

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TARRANT §

CITY OF BEDFORD §

The City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas, met in work session at 5:30 p.m. and regular session at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2000 Forest Ridge Drive on the 14th day of December 2010 with the following members present:

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

Constituting a quorum.

Jim Griffin and Roy Savage were absent from tonight's meeting.

Staff present included:

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| Beverly Queen Griffith | City Manager             |
| Stan Lowry             | City Attorney            |
| Michael Wells          | City Secretary           |
| David Flory            | Police Chief             |
| John Kubala            | Public Works Director    |
| Jill McAdams           | Human Resources Director |
| Maria Redburn          | Library Manager          |
| Bill Syblon            | Development Director     |
| James Tindell          | Fire Chief               |

### **WORK SESSION**

Mayor Story called the work session to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

Council discussed placing the following item(s) on consent: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

- **Staff report on the implementation of the K2 ordinance.**

Police Chief David Flory presented a report on the implementation of the K2 ordinance. The ordinance was passed at the Council meeting on October 12, 2010 and the next day instructions were given to one Police Department supervisor and one investigator to go to every location in the City that sold tobacco products. They received good reception and each location agreed to take the K2 products off of their shelves within 72 hours. The Police Department followed up that Saturday and only one location still had the product available; however, they had a compelling story that there was a misunderstanding and they immediately took the product off of the shelf. Each location was also given a copy of the ordinance. On November 4 and November 19, the Police Department performed undercover operations at all the locations and were unable to buy or find K2. They have run across K2 on the streets on four separate occasions and issued citations on two of the incidents and are awaiting test results on the other two. He stated that Council may have seen the recent article in the newspaper regarding the DEA making an emergency provision to schedule K2. He contacted the DEA special agent-in-charge in Dallas and

inquired into their process for the amendment. He was told that it was not the intent of the DEA to help with local law enforcement except for major drug operations and that they should rely on their local ordinances. It will take approximately two to three years before the DEA and the Federal Government can get full scheduling for K2.

**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:**

- a) Section 551.071, Consultation with City Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation – City of Bedford v. Bedford Plaza.**
- b) Section 551.071, Consultation with City Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation – Gregory Eric Austin v. City of Bedford.**

Council convened into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code regarding Section 551.071, Consultation with City Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation – City of Bedford v. Bedford Plaza and Section 551.071, Consultation with City Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation – Gregory Eric Austin v. City of Bedford at approximately 5:41 p.m.

Council reconvened from Executive Session at approximately 6:25 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 6:30 P.M.**

Regular session began at 6:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL COMMENTS**

Mayor Story called the meeting to order. He mentioned that two Council members could not be here tonight but there are enough present for a quorum.

**INVOCATION (Pastor Kevin Smith, Faith Christian Fellowship Church)**

Pastor Kevin Smith of Faith Christian Fellowship Church gave tonight's invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

**OPEN FORUM**

Nobody chose to speak under tonight's Open Forum.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ITEMS BY CONSENT**

Motioned by Councilman Champney, seconded by Councilman Turner to approve the following items by consent: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9.

Motion approved 5-0-0. Mayor Story declared the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- 1. Consider approval of the following City Council minutes:**
  - a) December 7, 2010 regular meeting**

This item was approved by consent.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 2. Consider a resolution of the Bedford City Council, Tarrant County, Texas adopting the 2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and finding and determining that the meeting at which this resolution was passed was open to the public as required by law.**

Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation Leigh Morgan and John Fain from DFL Group, the consultant for the Parks Master Plan project, presented information regarding this resolution. Ms. Morgan mentioned that the Council was given handouts that updated information in the Plan including a change on the map labeling the Old Bedford School correctly and adding cities that the City of Bedford is normally compared with to the standards.

The Master Plan must be updated every five years in order to be eligible for grants but it can be updated as needed in the meantime. On page 45 of the Plan, there was language that stated that approximately 31% of seniors visit the Senior Center several times a week. The language will be clarified to reflect that approximately 31% of the seniors who took the survey visited the Senior Center several times a week.

Mr. Fain stated that he will file for the grant by the first of March; therefore, the Master Plan has to be submitted to Texas Parks and Wildlife within the next couple of weeks. Ms. Morgan stated that the resolution passed tonight will be inserted into the Master Plan and the City will file it with Parks and Wildlife.

Motioned by Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Turner, to approve a resolution of the Bedford City Council, Tarrant County, Texas adopting the 2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and finding and determining that the meeting at which this resolution was passed was open to the public as required by law.

Motion approved 5-0-0. Mayor Story declared the motion carried.

- 3. Consider a resolution of the City Council of Bedford, Texas requesting that the State of Texas ban the use, purchase, sale and possession of K2 and similar substances.**

This item was approved by consent.

- 4. Consider a resolution authorizing the purchase of a replacement mini excavator in the amount of \$51,660.18 through the State of Texas Buy Board Purchasing Program.**

This item was approved by consent.

- 5. Consider a resolution authorizing the purchase of a replacement skid steer loader in the amount of \$58,405.24 through the State of Texas Buy Board Purchasing Program.**

This item was approved by consent.

- 6. Consider a resolution to accept bids and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Saber Development for the Water Line Improvements in Martin Drive in the amount of \$366,550.**

This item was approved by consent.

- 7. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept an offer and convey title and possession of 0.0154 acres (670 Sq. Ft.) located at 1001 Airport Freeway, Bedford, Texas situated in the Greenfield Beeler Survey, Number 166, City of Bedford, Tarrant County, Texas**

**and being a part of Lot 8-R, Block 20, Stonegate Addition to the City of Bedford, for the sum of \$3,175 and other good and valuable consideration.**

This item was approved by consent.

**8. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Konica Minolta to provide copier service for the new Bedford Public Library in the amount of \$5,730 annually.**

This item was approved by consent.

**9. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase one mobile generator system, elevating antenna mast, related equipment and installation of same from Super Vacuum Mfg. Co., Inc, in the amount of \$61,362.**

This item was approved by consent.

**10. Consider a resolution approving the new logo and tagline for the City of Bedford.**

Councilman Roger Fisher presented information regarding this resolution. He stated that the logo and tagline were presented to members of the Boards and Commissions two weeks ago to wide acclaim. Torch Creative did a great job and that this process has taken about a year and a half. Torch Creative's research showed that of all the city's that begin with the letter "B", none used it in their logo so Bedford would continue the tradition of using it in their logo. The "B" in the new logo never ends; it is bold, fluid, and forward thinking. It wraps around itself echoing the City's central location and reinforces that Bedford is the center point of the region. There is also an implied infinity sign which represents the City's ongoing focus on progress and its unwavering commitment to the citizens. The containing shape lends itself to a compass pointing to all the great places that can be accessed from the City. The indentations in the containing shape point back to the center, to Bedford and to home, showing that no matter where you travel or work, that you always want to keep your home in Bedford and your life centered around a great city. In addition to the logo, a new tagline was developed that helped represent the center of the Metroplex. In their research, Torch Creative said that of all the cities that could claim to be the center, none did; therefore, Bedford is staking its flag as the center of the Metroplex. The new tagline, "Discover the Center" is edgy and allows people to fill in the blanks. The tagline may refer to the City's central location or its focus on family friendly appeal. It makes Bedford the ideal gateway to discover everything the region has to offer. It is in the middle of the action offering a variety of cultural, dining and entertainment options for visitors and residents alike. The logo and tagline make a bold statement and charts a new direction for the City.

City Attorney Stan Lowry stated that in order to get a trademark on the new logo and tagline, the City will have to demonstrate its use. Passing this resolution will jumpstart discussion on the staff level of how to implement some level of use of the various iterations of the logo. Once the use has been established, the process to trademark these particular iterations will proceed. There is some possibility of having to tweak the logo. Step one of the process was creating the logo and tagline, step two is officially approving the logo and tagline, and step three is implementing some level of use so it can be established with the Secretary of State where the trademark is filed. City Manager Beverly Queen Griffith stated that staff is targeting using the logo and tagline on small quantities of easily consumable items such as letterhead and business cards.

Motioned by Councilman Fisher, seconded by Councilman Champney, to approve a resolution approving the new logo and tagline for the City of Bedford.

Motion approved 5-0-0. Mayor Story declared the motion carried.

**11. 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 reported that the Commission was continuing to work on the community garden.

✓ **Community Affairs Commission- Councilman Fisher**

No report was given.

✓ **Library Board- Councilman Brown**

No report was given.

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

No report was given.

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

No report was given.

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

No report was given.

**12. Council member reports**

Mayor Story wished everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year's and to be safe.

**13. City Manager report**

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

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

No action was necessary as a result of Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Story adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

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Jim Story, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Michael Wells, City Secretary