

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TARRANT §

CITY OF BEDFORD §

The City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas, met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2000 Forest Ridge Drive on the 7th day of December 2010 with the following members present:

Jim Story	Mayor
Chris Brown	Council Members
Ray Champney	
Roger Fisher	
Jim Griffin	
Roy W. Turner	

Constituting a quorum.

Roy Savage was absent from tonight's meeting.

Staff present included:

Beverly Queen Griffith	City Manager
Michael Wells	City Secretary
David Flory	Police Chief
Mirenda McQuagge-Walden	Managing Director of Community Services
Bill Syblon	Development Director

REGULAR SESSION 6:30 P.M.

Regular Session began at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL COMMENTS

Mayor Story called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION (Reverend Rachael Sandifer, Cathedral of Hope Mid Cities)

Reverend Rachael Sandifer of Cathedral of Hope Mid Cities gave tonight's invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

OPEN FORUM

George Clark, 2009 Lexington Place, Bedford, Texas 76022 requested to speak to the Council on Item #5. He wanted to introduce himself to the Council. He has been a lifelong resident of Bedford and he has put in an application to serve on the Ethics Commission.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ITEMS BY CONSENT

Motioned by Councilman Champney, seconded by Councilman Turner, to approve the following items by consent: 3(a), 3(b) and 4.

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

COUNCIL RECOGNITION

1. Employee Service Recognition

The following employees received recognition for dedicated service and commitment to the City of Bedford:

Eric Valdez, Community Services – 5 years of service
Tara Noble, Police Department – 5 years of service
Charlie Cottongame, Police Department – 5 years of service
Wendy Hartnett, Community Services – 5 years of service
Yolanda Alonso, Planning and Zoning – 10 years of service
Mike Bowers, Police Department – 25 years of service

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

2. The following individuals have requested to speak to the Council tonight under Persons to be Heard:

- **Request to the speak to the Council regarding Community Affairs Commission 2010 activities by the following individuals:**
 - a) **Tom Bresnahan, 3401 Derby Circle, Bedford, Texas 76021 – Full Commission activities**

Tom Bresnahan, 3401 Derby Circle, Bedford, Texas 76021 spoke to the Council regarding the activities of the Community Affairs Commission over the last year. He wanted to take the opportunity to show appreciation to the Council regarding the fine group of people they put on the Community Affairs Commission. The Commission has superb leadership under staff liaison Bill Syblon and Councilman Fisher. It has been broken down into subgroups to address the needs of the community.

- b) **Karla Setser, 3204 Rustic Meadows Drive, Bedford, Texas 76021 – Homeowner Association sub-committee activities.**

Karla Setser, 3204 Rustic Meadows Drive, Bedford, Texas 76021 spoke to the Council regarding the activities of the Residential Community Support Subcommittee over the last year. She wanted to thank the Council for having Councilman Fisher as liaison and that he has done a great job. The subcommittee is made up of herself, Kim Probasco, George Mountcastle, David Franklin, and Sherri Olsen. It has served as a conduit of information for residents to see what is going on in the community. Recent activities have included hosting the Bedford Apartment Manager's Association meeting which included the Police Department and workers from the Census; and the HOA Roundtable which 16 of 37 associations were represented. At the Roundtable, Bill Syblon spoke about SKEDS and the fence ordinance, Sergeant Randy Gardner of the Police Department spoke about National Night Out, Mark Massey discussed the Community Affairs Commission brochure, Shop Bedford First and 6Stones and David Franklin spoke about alternative energy. At their October meeting, the Subcommittee spoke about their plans for next year. This included Kim Probasco agreeing to become the new Subcommittee chairperson and a discussion of including churches in some kind of faith based outreach. Lastly, she stated that the Subcommittee maintains a master HOA list which is disseminated to Police, Fire, Communications, and Public Works so that they may be contacted if needed. It is not made public since some people have requested to keep their information private.

- c) **Mark Massey, 3741 Oak Cove, Bedford, Texas 76021 – Business sub-committee activities.**

Mark Massey, 3741 Oak Cove, Bedford, Texas 76021 spoke to the Council regarding the activities of the Business Retention and Communications Subcommittee over the last year. He handed out copies of the Community Affairs Commission brochure to Council and stated that the Shop Bedford First program has

been added to it as well as the City's website. He believes that 2010 has been one of the best years for all the work that has been done. One accomplishment was the development of the brochure in order to tell people what the Commission's mission is. As they have made calls on local businesses they have handed out the brochure. The Subcommittee has been distributing postcards discussing SKEDS and the Shop Bedford First program to local businesses as well. To date, they have 64 participating merchants in the program. They would like to get to 100 as quick as possible. For the Shop Bedford First program, they are developing a plan to rent magnetic billboards and place four of them in the City to get word out to residents about the program. Approximately 30 days ago they did a second mailing of postcards to businesses. The subcommittee also brought forth recommendations to include faith-based organizations in the Commission's mission statement in order to give more opportunities to do things like working with 6Stones on the CPR program. As a local businessmen and Commission member he is continuing to develop a rapport with businesses and 6Stones. One idea that has been brought up is for 6Stones to look at the revitalization of a commercial property.

d) David Franklin, 1832 Realistic Court, Bedford, Texas 76021 – Alternative Energy sub-committee activities.

David Franklin, 1832 Realistic Court, Bedford, Texas 76021 spoke to the Council regarding the activities of the Sustainable Energy Subcommittee over the last year. He wanted to thank the Mayor and Councilman Champney for attending the energy efficiency workshop last Saturday. They have been working with and pulling ideas from surrounding communities. They have hosted two workshops; the first was focused on solar energy and the second was focused on energy efficiency. Other cities were working on ordinances and sustainable energy sections on their websites but Bedford was one of the only ones holding any workshops and doing public outreach. They have been using the results of their City-wide survey to map out their plans for next year. Content has been added to the City's website that focuses on solar and renewable energy as well as energy efficiency and he hopes to update that information further this month. They have a meeting planned for early January and are looking at hosting additional workshops, working with HEB Chamber to invite solar and other regional renewable energy businesses to the Business-to-Business Fair in February, exploring other partnerships and having a presence at next year's Bluesfest. He wanted to thank Kim Probasco and Karla Setzer for serving on the committee and Bill Syblon for his help as liaison.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 3. Consider approval of the following City Council minutes:**
- a) November 23, 2010 regular meeting**
 - b) November 30, 2010 special meeting**

This item was approved on consent.

NEW BUSINESS

- 4. Consider a resolution authorizing the Mayor to certify the Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Report as required by Article 59.06 of the Code of Criminal Procedures.**

This item was approved on consent.

- 5. Consider a resolution appointing members to Bedford Boards and Commissions.**

Council discussed the appointment of members to Bedford Boards and Commissions. They were of the consensus to move Roger Smeltzer from Place 8 (Alternate) to Place 7 on the Planning and Zoning DCommission, to appoint Wilma Clemmons to Place 1 on the Teen Court Advisory Board, and to approve their remaining tentative appointments as outlined in the resolution.

Motioned by Councilman Fisher, seconded by Councilman Griffin, to approve a resolution appointing members to Bedford Boards and Commissions with the exceptions of moving Roger Smeltzer (Place 8 –

Alternate) to fill the remaining time on John Lambert's place (Place 7) on the Planning and Zoning Commission as well as appointing Ms. Clemmons to the remainder of the full term place on the on the Teen Court Advisory Board.

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

6. Report on most recent meeting of the following Boards and Commissions:

✓ **Animal Control Board- Councilman Griffin**

No report was given.

✓ **Animal Shelter Advisory Board- Councilman Griffin**

No report was given.

✓ **Beautification Commission- Councilman Turner**

Councilman Turner stated that he has had the opportunity to be the liaison to the Beautification Commission for the past four years and he has seen very important things take place in the Commission. Michael Boyter has served as chairman of the Commission and he gave a report at the last Council meeting. The Commission is working on plans for a community garden including finding a location. They are also doing a restructuring process to redefine the function of the Commission including possibly changing the name to more fully reflect its activities. He mentioned that shredding days and hazardous waste days have been well received and may be expanded. Business recognition awards have been very important and award presentations have been scheduled for this Saturday. He would like to thank all the Commission members for their dedication.

✓ **Community Affairs Commission- Councilman Fisher**

No report was given.

✓ **Library Board- Councilman Brown**

No report was given.

✓ **Parks & Recreation Board- Councilman Griffin**

Councilman Griffin stated that Council has received a draft copy of the Parks Master Plan. The Board has done a great job working with staff putting it together. He requested that Council review the draft and provide feedback to the City Manager. The target is for Council to vote on it at their meeting on December 14 in order to keep in sync with the grant application process in February. The Board reviewed and approved the draft and is asking for Council to approve it.

✓ **Senior Citizen Advisory Board- Councilman Savage**

No report was given.

✓ **Teen Court Advisory Board- Councilman Champney**

Councilman Champney attended last week's meeting of the Teen Court Advisory Board. The new appointees from Euless and Hurst were there. Chairperson Charles Cinquemani is resigning from the Board and they will have election next January to appoint a new chairperson. They were also planning their annual banquet and scholarship awards for April. He will be attending a teen court session sometime in January.

7. Council member reports

Mayor Story explained that the next Council meeting is December 14.

8. City Manager report

City Manager Beverly Queen Griffith gave no report at tonight's meeting.

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

No action was taken as a result of executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Story adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Jim Story, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Wells, City Secretary