

Council Minutes September 23, 2014

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TARRANT §

CITY OF BEDFORD §

The City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas, met in Work Session at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, Work Session at 5:30 p.m. and Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 2000 Forest Ridge Drive, on the 23rd day of September, 2014 with the following members present:

Jim Griffin
Michael Boyter
Ray Champney
Jim Davisson
Steve Farco
Roger Fisher
Roy W. Turner

Mayor
Council Members

constituting a quorum.

Staff present included:

Beverly Griffith
David Miller
Stan Lowry
Michael Wells
Cliff Blackwell
Natalie Foster
Roger Gibson
Wendy Hartnett
Tom Hoover
Meg Jakubik
Mirenda McQuagge-Walden
Bill Syblon

City Manager
Deputy City Manager
City Attorney
City Secretary
Administrative Services Director
Marketing Specialist
Police Chief
Special Events Manager
Public Works Director
Assistant to the City Manager
Managing Director
Development Director

CONFERENCE ROOM WORK SESSION

Mayor Griffin called the Work Session to order at 5:15 p.m.

- **Interviews for appointments to Bedford's Citizen Boards and Commissions.**

The Council conducted interviews to Bedford's Citizen Boards and Commissions.

Mayor Griffin adjourned the Work Session at 5:25 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAMBER WORK SESSION

Mayor Griffin 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 did not discuss items to be approved by consent.

- **Discussion regarding update of mosquito abatement program.**

Public Works Director Tom Hoover presented information regarding the City's mosquito abatement program. He stated that the City has had 33 positive pools compared to none the previous year. Trapping of mosquitoes started the first of April and there were no positive pools until July 3. The City's numbers are trending down due to treatment and actions to address issues. He displayed a chart of surrounding cities and stated that the numbers in some cities that have been spraying earlier are trending upwards. He stated that the City's actions are making progress and there has been an 80 percent reduction in the adult mosquito population. There has been an average of 43 mosquitoes in each trap compared to 68 in a neighboring city. The Tarrant County Health Department now believes that the West Nile Virus (WNV) is in the bird population. Staff will continue with advance treatment, including spraying at night with a higher concentration of Flit in areas that have tested positive as well as enhanced treatment along each stream and each area that tests positive. There has been a human case of WNV, but there have been no positive tests in that particular area for two weeks. The City of Hurst will be enhancing their treatment in that area.

In answer to questions from Council, Mr. Hoover stated that the traps are virtually zero by October or November; that the City takes part in off-season trapping; that four more traps with different bait will be purchased to track a different type of mosquito; and that Hurst does have a trap in the area of the human case of WNV and has had nine positive tests city-wide in the last two weeks. There was discussion on spraying, including the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) not recommending spraying until certain stages are reached, including a human case of WNV; reducing the volume of mosquitoes; increasing the level of care and concern for areas that have tested positive; and the Health Department suggesting a fogging type of spray and an adulticide program. There was discussion regarding the incubation period of WNV being 14 to 21 days; how the Health Department determines that a pool is positive for WNV; and that the virus is the same but depends on the host's reaction. Mr. Hoover stated that they try to eliminate breeding sites, clean up creeks and take a proactive approach; and that they use the same chemicals that would be sprayed from trucks in the street but at a lower volume. There was discussion on the side effects of spraying; the person that has WNV; the virus being amplified in birds and there being fewer dead birds this year than in 2012; and birds and horses being the reservoir for WNV. In answer to questions, Mr. Hoover stated that the City's mosquito management program has all of the items requested by the CDC; that the next step is using biological treatment, including mosquito eating fish; that spraying targets adult mosquitoes; that staff is educating people through flyers, the City's website, and presentations to schools and HOAs; and that he would make a recommendation to enhance the program if there is an uptick in the mosquito population; that staff would research costs for aerial spraying; that there have been discussions with Colleyville and Hurst; and that he would like to see more proactive cooperation before the start of next season.

- **Present report on the 2014 City of Bedford Blues Fest.**

Special Events Manager Wendy Hartnett stated that 83 staff members from 23 different sub-departments participated in Blues Fest and specifically recognized staff in attendance. The goals and mission for the event remain the same from previous years. She displayed a list of sponsors and stated that the staff and VIP meals were all donated. Advertising included WBAP, Fox 4, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, the Dallas Morning News, the Fort Worth Weekly's website, the Dallas Observer and multiple radio ads. She stated that 80 percent of on-line ticket sales were from outside of the HEB area. There were 29 art and craft vendors, 19 food vendors, online packages, increases in gate admission, an estimated attendance of 16,500, and \$67,750 in cash sponsorships. In regards to the BBQ competition, there were 76 teams down from 91 the previous year. The event ranks ninth in the nation out of 450 contests and is an automatic qualifier to the World Food Competition and The Jack

Council Minutes September 23, 2014

Competition. A camper option was added to the online choices. She discussed the KCBS meal mission and stated that 291 pounds of cooked BBQ were donated to 6Stones and the Tarrant Area Food Bank. In regards to BBQ events, \$7,000 was given back to the community in volunteers, a backyard competition was added, and costs were increased and times adjusted for the People's Choice competition. In regards to seating options, eight VIP seats were sold each day and \$1,900 in reserved seats were sold on site. The cost recovery was 63.69 percent. Challenges include the addition of Friday night activities, the highway construction, logistic changes due to the loss of the old library, a complete remake of the food court to increase the visibility of vendors, retaining and building relationships with sponsors, and decentralizing wristband pickup. In the future, she is looking at increasing attendance, adding more sponsors, streamlining parking partner procedures, enhancing the BBQ events, implementing tiered pricing for artisans, looking into a BBQ expo and a Kids Que, and evaluating a different genre of music for Friday night.

In answer to questions from Council, Ms. Hartnett stated that it is difficult to track whether there was an increase in hotel/motel usage from the event as there was also a college football game at AT&T Stadium; that the number of artisan vendors were down due to Labor Day falling earlier in the year and conflicts with the Denton County Fair; that the majority of revenue loss was due to a decrease in beer revenue of \$8,000 but that revenue from gates increased to \$78,668; that there were issues with constant changes in the weather; that the reason for the decrease in BBQ teams was due to the number of teams topping out at 91 the previous year due to the BBQ Pitmasters show; and that 70 people became certified judges.

Mayor Griffin adjourned the Work Session at 6:36 p.m. and Council went into Regular Session.

Mayor Griffin reopened the Work Session at 7:37 p.m.

- **Presentation of monument sign options for Central Drive.**

Managing Director Mirenda McQuagge-Walden stated at the previous Council meeting, staff received feedback to research monument signs with a digital component on one side and that are more substantial, elegant and make more of a statement. Staff was also directed to negotiate with Bluebonnet Contractors regarding participating more with the costs, and staff was able to secure \$3,500 more per sign. She stated that a monument with digital on one side would reduce the cost of the digital component by half. Staff worked with Jim Tharp with Oxley Williams Tharp Architects to come up with designs and concepts.

Mr. Tharp presented several concepts for the signs and discussed applying elements from the Old Bedford School, the prominence of the Bedford "B", incorporating metal and wood elements and arches, the signs being historical or contemporary, mixtures of materials, pricing, and the dimensions of the signs being 15 feet tall and six to eight feet wide. There was discussion on incorporating electronic signage, transferring the presented concepts into lower signs, and including a water feature. In regards to the potential traffic impact, Mr. Hoover stated that the signs would be placed in the intersections as to keep the visibility triangles clear of obstructions. In regards to pricing, there was discussion on the first several signs presented being 100 percent masonry and therefore more expensive scale-wise than the latter signs; that pre-cast concrete is relatively cheap; that the signs in the City of Coppell are full brick and were erected in 2006 at a cost of approximately \$40,000; and that Bluebonnet would most likely be doing the project and they have access to scales of work and labor unavailable to the City. There was discussion on the signs separating Bedford from surrounding entities; electronic signage at the bottom facing oncoming traffic; implementing a program to replace the other monument signs with smaller scale versions; lighting options; and costs. In answer to questions from Council, it was stated that Bluebonnet wants the signs in by December and that they will be completing aesthetics in the corridor through the spring; that staff would look at entering into an interlocal agreement with TxDOT; that Bluebonnet removed the signs at Central Drive and that the rest

Council Minutes September 23, 2014

of the signs would be at the City's cost; that the signs would need to be architecturally designed and engineered to withstand the elements; that there would be savings in bidding a larger project; and that Bluebonnet could construct the signage at Westpark Way if the City absorbs the cost. Council was of the consensus for sign options "B" and "J". There was discussion on presenting additional options that have an electronic component and scheduling a work session to discuss the sign options.

Mayor Griffin adjourned the Work Session at 8:12 p.m. and Council went into Regular Session.

Mayor Griffin reopened the Work Session at 9:07 p.m.

- **Presentation addressing the traffic concerns at Bell Manor Elementary School.**

Mr. Hoover stated that this area was built in the late 1960s, with the school opening in 1969 and the houses being built in the 1970s. The street is wide enough to put in four 10-foot lanes. Staff is proposing to stripe Schumac Lane for westbound traffic to have a "right lane must turn right" lane and a "through or turn left" lane. The eastbound traffic would have a "left turn only" lane and a "straight or turn right" lane. There would not be a need to install "no parking" signs. The area has been surveyed to facilitate the lanes and he is confident that with the street already having a posted speed limit of 20 MPH, there would be no issues with traffic. He stated that it would be a paint striping job as Schumac Lane is scheduled for mill and overlay. He displayed maps that showed current conditions at the school and stated that in the future, the formal school zone would be put in place. In answer to questions from Council, Mr. Hoover stated that they could use door hangers to notify homeowners; that there have been discussions with the principal who stated that the school can get cars in and off the property if Schumac Lane is controlled; that the athletic director did not want traffic going between the football field and the buses; and that there are 200 cars at the peak times. In answer to questions from Council, Chief Gibson stated that three years ago the school synchronized the times for student dismissal, which may have caused the current issue; that most issues are at the beginning of the year due to new students and parents; and that he thinks that the striping plan will help with the issue. In answer to further questions from Council, it was stated that the standard width of a residential street is three 10-foot lanes; that highway lanes are normally 12 to 14 feet wide; that the school is reluctant to reverse the flow of the traffic; that the queue for cars would be 300 feet in length; and that it was a HEB ISD decision to synchronize the dismissal times. Council was of the consensus to support the striping of Schumac Lane.

- **Overview of the proposed Distracted Driving Ordinance.**

This item was discussed during the Regular Session.

Mayor Griffin adjourned the Work Session at 9:26 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION 6:30 P.M.

The Regular Session began at 6:49 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL COMMENTS

Mayor Griffin called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Councilmember Turner gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPCOMING EVENTS

Marketing Specialist Natalie Foster announced that the City's Pet Fair will be held Saturday, October 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. In 2015, the Old Bedford School will turn 100 and there will be a bluebonnet seeding on October 5 at 2:00 p.m. The Senior Center will have a craft sale on October 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Fire Department is having an open house on Saturday, October 18. The Bedford Bazaar will be held on October 18 at Pennington Field from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

OPEN FORUM

Larry Stricklin, 705 Annette Drive – Mr. Stricklin signed up to speak on the Work Session item regarding mosquitoes. He stated that he has received five phone calls regarding WNV in the Brookhollow area and that Fox 4 stated that there were 211 units that have WNV, of which Bedford had 33. He stated that there have been WNV mosquitoes in the Brookhollow area for five weeks. He stated that the City does manual spraying but does not do off the creek or in the neighborhood where he lives and asked why the neighborhood spraying is not done. He stated that North Richland Hills, Southlake and Keller have all done spraying. It was discussed that the City is doing backpack spraying but not in the neighborhoods; and that the adult population of mosquitoes has been decreased by 80 percent. Mr. Hoover stated that 183 pools were submitted for testing in Week 37, one-sixth of which tested positive and, of those, Bedford had three; that there have been 33 stations in Bedford that have tested positive since the beginning of the season; that the City is compliant with CDC recommendations; that they have been ground spraying since day one and that they have been doing backpack spraying since August 1; that they have four static traps which cannot be moved and a fifth roving trap used to isolate areas to determine if WNV is progressing; that the Brookside area is getting some positives due to low lying areas from construction; and that an area along Cheek Sparger Drive has birds that are causing problems. There was discussion on the number of positive tests; getting mosquitoes where they are breeding; and the chemical being used for spraying. Mr. Hoover stated that his staff works closely with Code Compliance to provide chemical treatments for pools; that personnel walk the creek in the area cited by Mr. Stricklin and treat the water, grass, trees and shrubs; and that it would not make sense to put a trap there since it is in the zone of influence.

COUNCIL RECOGNITION

1. Proclamation recognizing October 2014 as Fire Prevention Month in the City of Bedford.

Mayor Griffin read a proclamation recognizing October 2014 as Fire Prevention Month in the City of Bedford. Deputy Fire Chief Bobby Sewell was present to accept the proclamation.

2. Proclamation recognizing October 2014 as Crime Prevention Month in the City of Bedford.

Mayor Griffin read a proclamation recognizing October 2014 as Crime Prevention Month in the City of Bedford. Chief Gibson was present to accept the proclamation.

3. Proclamation recognizing October 7, 2014 as the official day for National Night Out in the City of Bedford.

Mayor Griffin read a proclamation recognizing October 7, 2014 as the official day for National Night Out in the City of Bedford. Chief Gibson was present to accept the proclamation.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

**4. Consider approval of the following City Council minutes:
a) September 9, 2014 regular meeting**

Motioned by Councilmember Champney, seconded by Councilmember Davisson, to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2014 regular meeting.

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Griffin declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Public hearing and consider an ordinance amending Ordinance 14-3082 for the property known as Lot CR, Block 4, Bedford Forum Addition, located at 3737 Airport Freeway, Bedford, Texas, from Heavy Commercial/Amended Specific Use Permit/New & Used Cars & Truck Sales/Service, allowing for Used Car Sales, Mac Churchill Auto Mall, to Heavy Commercial/Amended Specific Use Permit/New & Used Cars & Truck Sales/Service/Flag Poles, for an amended site plan to add two flag pole structures to be 80 feet in height for two 20 x 30 foot sized flags. The property is generally located north of State Highway 183 and east of State Highway 121. (Z-255)

Development Director Bill Syblon presented information regarding this item. He stated that the owners of Mac Churchill Auto Mall would like to add two 80 foot tall poles to accommodate two 20X30 foot flags. This would require an amendment to their Specific Use Permit. The poles would have 110 foot and 150 foot setbacks from the front property line. The Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously approved this item at their September 11, 2014 meeting with the following stipulations: that the only flags flown would be the U.S. and Texas state flags, and that the flags would be lit at night.

Mayor Griffin opened the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.

Nobody chose to speak during the public hearing.

Mayor Griffin closed the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.

In answer to questions from Council, John Fletcher, representing the applicant, stated that the flags give more visibility to traffic coming from the west; that the light poles at the dealership are approximately 30 feet in height and that they have ensured that there are no encumbrances when the flags are at half mast; that in working with other dealerships, they have never had challenges in erecting the poles or noise from the wind; that there are no homes next door; and that they will work with their company regarding the lighting. There was discussion on the company helping with the lighting of the Bedford Tower.

Motioned by Councilmember Davisson, seconded by Councilmember Champney, to approve an ordinance amending Ordinance 14-3082 for the property known as Lot CR, Block 4, Bedford Forum Addition, located at 3737 Airport Freeway, Bedford, Texas, from Heavy Commercial/Amended Specific Use Permit/New & Used Cars & Truck Sales/Service, allowing for Used Car Sales, Mac Churchill Auto Mall, to Heavy Commercial/Amended Specific Use Permit/New & Used Cars & Truck Sales/Service/Flag Poles, for an amended site plan to add two flag pole structures to be 80 feet in height for two 20 x 30 foot sized flags. The property is generally located north of State Highway 183 and east of State Highway 121. (Z-255)

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Griffin declared the motion carried.

6. **Public hearing and consider an ordinance amending Planned Unit Development Ordinance No. 106, specific to amending the Bedford Forum Land Use Plan Development (PUD) Standards, Section II. Site Plan, for the properties located within the Bedford Forum, specifically for the properties known as Lot 1A, Block 4A, Bedford Forum Addition, located at 3304 Commerce Place, Bedford, Texas, and Lot FR2, Block 4, Bedford Forum Addition, located at 2022 Plaza Drive, Bedford, Texas, to allow for Nursing, Rest & Convalescent Homes, specifically allowing for a Meridian Skilled Nursing Facility. The properties are generally located south of Bedford Road and east of State Highway 121. (Z-256)**

Mr. Syblon presented information regarding this item. The applicant is proposing to construct a new 52,000 square foot, 140 bed skilled nursing facility on two properties in the Bedford Forum PUD, which requires an amendment to the PUD. The applicant worked with staff to bring the site design into conformance with current zoning regulations. All set-backs are in excess of what is required. The site is over-parked with 112 spaces when only 70 are required. The required landscaping is 20 percent and they are providing 53 percent. There will be a detention pond south of the property line. The applicant worked with staff to bring the building façade up to the standards of the Master Highway Corridor Overlay District (MHC). The building will be primarily stucco and stone and earth tone in color. The PUD does not conflict with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The item was unanimously approved at the September 11, 2014 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting with the following stipulations: that the land use permitted be limited to a Meridian Skilled Nursing Facility, and that the masonry exterior wall construction emulate the requirements of the MHC. In answer to questions from Council, Mr. Syblon stated that this facility would enhance the medical backbone of the community; that the property does not fall into the MHC but that the owners are offering it as an added treatment; that the property is owned by Chesapeake Gas; that signage would come later under a different permit process; that the City put together a development group in the early 1970s who developed the standards of the PUD; that the property is zoned commercial; that the use would be allowed by right in a Service Commercial zone but requires an SUP in Heavy Commercial; that the PUD overrides the base zoning; that the development would take up the entire two parcels of five to six acres; that there is another 10 acre tract in the PUD purchased by the church; and that the other parcels in the PUD have entitlements for hotels.

Mayor Griffin opened the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

Nobody chose to speak during the public hearing.

Mayor Griffin closed the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

Motioned by Councilmember Champney, seconded by Councilmember Turner, to approve an ordinance amending Planned Unit Development Ordinance No. 106, specific to amending the Bedford Forum Land Use Plan Development (PUD) Standards, Section II. Site Plan, for the properties located within the Bedford Forum, specifically for the properties known as Lot 1A, Block 4A, Bedford Forum Addition, located at 3304 Commerce Place, Bedford, Texas, and Lot FR2, Block 4, Bedford Forum Addition, located at 2022 Plaza Drive, Bedford, Texas, to allow for Nursing, Rest & Convalescent Homes, specifically allowing for a Meridian Skilled Nursing Facility. The properties are generally located south of Bedford Road and east of State Highway 121. (Z-256)

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Griffin declared the motion carried.

Mayor Griffin adjourned the Regular Session at 7:37 p.m. and went into Work Session.

Mayor Griffin reopened the Regular Session at 8:13 p.m.

- 7. Consider an ordinance amending the City of Bedford Code of Ordinances Appendix A – Schedule of Fees, by updating fees imposed by the City; containing a savings clause; repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith; and providing for an effective date.**

Assistant to the City Manager Meg Jakubik presented information regarding this item. During the Budget Work Session, staff proposed increasing the multi-family inspection fee from \$0.75 to \$1.50 per unit per month, and was included in the revenue projections in the budget. Staff reviewed other area fees, performed surveys and costs and has proposed various fee changes to keep them in line and equitable with City services. In answer to questions from Council, Ms. Jakubik stated that staff looked at their own costs and surveys with other cities in proposing fee changes; that the changes are equitable with other fees in the area; and that it has been two years since the last significant fee increases. In regards to the ten percent discount for artisans to rent the OBS, she stated that it supports the Council mission area of supporting arts and culture; that it was discussed at the Arts Talk and other Cultural Commission forums; that it would include residents having recitals; and that there may be a decline in revenue but an increase in use.

Motioned by Councilmember Davisson, seconded by Councilmember Farco, to approve an ordinance amending the City of Bedford Code of Ordinances Appendix A – Schedule of Fees, by updating fees imposed by the City; containing a savings clause; repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith; and providing for an effective date.

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Griffin declared the motion carried.

- 8. Consider an ordinance amending the schedule of water rates by amendment of Section 1., Ordinance No. 13-3070; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date.**

Assistant to the City Manager Meg Jakubik presented information regarding this item and Item #9. The items are for water and sewer volume rate increases as presented in the budget and go along with the Council's desire that increases from Trinity River Authority (TRA) be passed along to the customers. The water rate is proposed to increase by \$0.27 to \$3.38 per 1,000 gallons. The proposed sewer increase is \$0.11 cents to \$2.21 per 1,000 gallons. The impact on an average July bill would be an increase of \$4.33. In answer to questions from Council, Ms. Jakubik stated that the increases would go into effect on water billed after January 1 and would coincide with TRA's increase; and that the amount of the increases are directly commensurate with increases from TRA.

Motioned by Councilmember Davisson, seconded by Councilmember Turner, to approve an ordinance amending the schedule of water rates by amendment of Section 1., Ordinance No. 13-3070; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date.

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Griffin declared the motion carried.

- 9. Consider an ordinance amending the schedule of sewer rates by an amendment of Section 1., Ordinance No. 13-3071; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date.**

This item was discussed with Item #8.

Motioned by Councilmember Davisson, seconded by Councilmember Turner, to approve an ordinance amending the schedule of sewer rates by an amendment of Section 1, Ordinance No. 13-3071; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date.

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Griffin declared the motion carried.

10. Consider an ordinance amending the City of Bedford Code of Ordinances, Chapter 114 by adding a new Article X “Use of Portable Electronic Devices while Operating a Motor Vehicle Prohibited;” repealing conflicting ordinances; providing a penalty clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

Chief Gibson presented information regarding this item and asked that Council consider tabling it. He stated that 93 percent of respondents on the citizen satisfaction survey indicated a support for the City adopting a texting while driving ordinance. When staff looked into an ordinance, they discovered issues with limiting the regulations to just texting. He stated that Texas is one of six states that do not have a state law addressing this issue. In conversations with other cities, they learned that enforcement of texting while driving has been problematic. He stated that 38 cities in Texas have adopted some type of ordinance. He felt that they had a good plan adopting what other cities have done as well as state law considerations. He discussed accommodations citing the example of an ambulance service that uses two-way talk radios and ensuring that accommodations do not compromise the ordinance. He asked Council if they wanted staff to proceed with a strictly texting while driving ordinance or something more inclusive. In answer to questions from Council, Chief Gibson stated with two seconds of inattention, a person is 23 times more likely to be involved in an accident, which equates to a blood alcohol level of 1.5; and that his position is to have an aggressive educational program to gain voluntary compliance followed later by enforcement. There was discussion on having a stricter, more inclusive definition; working around commercial carriers; dealing with exemptions as they appear; safety of the citizens; potential state legislation including it superseding the City’s ordinance; and these types of accidents being underreported. Council was of the consensus for having a more inclusive definition. There was discussion on amateur radio operators, commercial vehicles and ambulances.

Motioned by Councilmember Davisson, seconded by Councilmember Champney, to table item #10 an ordinance amending the City of Bedford Code of Ordinances, Chapter 114.

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Griffin declared the motion carried.

11. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a one-year agreement between the City of Bedford, Texas and Motorola Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$254,816.48 for support and maintenance of the trunk radio infrastructure and for the trunk radio system manager. The grand total of \$254,816.48 will be divided equally, with one-sixth, or \$42,469.42 being paid by each member city.

Fire Marshal Joey Lankford presented information regarding this item and Item #12. Item #11 is for a contract with Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$42,469.42, which is one-sixth of the total cost to maintain the infrastructure of the City’s radio system and the system manager. In answer to questions from Council, Marshal Lankford stated that the radios are City-wide.

Item #12 is for the maintenance of the radios themselves. The City has contracted with North Richland Hills since 1996. The amount is for \$23,093.94, which is a fluctuating price. In answer to questions from Council, Fire Chief Lankford stated that by doing this contract, the City is saving money; and that if the City owned its own radio system, the cost would be over \$254,000.

Motioned by Councilmember Farco, seconded by Councilmember Champney, to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a one-year agreement between the City of Bedford, Texas and Motorola Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$254,816.48 for support and maintenance of the trunk radio infrastructure and for the trunk radio system manager.

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Griffin declared the motion carried.

12. Consider a resolution authorizing payment to the City of North Richland Hills, in the amount of \$23,093.94, to provide continuous maintenance for subscriber radios and auxiliary equipment.

This item was discussed with Item #11.

Motioned by Councilmember Farco, seconded by Councilmember Turner, to approve a resolution authorizing payment to the City of North Richland Hills, in the amount of \$23,093.94, to provide continuous maintenance for subscriber radios and auxiliary equipment.

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Griffin declared the motion carried.

13. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Hurst for the space sharing arrangement of a police sub-station.

Chief Gibson presented information regarding this item and asked that it be tabled. It is for an interlocal agreement with the City of Hurst for a police storefront. He stated that the communiqué for the item indicates that the City's costs are absorbed by the FY 2015 Justice Assistant Grant. Hurst negotiated a deal with the company providing the building in the amount of \$63,300 for upgrades; however, Hurst received a quote that was \$20,000 over that amount. Staff will work to reduce those numbers and will come back with more specific figures.

Motioned by Councilmember Turner, seconded by Councilmember Davisson, to table Item #13, police sub-station interlocal agreement with Hurst.

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Griffin declared the motion carried.

14. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Hurst for a shared Mental Health Coordinator position.

Chief Gibson presented information regarding this item. The grant covers the vast majority of the costs for the Mental Health Coordinator position and the three HEB cities would contribute \$6,800 each. He stated that the value of the Coordinator position is tremendous. The monthly stat sheet from Tarrant County Mental Health/Mental Retardation (MHMR) shows that the three cities are significantly above every entity except for Fort Worth JPS and Arlington. Other cities are following the lead of the HEB cities and will absorb the time of the County Mental Health Specialist. In answer to questions from Council, Chief Gibson stated that with the Repeat Victimization Unit (RVU), the City devotes three officers whose primary focus is repeat victims of domestic violence and mental health issues; that the City averages 350 mental health cases a year; that the officers have had tremendous success in establishing a rapport with people; that MHMR has an officer that comes out every Thursday to work with the City; that Cook Children's Hospital deals with children 12 years of age or younger and that the average age of diagnosis is six years; and that HEB is on the cutting edge in dealing with these issues. There was discussion on a recent mental health symposium and an article on the RVU in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Motioned by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Councilmember Davisson, to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Hurst for a shared Mental Health Coordinator position.

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Griffin declared the motion carried.

15. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend an interlocal agreement with the City of Fort Worth for the collection and disposal of household hazardous waste for

Bedford households at the permanent collection site from October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015.

Parks Superintendent Don Henderson presented information regarding this item. It is an amendment to the interlocal agreement with the City of Fort Worth for the disposal of household hazardous waste. The City first joined the program in 1998. The program allows citizens to participate in the Crud Cruiser event held twice a year and gives them the option to obtain a voucher to utilize the service center in Fort Worth. The City has averaged over 300 vouchers per year over the last four years and there has been great turnout at the Crud Cruiser events. He stated that the Beautification Commission is an avid promoter of recycling programs.

Motioned by Councilmember Boyter, seconded by Councilmember Davisson, to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend an interlocal agreement with the City of Fort Worth for the collection and disposal of household hazardous waste for Bedford households at the permanent collection site from October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015.

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Griffin declared the motion carried.

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

✓ **Animal Shelter Advisory Board - Councilmember Fisher**

No report was given.

✓ **Beautification Commission - Councilmember Turner**

No report was given.

✓ **Community Affairs Commission - Councilmember Boyter**

Councilmember Boyter thanked Commission members Sal Caruso, Ruth Culver, Roy Savage, David Franklin and Gary Morlock who were in attendance. He discussed the neighborhood block party on September 25 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. He thanked the Commission in their effort to bring City staff and elected officials closer to the residents.

✓ **Cultural Commission – Councilmember Champney**

No report was given.

✓ **Library Board - Councilmember Davisson**

Councilmember Davisson reported that the Bedford Bazaar will be held at Pennington Field on October 18. Booths are \$20.00 and people can sell new or used items.

✓ **Parks & Recreation Board - Councilmember Davisson**

No report was given.

✓ **Teen Court Advisory Board - Councilmember Farco**

No report was given.

17. Council member Reports

No other reports were given.

18. City Manager/Staff Reports

No report was given.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- a) Pursuant to Section 551.087, deliberation regarding economic development negotiations relative to "Project Flamingo."
- b) Pursuant to Section 551.087, deliberation regarding economic development negotiations relative to Block 1, Lot 1RB, Bedford Meadows Shopping Center.
- c) Pursuant to Section 551.071, consultation with City Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation regarding 533 Bedford Road.
- d) Pursuant to Section 551.071, consultation with City Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation – Chandra Gupta
- e) Section 551.071, consultation with City Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation – Restaurants with alcohol sales in violation of Section 10.06 "Annual reporting requirements for authorized restaurants with alcohol sales" of the City of Bedford's Code of Ordinances.

Council convened into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087, deliberation regarding economic development negotiations relative to "Project Flamingo"; Section 551.087, deliberation regarding economic development negotiations relative to Block 1, Lot 1RB, Bedford Meadows Shopping Center; Section 551.071, consultation with City Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation regarding 533 Bedford Road; Section 551.071, consultation with City Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation – Chandra Gupta; and Section 551.071, consultation with City Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation – Restaurants with alcohol sales in violation of Section 10.06 "Annual reporting requirements for authorized restaurants with alcohol sales" of the City of Bedford's Code of Ordinances at 9:26 p.m.

Council reconvened from Executive Session at 10:25 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.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Griffin adjourned the meeting at 10:29 p.m.

Jim Griffin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Wells, City Secretary