

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TARRANT §

CITY OF BEDFORD §

The City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas, met in work session at 6:00 p.m., and regular session at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2000 Forest Ridge Drive on the 9th day of February 2010 with the following members present:

Jim Story	Mayor
Chris Brown	Council Members
Ray Champney	
Lori Nail	
Roy Savage	
Roy Turner	

Constituting a quorum.

Roger Fisher was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Staff present included:

Beverly Queen	City Manager
David Miller	Interim Deputy City Manager
Stan Lowry	City Attorney
Michael Wells	Acting City Secretary
Cliff Blackwell	Director of Administrative Services
Roger Gibson	Deputy Police Chief
John Kubala	Director of Public Works
Bill Syblon	Development Director
Mirenda McQuagge-Walden	Managing Director of Community Services

WORK SESSION

Mayor Story called the work session to order at 6:00 p.m.

- **Review and discuss items on the regular agenda and consider placing items for approval by consent.**

Council discussed approving the following item(s) by consent: 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13.

- **Discussion on Economic Development.**

Bill Syblon, Development Director, presented a summary of economic development activity during the Fiscal Year 08/09 and generally fielded questions. A copy of Mr. Syblon's Power Point presentation is available in the City Secretary's Office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

To convene before the Regular Session, if time permits, in the conference room in compliance with Section 551.001 et. seq. Texas Government Code, to discuss the following:

- **Section 551.072, Deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or sale of real property relative to the Bedford College Addition Block 1 Lot 1.**

Council convened into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code regarding Section 551.072, Deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or sale of real property relative to the Bedford College Addition Block 1 Lot 1 at approximately 7:22 p.m.

Council reconvened from Executive Session at approximately 7:36 p.m.

Any necessary action to be taken as a result of the Executive Session will occur during the regular session of the Bedford City Council Meeting.

REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Story called the meeting to order.

CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL COMMENTS

Regular session began at 6:36 p.m.

INVOCATION (Pastor Ginger Ziegler, Embracing His Grace Church)

Pastor Ginger Ziegler of Embracing His Grace Church gave tonight's invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

OPEN FORUM

No one elected to speak under tonight's open forum.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ITEMS BY CONSENT

Motioned by Ray Champney, seconded by Roy W. Turner to approve the following item(s) by consent: Item(s): 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13.

Motion approved 6-0-0. Mayor Story declared the motion carried.

COUNCIL RECOGNITION

1. Love Your Library Month Proclamation

Mayor Story read and presented a proclamation proclaiming the Month of February 2010 as Love Your Bedford Public Library Month.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

2. Raymond F. Peters, 2104 Shady Brook Drive, Bedford, TX 76021 – Requested to speak to the Council to promote various activities at the Bedford Public Library during “Love Your Library Month”.

Raymond F. Peters, 2104 Shady Brook Drive, Bedford, TX 76021 – Mr. Peters requested to speak to the Council to promote various activities at the Bedford Public Library during “Love Your Library Month.” The 2010 Bedford Library Satisfaction Survey will be on-line and in the Library through April 15. The Bedford Library Foundation will be kicking off its capital campaign for the new Library Tuesday, February

16 at the Old Bedford School starting at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available for \$25.00. The Celebrate Seuss Festival will be held Sunday March 7 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the Library courtyard. The winners of the Youth Writing Contest will be announced at that event.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 3. Consider approval of the following City Council minutes:**
a) January 26, 2010 regular meeting

This item was approved by consent.

NEW BUSINESS

- 4. Public hearing and consider an ordinance to rezone property known as Lot 2A1, Harwood Village Shopping Center Addition, Ste. C from Heavy Commercial to Heavy Commercial/Specific Use Permit/Secondhand, Rummage and Used Furniture Store. The property is generally located south of Harwood Road and west of Brown Trail. (Z-201)**

Bill Syblon, Development Director, presented the proposed zoning ordinance to Council and generally fielded questions.

Mayor Story opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

John DeLorme, 1129 Woodvale Drive, Bedford, TX – Mr. DeLorme stated one of the biggest challenges the City faces is what to do with these aging strip centers. The first inkling is to just get tenants into them to fill them up. He is disappointed that the applicant isn't there to answer questions from the Council and it throws a red flag about how serious they are especially since they have no experience. He would like to see something to go into the shopping center soon which would generate revenue for the owner to make further improvements. He would like to see more details from the applicant such as hours of operation, goals and their marketing strategy.

Mayor Story closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Motioned by Chris Brown, seconded by Ray Champney to deny an ordinance to rezone property known as Lot 2A1, Harwood Village Shopping Center Addition, Ste. C from Heavy Commercial to Heavy Commercial/Specific Use Permit/Secondhand, Rummage and Used Furniture Store.

Motion approved 6-0-0. Mayor Story declared the motion carried. The motion to deny was approved.

- 5. Public hearing and consider an ordinance amending Article IV Chapter 82, "Offenses and Miscellaneous Law Enforcement Regulations," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bedford, relating to curfews; making this ordinance cumulative; providing for penalties; providing a severability clause, providing for publication and naming an effective date.**

Roger Gibson, Deputy Police Chief, presented the proposed ordinance to Council and generally fielded questions. He stated that the intent of the curfew ordinance was to reduce juvenile victimization. He presented some of the changes to the ordinance that addressed concerns that were brought up when the daytime curfew portion was passed. In several sections, language has been changed from "It is a defense to prosecution" to "No citation shall be issued". The new language will still have the same applicable affect. New language has been added that no citation will be issued if the minor attends private school or is home schooled. Two new paragraphs have been added to the end that state that no citation will be issued to parents or a business until after two written warnings are issued in a 12-month period. He then gave some statistics regarding the effect of the daytime curfew. In the first school year of the curfew, unexcused absences were down 23%. In the current school year they were down an additional 4.5%. In regards to juvenile victimization, during the nighttime curfew hours, in 2008 and 2009

there were a total of three juveniles victimized. During the daytime curfew ordinance hours, last year there were two juveniles victimized and during the current year there have been none.

Mayor Story opened the public hearing at 7:16 p.m.

No one elected to speak during tonight's public hearing.

Mayor Story closed the public hearing at 7:16 p.m.

Motioned by Ray Champney, seconded by Roy W. Turner to approve an ordinance amending Article IV Chapter 82, "Offenses and Miscellaneous Law Enforcement Regulations," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bedford, relating to curfews; making this ordinance cumulative; providing for penalties; providing a severability clause, providing for publication and naming an effective date. Motion approved 6-0-0. Mayor story declared the motion carried.

6. Public hearing and consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to pursue grant funding from the Tarrant County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 36th Year Program for new sidewalks and ADA compliant ramps and sanitary sewer line replacement for the east side of the 900-1000 blocks of Brown Trail from Belle Street to Hurst Drive.

John Kubala, Director of Public Works, presented information regarding this resolution and generally fielded questions from Council.

Mayor Story indicated that due to an issue with the publication of the notice for this public hearing, he would open the public hearing and it would be left open until the next Council meeting on February 23, 2010.

Mayor Story opened the public hearing at 7:19 p.m.

John DeLorme – 1129 Woodvale Drive, Bedford, TX - Mr. DeLorme urged the Council to pass this resolution. He realizes that grant money is taxpayer money. He stated that the City needs more sidewalks especially on the south end of the City as well as sewer and water line upgrades. He indicated that there were two breaks going on right now. He said the focus should be on basics like streets and water and sewer lines.

Motioned by Ray Champney, seconded by Roy W. Turner, to continue the public hearing to consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to pursue grant funding from the Tarrant County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 36th Year Program for new sidewalks and ADA compliant ramps and sanitary sewer line replacement for the east side of the 900-1000 blocks of Brown Trail from Belle Street to Hurst Drive to February 23, 2010.

Motion approved 6-0-0. Mayor Story declared the motion carried.

7. Consider an ordinance amending the annual budget for the City of Bedford, Texas for the fiscal year October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010.

This item was approved by consent.

8. Consider a resolution accepting the report from the independent auditor and the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009.

This item was approved by consent.

9. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Fort Worth for the 2009 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program Award.

This item was approved by consent.

- 10. Consider a resolution to accept bids and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with McClendon Construction Company for the Street Paving Improvements and Traffic Signalization on Barr Road from Bedford Road to 550 feet north in the amount of \$311,495.55.**

This item was approved by consent.

- 11. Consider a resolution to accept bids and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Stabile & Winn, Inc. for the Ravenswood Drive and King Drive Paving Improvements in the amount of \$649,663.46.**

This item was approved by consent.

- 12. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the Comptroller of Public Accounts Grant Agreement (ARRA) for Traffic Signal Synchronization or Replacement in the City of Bedford.**

This item was approved by consent.

- 13. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement for one year with Concordia Lutheran Church for the purpose of operating the concession stand at Meadowpark Athletic Complex.**

This item was approved by consent.

14. Council member reports

There were no council member reports at tonight's meeting.

15. City Manager/Staff reports

This item was moved right before Item #2.

City Manager Beverly Queen took the opportunity to introduce Clifford Blackwell as the new Director of Administrative Services and David Miller as the new interim Deputy City Manager. She also wanted to say goodbye to Tom Ross. He came to the City in June 1995 as an accountant, moved into the position of Finance Manager in 1996, Deputy Director in 2004 and finally Director of Administrative Services in 2005. She said that he has done his job well with a lot of dignity, grace and professionalism. He has developed one of the best daily cash management systems in the area. During his tenure, the City has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting and the Distinguished Budget Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for a combined 27 times. He is active in numerous professional organizations such as the Government Treasurers Organization of Texas and the Government Finance Officers Association and in 2002 became a Certified Gov Finance Officer. He will be missed.

16. Take any action necessary as a result of the Executive Session.

No action was necessary as a result of the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Story adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Jim Story, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Wells, Acting City Secretary