department.
- 11) The overlay streetscape enhancements were on the list for the Union Street and Northfield Road area.
- 12) Council agreed the thought of a roundabout was too expensive even though it might be safer. The center of town had very limited area and the property owners wanted too much money for their properties.
- 13) Council briefly noted there was the need for some zoning changes which would be reviewed by certain boards and commissions.
- 14) Even though the majority of Bedford was developed, Council agreed the redevelopment of under-utilized areas needed to be redeveloped to ensure growth.
- 15) Council agreed the undeveloped Brownfield site was going to be very expensive.
- 16) With Bedford being mostly developed, Council agreed the infill development areas could still provide growth to the City.
- 17) Council was almost positive the idea of Tinkers Creek – Krick Road area was not going to be connected to the I-271 area to promote economic livelihood.
- 18) The City was in ongoing negotiations with the railroad representatives to reduce the noise pollution in certain areas.

On Page 9, "Population and Demographics" – Mayor Pocek noted the 2010 listed approximately 13,200 residents.

Mr. Montello thought the overall Master Plan was a very good plan but questioned how much the costs were to update it. He felt the costs for the Master Plan updates would pay for it if it were updated. Council's priorities were the same and there were several items already being addressed.

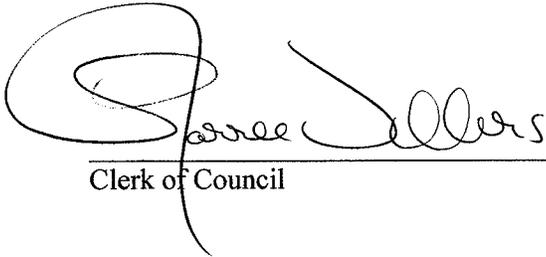
Council felt it was important to include the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, the Historical Society and the residents to the discussions this year. Mr. Mallis cautioned everyone on the condition of some of the streets and the bind the City could find itself in if this issue wasn't taken into consideration. Mrs. Zolata asked if anyone was inspecting any of the City sidewalks. Mr. Gambosi reminded everyone that there wasn't any funds budgeted for any sidewalk repairs/projects.

After a quick review of the current Master Plan, it was determined the City could operate off the plan before them this evening. It was very well put together and all everyone needed to do was stay focused.

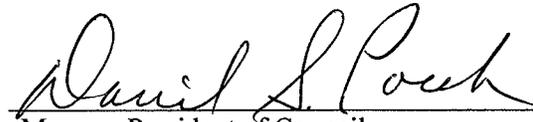
Discussion of the regular Work Session agenda was concluded.

At 7:47 p.m., Bedford City Council, Acting City Manager Mike Mallis, Assistant Law Director John Montello, Finance Director Frank Gambosi, went into an executive session to discuss litigation. The Executive Session recessed at 7:56 p.m.

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



Sherree Sellers  
Clerk of Council



David S. Pouch  
Mayor - President of Council

# The City of Bedford, Ohio

## Introduction

Each of us has a vision of what Bedford should be like in the future. Although our visions are different, they share common qualities. We aspire to create a safe, beautiful City for ourselves, our children, our employers and employees, and for future generations.

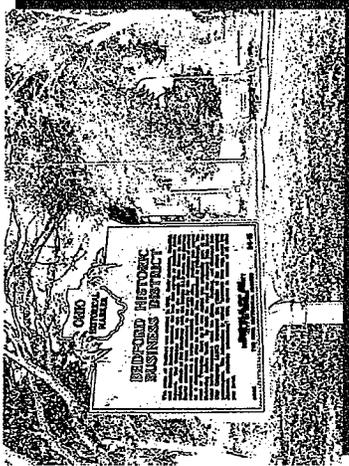
We envision a City with unique housing and job opportunities, where the natural environment is protected, where excellent services are provided, and where citizens have a say in government. We aspire to create a City that is economically healthy and a good place to do business.

This Plan update builds upon the momentum that was created by the City's first master planning process back in 1998-99. It integrates the aspirations of City residents, businesses, and city officials into a coherent vision<sup>1</sup> of proactive initiatives and ideas.

## Purpose of the Plan

The Plan will serve several roles in the overall promotion of the City's quality of life. It will be used by City Council and Planning Commission. It will be used by city staff and their respective departments, in conjunction with the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations, to regulate building and redevelopment and to make recommendations on projects.

<sup>1</sup> The development of this "vision" was assisted through an open public process and a random sample community survey submitted to residents and businesses during the update of this Plan.



It will be used by citizens, neighborhood groups, and developers to understand the City's long-range plans.

Lastly and most important, nothing set forth in the Master Plan shall prohibit the City Council, all boards and commissions, the various groups, units and officials, after considering the Plan, from amending the policies set forth in the Master Plan where

circumstances warrant in making decisions affecting specific properties and initiatives.

## Use of the Plan

This Master Plan has many uses. Not only will it serve as a document outlining the City's intentions for the future, the Plan should also provide tremendous assistance in the following ways:

1. To compile information and provide Plan proposals upon which city officials can base short-range decisions within the context of long-range planning.
2. To serve as a guide for overall redevelopment including providing assistance and direction to potential developers.
3. To serve as a basis for the administration of zoning regulations and as a guide for making reasonable decisions on rezoning applications.

4. To balance community development with the economical provision of community facilities and services, such as quality recreational facilities, affordable utilities, and responsive Police, Fire, and EMS services.
5. To encourage long-range economic development and planning policies.
6. To assist in selecting and applying for state and federal grant programs that would benefit the City of Bedford.
7. To preserve the historic and aesthetic character of Bedford's unique and historic properties.
8. To promote the safety, prosperity, health, morals, and general welfare of Bedford residents.

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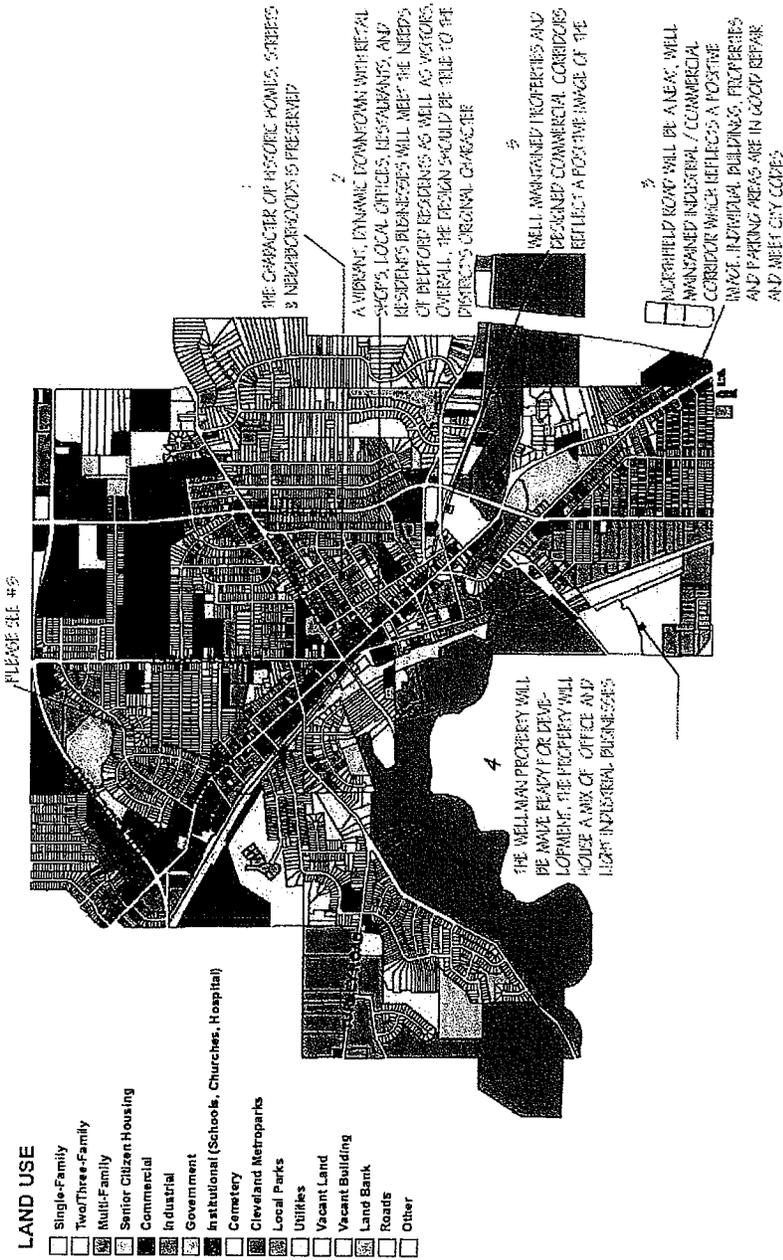
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## The Planning Process

The planning process utilized the 1999 plan as a basis of where to begin. The process consisted of analyzing the existing conditions of Bedford, and working with city staff and elected officials to develop a variety of future initiatives. Throughout the process, public and private officials, business owners, and citizens were involved and will have access to the plan in the future.

The 1999 Master Plan made several recommendations. Many of the Plan's goals such as the remediation of the former Brush-Wellman site (now the Tinker Creek Commerce Park) and revitalization of the downtown have been met. Other recommendations like the Northfield Road corridor improvements and promoting better access to the Tinker's Creek area have not been met. This Plan update helps to keep these initiatives alive and offers up other proactive ideas and initiatives, many of them in visual format.

MAP 8-1, FINAL GUIDE PLAN MAP



# The City of Bedford, Ohio

## Major Initiatives of the Plan

Several ideas surfaced during this Master Plan update. These ideas, coined "future initiatives" are:

- 1. Automobile Gateways**  
Automobile Gateways were proposed to enhance the image of Northeast Ohio's largest collection of car dealerships. These gateways will function as a decorative feature as well as directional signage to improve the shopping experience of the Bedford Automobile.
- 2. Recreations Trails**  
The Bedford Reservation, adjacent to the City, is part of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. This Cleveland Metropark offers trails and picnic areas, and includes Shawnee Hills Golf Course as one of its attractions. An initiative has been proposed to improve the linkage between the residential areas and downtown to the adjacent national park, The Buckeye Trail, and Towpath Trail System.
- 3. Improved Gateway Signage**  
Gateways into the city act as a front door. Improving Bedford's Gateway Signage will enhance the city's image and will promote growth and redevelopment.
- 4. "Presidential" Neighborhood Banners**  
Bedford is home to a historic residential neighborhood known as the "Presidential" District. Adding banners along streets within this district will enhance the area and promote a sense of pride. Banners should be pursued in other neighborhoods as well.

## 5. Keep Bedford Green" Banners

More than 20% of Bedford is reserved as park and open space. Because of this, Bedford has an overwhelming amount of mature trees. "Keep Bedford Green" Banners will embrace this quality and continue efforts to protect it.

## 6. Neighborhood Branding Concepts

When Bedford was established as a residential community, pockets of development began to pop up throughout the city. Each neighborhood has its own identity with different characteristics that should be recognized and embraced by its residents. This could be accomplished through neighborhood branding by using banners, street signs, columns, and neighborhood associations.

## 7. Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements

The WWTP was constructed in 1937 and is located on the south-western edge of town. Even though numerous expansions and modifications have taken place over the years, additional improvements need to be made.

## 8. Water Line Improvements

Bedford currently maintains over 50 miles of water lines. Some of these lines are nearly a century old and need to be replaced. In some locations the pressure is too high and can cause serious problems.

## 9. Sanitary Sewer Improvement Areas

Over 50 miles of sanitary sewer are maintained by the City. Most of the outfalls discharge into Tinker's Creek. Collapsed sewer mains have caused a major flooding problem. Other sewers pass through contaminated sites which raises much concern.

## 10. Rail Crossing Issues

Railroad tracks bisect the City and cause serious safety service problems when responding to an emergency. When trains are using the tracks in certain locations, response times could increase due to the limited access to neighborhoods south of the railroad tracks.

## 11. Overlay Zoning District Streetscape Enhancements

To improve the appearance and overall appeal of the City, key locations have been highlighted for possible streetscape enhancements. These locations include the Automile, Broadway Ave. (north of Columbus Ave. and between the railroad and Northfield Rd.) and Northfield Rd. (south of Union St. to Forbes Rd.)

## 12. Potential Roundabouts

Roundabouts are generally accepted as being a safer alternative to traditional traffic signals, primarily due to the reduction in potential conflict points between vehicles. Roundabouts can also offer 30 percent higher capacity than traditional traffic signals. The Columbus Rd./Center Rd./Broadway Ave. intersection should be studied for a Roundabout due to the high volume of traffic and 6 point intersection.



# The City of Bedford, Ohio

## 13. Zoning Changes

There has been no comprehensive review of Bedford's zoning in recent years. In result of this, sporadic rezonings have occurred. An updated zoning ordinance and map could help the City's revitalization efforts. Key zoning initiatives would help to better enhance the economic prosperity of the Automile, Downtown, and Willis Road area.

## 14. Redevelopment Areas

A majority of Bedford is developed. This allows for under-utilized areas to be redeveloped to ensure additional growth and commerce to the City. Areas for redevelopment considerations are highlighted in the future initiatives map.

## 15. Brownfield Remediation

Once an undeveloped Brownfield site, Tinkers Creek Commerce Park is becoming a thriving commercial development. In addition to this development, Bedford has two other sites to be remediated including the existing brownfield adjacent to the Commerce Park and Industry Dr., and property located on Solon Road east of I-271.

## 16. Infill Development

Like redevelopment areas, infill development areas would provide growth and commerce to the City. These areas include land adjacent to Egbert Rd. and Tinkers Creek Commerce Park and a site near the Automile with limited access due to the adjacent railroad tracks.

## 17. Improved Access to Tinkers Creek-Krick Road Area

Access to the existing Tinkers Creek-Krick Rd. area should be upgraded to improve access to I-271 and therefore help to promote the site's economic liveliness.

## 18. Rail Quiet Zones

The railroad, which cuts through the center of Bedford, creates an unpleasant atmosphere to adjacent residential neighborhoods. City officials have been in negotiations with railroad representatives to reduce the noise pollution in these areas.



# The City of Bedford, Ohio

## Introduction

When the Census 2000 results were tallied, another picture was painted in Bedford: The community was continuing to become more diverse, with its residents living longer, driving farther to work, and attaining more economic prosperity. Households continued to shrink, as the children of the largest generation- the baby boomers- reached the age to move away to attain opportunities of higher education or to rear families of their own. Conversely, almost 900 Bedford residents ages 60-70 left during the Nineties to retire elsewhere.

## Planning Issues

Some of Bedford's socioeconomic and demographic trends will continue to raise additional planning concerns and will require city and public officials to address these concerns when devising public policies and programs. For the city to stay responsive to these trends of aging and diversity, existing city services may require tweaking to ensure the existing quality of life of residents is maintained, as well as the costs of providing city services. It is recommended that this demographic section of this Plan be updated with the completion of the next decennial census.

Some of Bedford's demographic trends are:

1. Only 8 communities in Cuyahoga County have increased in population. Bedford is down in population by roughly 700 residents.

2. Bedford is above average in Cuyahoga County for number of renter-occupied units (13 of 58 communities)
3. Home purchase loans denied to residents has doubled since 1995. The same is true for home improvement and home refinance loans.
4. Over 55% of the City's foreclosures since 1976 have occurred in the last 6 years.
5. There has been an increase of female-headed households.
6. Births to Bedford's unmarried females has more than doubled since 1990 (15% to 32%)
7. Bedford's population is aging. Since 1970, the median age of Bedford residents has increased by ten years. Bedford's base of residents 65 years and older increased one percent, while the county average decreased. Most importantly, Bedford's base of residents 70 and older increased more than 42% since 1990, while Bedford residents over 80 increased 133%.
8. Bedford's diversity of non-Caucasian residents has increased 300% or more, from 4.3% in 1990 to 19% in 2000.

9. Bedford residents' travel time to work, as reported by workforce, is down and it appears that residents are working closer to home.

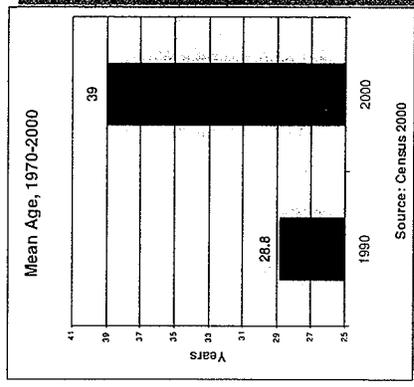
## Existing Conditions and Trends

### General Characteristics

According to the 2000 Census, there were 14,214 people, 6,659 households, and 3,682 families residing in Bedford. The population density was 2,653.3/mi<sup>2</sup>. There were 7,062 housing units at an average density of 1,318.2/mi<sup>2</sup>.

The Census 2000 recorded Bedford's population distribution to be as follows: 20.5% under the age of 18; 6.9% from 18 to 24; 33.0% from 25 to 44; 20.9% from 45 to 64; and 18.7% who were 65 years old or older. For every 100 females there were 89.3 males.

In 2000, the median age for Bedford residents was 39 years, up 10.2 years, or 35% since 1970 when the mean age was 28.8 years old.



REGULAR MEETING

BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL  
STATE OF OHIO  
COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

DATE: May 7, 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 April 16, 2012
- b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 16, 2012
- c. Approval of Minutes of the Wards 5 & 6 Meeting of April 23, 2012
- d. Approval of Minutes of the Special Work Session Meeting of April 30, 2012

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

- a. James Wagner – Elmer Flick Committee

6. **REPORTS**

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

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Ordinance No. 8957-12 adding Penske Automotive Group DBA Toyota to the CRA between the City and Lee Seidman
- b. Ordinance No. 8958-12 transferring the CRA between the City and Fred Baker Imported Cars to Penske Automotive
- c. Ordinance No. 8959-12 amending Ord. No. 7612-04 approving a CRA between the City and Ganley Real Estate Co.
- d. Ordinance No. 8960-12 amending Codified Ordinance Section 1303.04, Registration of Contractors - Time and Fee
- e. Ordinance No. 8961-12 declaring properties located at 49 - 51 Avalon Avenue nuisances
- f. Ordinance No. 8962-12 establishing fees for ambulance services – Great Lakes Billing Associates
- g. Ordinance No. 8963-12 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract w/Light of Hearts Villa (\$10,000)
- h. Motion to schedule the 2012 summer meetings to be held on June 4th, July 16th and August 20th, 2012

8. **HEARING OF CITIZENS**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Bedford, Ohio

May 7, 2012

Bedford City Council met in Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, May 7, 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: Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizsak. Absent: None.

Motion made by Batten and seconded by Koci to approve the minutes of the Work Session of April 16, 2012. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizsak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Saunders to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 16, 2012. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizsak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Pozar and seconded by Saunders to approve the minutes of the Wards 5 & 6 Meeting of April 23, 2012. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pocek, Saunders, Zolata, Koci, Mizsak. Abstain: Pozar, Batten. Motion carried.

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Mizsak to approve the minutes of the Special Work Session of April 30, 2012. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizsak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim Wagner presented to the City a 4' x 8' stainless steel sign of Elmer Flick. The sign was made by Great Lakes Etching and the biography was submitted by Angelo Louisa. There are two pictures that will be attached inside the baseball that was etched in the middle of the sign. It was going to be the decision of Council as to where the sign would be displayed. The Elmer Flick statue was the next project for the Elmer Flick Committee but they needed to collect about \$15,000 to finish the statue. Council and the Administration appreciated the sign. Mayor Pocek urged suggestions from the residents as to where the sign should be displayed.

No report from Mike Mallis, Acting City Manager.

No report from John Montello, Assistant Law Director.

No report from Frank Gambosi, Finance Director

Councilman Batten told a story about Jack Wardley, Bedford's 100 year old resident, and Elmer Flick played baseball many years ago on the square.

Councilman Koci wished everyone a nice summer.

Councilwoman Zolata congratulated Deputy Chief Nietert on his induction into the Bedford High School Hall of Fame. She was so proud to announce that her son received the Chrystal Apple Award for being the regional middle school educator of 2012.

Councilwoman Mizsak thought the sign was very nice.

Councilman Pozar explained one of the key ingredients to shaping the blueprint from the City Manager toward Council was called the Master Plan. He announced that the City was going to engage with the Historical Society and the City's Commission Board Members in assisting them in the new and improved Master Plan. He welcomed residents to also be involved in this task. He noticed Planning Commission

Member Harvey Dzomba in the audience and asked him if he was willing to renew his term that had expired. Mr. Dzomba agreed to extend his term. [The Planning Commission would address this at their next scheduled meeting.]

Councilman Saunders requested the next utility bill insert alert residents not to put their yard debris in the street because it was becoming a major problem for the storm sewers.

Mayor Pocek congratulated Mr. Wagner on all his hard work regarding the Elmer Flick Committee. Mr. Flick lived the majority of his 95 years in Bedford.

**ORDINANCE NO. 8957-12**, an ordinance adding Penske Automotive Group (PAG) DBA Toyota to the Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) agreement between the City of Bedford and Lee G. Seidman DBA L.G.S Properties 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 on three different days.

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

Motion made by Zolata and seconded by Koci to place Ordinance No. 8957-12 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi clarified that Ordinance No. 8957-12, Ordinance No. 8958-12 and Ordinance No. 8959-12 referred to the CRA abatements that the City agreed too. He said this was basically to clarify and update the three abatements information for the County.

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Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Batten to place Ordinance No. 8961-12 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis explained the owner was deceased, the next person in line was in a nursing home and the family didn't want anything to do with the property. Mr. Saunders stressed this property had been atrocious for over three years.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 8962-12**, an ordinance establishing fees for ambulance services for the City of Bedford and declaring an emergency was read by title only.

Motion made by Koci seconded by Mizesak to place Ordinance No. 8962-12 on first reading.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 8963-12**, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Light of Hearts Villa 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: Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizsak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Zolata and seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. 8963-12 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis explained the City has had an agreement with the Light of Hearts for many years in conjunction with the Bedford Fire Department, Recreation Department and Senior Group. The City has the option to contact the Light of Hearts Villa to ask for assistance or an assessment from the licensed Master Social Worker (MSW). Mrs. Zolata said the MSW was available to the Bedford residents and the need and the facility was outstanding. Mayor Pocek noted the Light of Hearts was a jewel in the City. Mr. Saunders explained the MSW also assisted in the evaluation whether a resident qualified for the Meals on Wheels program.

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

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Mizsak to schedule the 2012 summer meeting to be held on June 4th, July 16th and August 20, 2012.

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

Mayor Pocek said that would conclude the business portion of the meetings and asked if anyone in the audience had any concerns. He said there was an unusual request from the Clerk of Council to speak this evening.

Clerk Villers approached the podium and read a Certificate of Appreciation she had prepared for Council Members (see attached). Mrs. Zolata said Ms. Villers had been with the City one year. Mayor Pocek thanked Ms. Villers for the Certificate of Appreciation and he thought Ms. Villers was a great addition to the Council office.

Jean Sapir, Southeast Branch of the Cuyahoga County Library located at 70 Columbus Road listed a few programs the library was offering: Ted Swartz was going to be present for a book signing and storytelling this Saturday, May 12, 2012 at 2:00 p.m., the Summer Reading Program will begin June 9, 2012 and she requested that everyone participate in the survey on the library's website. There was a short discussion that the library had been located on Columbus Road for 20 years. Mayor Pocek thought the facility looked great.

Jean King, 267 Bexley Drive, asked for clarification regarding Ordinance No. 8962-12. Mr. Gambosi explained the City had participated in ambulance billing since 1972. Great Lakes Billing billed on behalf of the City under three different categories. The funds were used for equipment, supplies, purchase of safety vehicles, education and training. Residents or people who worked in the City could use the money paid to the City to offset the cost(s) for the ambulance run fees. Mr. Koci said every time this issue was brought to the floor residents went into a panic and hesitated to call 9-1-1. He urged everyone to call for

assistance. They should be focused on their health and not the billing portion of it. Mayor Pocek clarified the reason for this was for clerical reasons to keep the City current.

Ms. King had concerns about the condition of the walking path behind City Hall. Mr. Mallis explained there had been a recent complaint and the area was being addressed. The ponds were being treated and fountains installed, the brush had been mowed, and the mandated recycled materials signs were being replaced with aluminum signs.

Ms. King thought if the beautiful Elmer Flick sign was placed outdoors it would be defaced. Council was aware of the vandals in the area.

Jeff Duber, 134 Harriman Street reported the home located at 126 Harriman had been vacant for many years and the lawn was in bad shape. Mr. Mallis reported the Building Department sent the owner a letter regarding the poor condition of the property. He said the City would continue to follow-up on this property. The Administration and Council agreed that the homes in Bedford were going to be closely inspected and these ongoing problems were going to be addressed. In the past two weeks 100+ letters had been mailed to the property owners stating the City wanted them to address their problems.

Dick Bender, 69 Wandle Avenue said he recently found out that there were 12 residents that had court hearings recently because their properties had been declared nuisances due to several different types of violations. Mrs. Zolata clarified residents were mailed one letter from the City and after the first offense, the City would not send another letter. If there was another instance, the City addressed the issue at the home owner's expense without warning.

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: Pocek, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizsak. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 P.M.



Joanne Miller  
Clerk of Council



David S. Pocek  
Mayor – President of Council

The City of Bedford Clerk of Council  
Presents this

## Certificate of Appreciation

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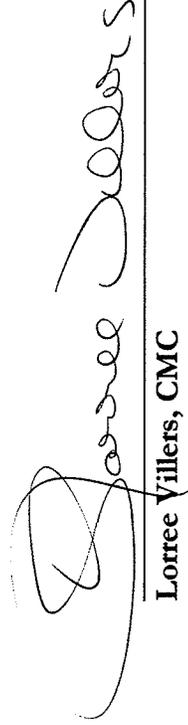
**THE CITY OF BEDFORD**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

I, Lorree Villers, the Bedford Clerk of Council wish to express appreciation to Mayor Pocek, Vice-Mayor Koci, Councilman Batten, Councilwoman Zolata, Councilwoman Mizsak, Councilman Pozar and Councilman Saunders for giving me the opportunity to work and serve at the City of Bedford.

You hired me on April 25, 2011 and over the past year you have given me the opportunity and support to attend continuing education courses so I could complete the requirements prescribed by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks Association allowing me to work toward my certification.

I, Lorree Villers, City of Bedford Clerk of Council, have become a Certified Municipal Clerk thanks to you all!



Lorree Villers, CMC

DATE: May 7, 2012