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STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TARRANT §

CITY OF BEDFORD §

The City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas, met in Work Session at 5:45 p.m. in the Conference Room, and Work Session at 6:00 p.m. and Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 2000 Forest Ridge Drive, on the 9th day of February, 2016 with the following members present:

Jim Griffin	Mayor
Ray Champney	Council Members
Steve Farco	
Roger Fisher	
Dave Gebhart	
Rusty Sartor	
Roy W. Turner	

constituting a quorum.

Staff present included:

Roger Gibson	City Manager
Kelli Agan	Assistant City Manager
Stan Lowry	City Attorney
Michael Wells	City Secretary
Chuck Carlisle	Fleet and Facility Services Manager
Natalie Foster	Public Information Officer
Wendy Hartnett	Special Events Manager
Kenny Overstreet	Interim Public Works Director
Maria Redburn	Library Director
Bill Syblon	Development Director

CONFERENCE ROOM WORK SESSION

Mayor Griffin called the Work Session to order at 5:45 p.m.

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

Council conducted interviews with applicants for appointment to Bedford's Citizen Boards and Commissions.

• Discussion regarding appointments to Bedford's Citizen Boards and Commissions.

Council generally discussed the appointment of members to Bedford's Citizen Boards and Commissions. Appointments will be made at a future Council meeting.

Mayor Griffin recessed the Work Session at 6:01 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAMBER WORK SESSION

Mayor Griffin called the Work Session to order at 6:03 p.m.

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

Council discussed placing the following items on consent: 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 11. Items #4 and 7 were removed from the agenda.

Interim Public Works Director Kenny Overstreet presented information regarding Item #5, which is to amend the Code of Ordinances for stop signs intersections in new subdivisions at Sanders Court, Hastings Court, Hastings Place and Avalon Court; a no parking sign on Cummings Drive at Rolling Meadows Drive going westbound; a no left turn sign at Spring Brook Drive and Shady Brook Drive during school hours; and speed limit signs that were posted by the State on the service roads and exit ramps after the completion of the highway construction.

Mr. Overstreet presented information regarding Item #6, which is for a professional services agreement with Elder Engineering. Through the 4B process, Bedford Court East was selected for a rebuild as it is in poor shape. Elder Engineering was contacted for a proposal and the cost for the design work is \$43,580. The item would be paid out of 4B funding.

Mr. Overstreet presented information regarding Item #8. Every year, the City enters into an interlocal agreement with Tarrant County Precinct 3 for resurfacing of roads, whereby the asphalt is milled off and two new inches of asphalt is put down. Bedford Road from Highway 121 going towards Euless was microsurfaced several years ago, and the material is coming off and filling the curb lines with debris. The 460 feet of Bedford Road going west from Highway 121 towards Martin Drive to where it turns into concrete will also be done. Participating with Tarrant County will cost \$273,313; if this project were contracted out, the cost would be over \$470,000. There are savings of \$196,000 in just labor by using the County. In answer to questions from Council, Mr. Overstreet stated that the project would be funded out of 4B; that there are savings over what was originally estimated for the project; that he will be coming back to Council for the milling work but it is not anticipated to be more than \$53,000; and that improvements to two ADA ramps, curb work and repairing of some road base failures will be performed in-house.

Fleet and Facilities Manager Chuck Carlisle presented information regarding Item #9, which is to completely strip down the floor of the Boys Ranch gym to the bare wood, repaint the graphics and add a pickle ball court. The normal process, which is done every two years, is to scuff the basketball court area and have it overlaid. In answer to a question from Council, Mr. Carlisle stated that the project will take approximately six days to complete.

Mr. Carlisle presented information regarding Item #10, which is to replace the outdated carpeting in City Hall, including in the Council Chambers, hallways and the City Manager's Office, with 2X2 carpet squares. The carpet in those areas is approximately 25 years old. In answer to questions from Council regarding replacing the carpet in the rest of the building, Mr. Carlisle stated that the flooring in those areas was install approximately 14 years ago; that the project was originally intended for the public areas in the building; and that he will look into the cost of installing new carpeting in the rest of the building. Councilmember Fisher stated that, for the record, he has been opposed to spending any money on the building in hopes of one day getting a facility the City deserves; however, as that is some time in the future, upgrades need to be done to the current facility. He further asked that audio/visual capabilities and the voting system be looked at as well.

Mr. Carlisle presented information regarding Item #11, which is to replace the door access system at the Police Department. The system is 17 years old, runs on a Windows XP machine, and is not compatible with the system throughout the City. Further, when the cache fills up, due to errors in the software, the system starts un-securing areas that should be secured. There are hardware issues as well; however, those are handled in-house as they come up. The project would be paid out of public safety improvement money. In answer to questions from Council, Mr. Carlisle stated and the project includes the controllers for the system; and that the server has to be shut down when the cache is cleared and there is a chance it may not come back up.

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- **Old Bedford School 100 Year Committee wrap-up.**

George Campbell, representing the Old Bedford School 100 Year Committee, stated that they put on 18 events over 15 months. He showed a video detailing those events. He recognized Committee Members Ulana Ratley and Amy Vozar, who were also in attendance.

Mayor Griffin stated that the City received a letter and proclamation from State Representative Jonathan Stickland recognizing the 100 year anniversary of the Old Bedford School.

Mayor Griffin adjourned the Work Session at 6:43 p.m.

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 Block 1, Lot 1D, Shops at Central Park.**
- b) **Pursuant to Section 551.074, personnel matters – performance review of the City Manager.**

Council convened into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087, deliberation regarding economic development negotiations relative to Block 1, Lot 1D, Shops at Central Park and Section 551.074, personnel matters – performance review of the City Manager, at 6:24 p.m.

Council reconvened from Executive Session at 6:38 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

The Regular Session began at 6:44 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL COMMENTS

Mayor Griffin called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION (Pastor Jeff Baldwin, The Refuge Family Church)

Pastor Jeff Baldwin of The Refuge Family Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flags of the United States and Texas were given.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPCOMING EVENTS

Mayor Griffin recognized Assistant City Secretary Amanda Jacobs for graduating from the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program.

Public Information Officer Natalie Foster reported that the Library is having an Anti-Valentine's Day party on Saturday, February 13 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The event is for teens looking for an unromantic evening of games, snacks and bashing a black heart piñata. The Senior Center is having a dinner and dance on Monday, February 15 beginning at 6:00 p.m. There will be live music, dinner and dancing. There are still seats available for the Residential Outreach Meeting on February 25 starting at 7:00 p.m.

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Ms. Foster presented an update on the Boys Ranch Park construction. Ninety percent of the sidewalks have been completed and the west and north sidewalks by the tennis courts have been connected. All of the picnic tables have been installed and crews continue to work on the decorative rock formation and landscaping near the bridges. Crews have begun reshaping the green space in front of Bedford Splash and hydro-mulch will eventually be put down, both in the green space area and around the playground. The concrete footer around the lake has been finished and the valve has been shut. The estimated completion date is still the end of February.

OPEN FORUM

Tom Culbert. Mr. Culbert signed up to speak on Item #12. He stated he was curious on how the Senior Center was doing with the dances and the dance financing. Since there is no longer a senior advisory council or a dance committee, he asked if there are any reports about on how much money there is and how much is needed. Councilmember Turner reported that there was a staff meeting held the previous week that showed increases from 2014 to 2015 in both attendance and satisfaction with the dances. In answer to Mr. Culbert's question regarding the snack fund, it was stated that the fund is still there and is in the donation account for the Senior Center so it can be tracked. Mr. Culbert stated that the previous two dances collected of \$50.00 and \$35.00 respectively for the snack fund, and that it is looking close to being bare. It was stated that any future expenditures would be done with a purchase card and there is not a shortage. Councilmember Turner stated that he will present more specific information at the next Council meeting.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ITEMS BY CONSENT

Motioned by Councilmember Champney, seconded by Councilmember Turner, to approve the following items by consent: 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 11, and removal from the agenda Item #4 and Item #7.

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

COUNCIL RECOGNITION

1. Proclamation declaring February 2016 as Love Your Library Month in the City of Bedford.

Mayor Griffin read a proclamation declaring February 2016 as Love Your Library Month in the City of Bedford. Library Director Maria Redburn accepted the proclamation. Programming Assistant Mary Woodward accepted a plaque on behalf of the Library for the 2015 Achievement in Excellence in Libraries Award from the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association.

Ms. Redburn discussed the "It's Time Texas" challenge, which is a fitness challenge in which the entire City is participating. She stated that Texas is the 11th most obese state in the nation, and that obesity not only impacts one's personal life but also economically. Different City departments and citizens are invited to register on the challenge's website. The City gets 200 points from someone registering and will also get points for posting pictures of people doing healthy activities. The Boys Ranch Activity Center (BRAC) has an app for doing different challenges every month. She stated that by 2030, if people do not change the way they live, children today may not have health insurance. She discussed classes that are available at Library, the BRAC and the Senior Center.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2. Consider approval of the following City Council minutes:

a) January 26, 2016 regular session

This item was approved by consent.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

3. **The following individual has requested to speak to the Council tonight under Persons to be Heard:**
- a) **Joyce Johnson, 1701 Brookhaven Circle, Bedford, Texas 76022 – Requested to speak to the Council about the United States being the third largest gas exporter, drilling, fracking hazards, and effects.**

Joyce Johnson, 1701 Brookhaven Circle, Bedford, Texas – Ms. Johnson stated that there is disagreement on whether Council denied urban drilling and asked if it was true. In response, it was stated by Council that an ordinance was passed regarding drilling and the only piece of property where there is an option to drill is Meadow Park, which is School District property; and that since passage of that ordinance, that the State has passed their own law in regards to drilling that supersedes what the City has done; and that if Ms. Johnson has a solution related to the State's position, then she is speaking to the wrong governmental body to affect that change. Ms. Johnson stated that there have been numerous events in the last year that show the City may have been betrayed during the time drilling was being promoted including two drilling rigs set up in the median of Airport Freeway near Brown Trail and Forest Ridge Drive. Birds that are normally in her back yard have evacuated the area likely due to fracking vapors from the drilling sites. Further, pipes are being laid down under Bedford at West Pipeline Road running from five gas storage tanks on Highway 157, and are obviously intended to go under several Bedford neighborhoods towards the rigs on Airport Freeway. One hundred to 200 million tons per year reveals the amount of missing structural support in the United States, plus the mass of rock pulverized to obtain the gas. She stated the number and size of the gas storage tanks on Highway 157 reveal the quantity of gas being taken locally from under Bedford and Arlington. The gas industry is preparing for the United States to be the largest exporter of gas in the world. In response to Ms. Johnson, it was stated by Council and staff that there is no illicit drilling rigs operating in the City at this time or during this time period she described. Further the five storage tanks on Highway 157 are in Fort Worth and have been there for 30 to 40 years; are for gasoline petroleum, not liquid natural gas (LNG); and cannot be controlled by Bedford. Ms. Johnson stated that when a well is drilled, it does not just take gas from under it but from a five mile radius around it. She saw an announcement from the BBC that the United States is the third largest exporter of gas in the world, which was facilitated as fracking was initiated in North America. The website rt.com/business reported that the United States was going to launch exports of LNG by the end of 2015; and that 20 LNG plants with a total capacity of up to 2M tons per year has been constructed in North America, with six in the United States receiving export licenses for 100M tons per year. She stated the boost of gas exporters will increase domestic oversupply and lead to an increase in gas prices. The domestic market will grow by 35 to 45 percent within five years of launching deliveries overseas. In response to Ms. Johnson, it was stated by Council that regarding the drilling rigs reported her, they were actually shallow water wells drilled by the School District at L.D. Bell High School to provide well water for their playfields. It was further asked by Council that Ms. Johnson keep her presentation to the City of Bedford.

Ms. Johnson displayed a map showing potential LNG export sites relative to shale basins and stated that Bedford is in the Barnett Shale gas basin, which is one of the largest parts from where gas is being taken for export purposes. When gas is taken under the surface by fracking, it causes the rocky area to collapse into sand. Gas is then extracted and shipped through pipelines to storage places. This takes out the support that holds up buildings and infrastructure, which causes huge crevices and affects Bedford and everywhere there is drilling and fracking. She stated that it is thought fracking is to blame for earthquakes in Texas and discussed an article describing the fracking process. She showed a picture of storage tanks, which are expected to collect 45M tons per year of LNG coming out from under Bedford and other cities. In Oklahoma, an entire city fell into a sinkhole, which could happen to Bedford. Gas frackers in Houston have stated that exports could be greater than 100M to 200M tons per year, and the United States could potentially overtake Russia as the largest supplier of LNG. She discussed earthquakes being caused by water fracking, which also pulls out toxic methane into the air; and an earthquake hazard program from the United State Geological Survey. She discussed a secret internet kill switch, which has been concealed and is related to earthquakes caused by fracking. She discussed

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neighborhood fires including a house that burned down in Haltom City for unknown reasons and fires in California on top of drilling and fracking areas. In response to Ms. Johnson, it was stated by Council that these were issues everybody should be concerned about; and that there was no drilling next to a school in Bedford. She discussed an interactive map of the latest earthquakes in Texas. She stated that Dallas reported over 72,000 potholes, for which they will spend \$14M to repair, and that the mayor of Dallas may change his mind on property tax rates. She stated that Bedford has potholes as a result of what is going on under the ground, where fracking fluid crumbles the road. She discussed sinkholes in Hurst and on IH-35. She stated the analysis of hydraulic fluids are under investigation by the Environmental Protection Agency. She discussed a list of the location of wells on a website, which received a failing grade from Harvard University for their reporting. She stated that water fracking is not safer than chemical fracking, as it puts out methane and causes earthquakes. She proposed a conglomerate of all of the cities in the area that are suffering because of urban drilling and fracking to say they will not have anything taken out from under the cities, and Bedford could pass a resolution to deny any extraction and transportation of gas through pipelines, which leak as bad as gas wells. She stated that there is a school near her house, that fracking fluids are known to cause learning impairment in children, and that the drilling site near her was leaking fracking fluid.

In response to Ms. Johnson, Council and staff stated that there have been no gas drilling rigs in Bedford; that the rigs described by Ms. Johnson were for well water; that the pipes being installed under Pipeline Road are sewer pipes from the Trinity River Authority redoing sewer basins along the corridor; that a lot of pipe will be laid in the City over the next ten years; that the State has passed a number of laws prohibiting cities dictating about piping and transportation of gas; that the materials submitted by Ms. Johnson will be forwarded to the City's state representatives; and that Council and staff would be made aware of this type of activity going on in the City.

b) Carlo Gill, 3221 Timber Grove, Bedford, Texas 76021 – Requested to speak to Council on the same subject he spoke to Council on January 26, 2016: “trash pick-up and parking trailers, boats, and recreational vehicles in residential areas.”

Carlo Gill, 3221 Timber Grove, Bedford, Texas – Mr. Gill stated that he wanted to give a status report on what has happened since the previous meeting, which is really nothing. He was told by everybody with the City that there was nothing that could be done and it was up to Council to make a decision to put an ordinance in place for these problems. He advised Council to go out and look how bad his neighborhood is. He displayed pictures of trailers parked in front driveways in a residential community and stated that it is ridiculous how it is allowed by Council and if nothing happens, property values will be driven down. He discussed a house of a friend in North Richland Hills that ten people wanted to buy but did not because the neighbors had trailers and junk in their yard. His neighborhood is not low end housing, there is a \$250,000 house at the end of his street that is being leased, and that there are houses being leased all over the City. He stated that the Census shows there are 9,233 houses in the City that are rented. With at least two people in every household and with a population of 46,000, that means 50 percent of the people in the City are renters and they do not care about the property because it is not theirs. He talked to a resident in his neighborhood that is not able to see the end of their street because it is blocked by a storage trailer in the front driveway that moves only on the weekends. He stated that a lot of the people renting these houses know the Council is not making any decisions on ordinances regarding this so they put in whatever they want, and it is because Council does not care. He displayed more pictures including a location with two trailers parked in the driveway and a car that sticks out. All of the pictures were taken within four to five streets of his house at around 2:00 p.m. He displayed pictures of houses with recreational vehicles and trailers parked in the backyards, and of a trailer sticking out over the sidewalk. He stated the municipal judge will not do anything about the trailer over the sidewalk because people can walk around it. He displayed pictures from Hurst of a 20-foot recreational vehicle covered with canvass in a residential community and stated that this will happen in Bedford if the Council does not do anything about it. He discussed homeowner's associations that prevent this type of thing from occurring. He displayed a picture of an old car in a driveway down the end of his street that has been there for 12 months and was told by the Police Chief that something will be done about it. He asked Council how they would like the old car or trailers parked next to their houses. He stated nobody is going to buy a house in the City if they travel around the streets and see how bad it is. He stated that he will come to Council meetings

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until something is done about it and that he will take more pictures and get addresses. There are storage places all over the City to store these types of vehicles but people will not do so because they are renters and they do not care. In answer to questions from Council, he stated that it stands to reason that a large majority of the pictures he displayed are of rented homes with the demographics showing that 50 percent of the people in the City are renters; and that he will get the addresses of the houses shown in the pictures and put them on a map. He discussed coming to Council 35 years previously to get an ordinance to prevent tractor trailers from being parked in residential neighborhoods.

There was discussion that staff, including the Police Chief, drove the neighborhood in the afternoon and evenings and saw two trailers parked in driveways, which is allowed under the current ordinance; the number of rented homes in the City including that the figure cited previously was actually the population of renter occupied homes; balancing the City's aesthetic with personal property rights; and the current ordinance allowing people to park trailers and recreational vehicles in their driveway or in the backyard behind a fence. There was further discussion that since this issue was brought to Council's attention 14 days previously, staff has looked at ordinances from three other cities; that staff, including the Police Chief, the City Manager and Assistant City Manager, have performed regular checks and counted vehicles in the neighborhood to see how bad the issue is and which vehicles are not in compliance with the current ordinance; and that staff and Council have been looking into this issue. Mr. Gill stated that he has received phone calls and letters from people that have made complaints to the Council in the last two years and nothing has been done. There was discussion on bringing this item to a work session or a strategic planning session to determine if it is a top priority of Council. Mr. Gill stated that much of the City's revenue comes from property taxes and that the City wants to bring in new people into the area; that there is a trash issue and he counted 12 houses out of 14 on one street that had trash out earlier than 6:00 p.m.; that there are too many warnings going out to the same people; and that the Police Chief did do something about the old car mentioned previously. There was further discussion that there was nothing in the current ordinance that covers Mr. Gill's request to allow only personal vehicles in driveways; the neatness and cleanliness of the yards in the pictures; the issue being a matter of personal taste; that it is legal to have chickens in the back yard as long as there is no rooster and that properties over one acre can have a horse; homeowner associations; and making an accommodation in the ordinance that would be reasonable to the other citizens who own such vehicles.

c) William McFadden, 1108 Hialeah Path, Bedford, Texas 76022 – Requested to speak to the Council regarding code enforcement, parking, trashcans, lack of fines and citations; and further developments at the Bedford Bark Park including lights, water features, and general maintenance to the Bark Park.

William McFadden, 1108 Hialeah Path, Bedford, Texas – Mr. McFadden stated he moved to Bedford approximately two years and at that time, there were not many issues; however, issues with trash began with the new green recycling bins. He displayed pictures of houses where carts and trash were put out days early, carts were left out days after pickup, and carts are being stored in front of the street. He stated that it looks trashy and takes away from the area. He has contacted Code Compliance and used the Better It Bedford app; however, Code Compliance officers would come out on trash day so the residents would then be in compliance. He stated that if people are just given warnings with no fine attached, they have no incentive to follow the rules. If people received citations and a fine, they would be less likely to break the rules. He discussed what the fines were with the Police Chief and it was his understanding that one would have to go to court and the judge would assign a fine, with the maximum being \$500. He wondered if for trash issues, a fine of \$25 that could be given by Code Compliance and paid online.

Mr. McFadden stated that he does a lot of running and during the day, there are no cars over sidewalks and very few in the street. At night, people are coming home and parking their trailers and "toys" in driveways and some protrude into the sidewalk. He talked with members of the Police Department, who in turned talked to the prosecutor and judge, and he understands that Code cannot fine or cite those residents if people can get around the vehicle by staying on the driveway. He displayed a picture of a vehicle protruding over the sidewalk that also had a trailer in the driveway, and stated that they should at least park their "toys" on the street so one can get by on the sidewalk. He had reported this vehicle but when Code Compliance came by, the person was at work so there was no violation. He showed a picture

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of a vehicle that was completely blocking the sidewalk. He asked that Council work with Code Compliance about enforcing these issues during the evening hours when people are actually violating the Code. He discussed a sidewalk issue on Montgomery Way where a trailer is parked with the jack physically touching the sidewalk and the hitch protruding out, and asked that Council look into not allowing this in the Code.

Mr. McFadden discussed cars parking on the wrong side of the road and stated that in speaking with the Police Chief, there have never been any accidents due to cars being parked on the wrong side. He asked that the Code be changed so it is allowed between certain hours or that it be enforced more. He feels like he is being punished for parking on the correct side of the street. In regards to trash, he asked if Code officers only respond to complaints or if they also patrol areas. He further asked if Code Compliance officers can patrol and enforce the trash regulations on non-trash days.

In regards to the Bark Park, Mr. McFadden stated that there are a lot of ruts, holes, missing grass and mud, as well as dog feces, in the big dog park and asked if there could be more upkeep. He asked if there was a chance lights could be installed especially in the winter time when it gets dark early. He stated the little dog park has lights from the baseball fields and asked if more lights could be installed at the little dog park with a provision that any sized dog can be in the area such as from dusk to a certain time. He stated that he understands the dog parks in Eules and Arlington have lights.

City Manager Roger Gibson stated that Code Compliance officers do perform patrols and address violations as they observe them. He stated that Mr. McFadden did make a good point on trailer hitches that stick out and discussed a decision rendered by the Municipal Court regarding vehicles that protrude partially into the sidewalk. The ruling is that an object partially obstructing a sidewalk may not constitute a violation if a person can safely navigate around it. The rule of thumb in the Police Department is if a child on a bike with training wheels or a person in a wheel chair can get around the object without going into the street and can safely navigate the grade of the driveway. He stated that the potential safety issue of trailer hitches sticking out into the sidewalk can be raised to the Court. In regards to warning notices, he stated that the City tries to get compliance through cooperation when dealing with non-safety related violations but agreed that at some point, if Code Compliance keeps giving repeated warnings, they lose some effectiveness. He stated that parking with the traffic flow is a State statute and the Police Department will address those issues when it is brought to their attention but it is not their primary focus. He suggested that Mr. McFadden attend the Citizen's Police Academy.

There was discussion on senior citizens not being able to put out trash at night when it gets dark earlier in the winter; dealing with repeat offenders; trash being put out days ahead of time; items on which Code Compliance is working; Mr. Gill and Mr. McFadden being concerned citizens; processes in place and systems that the City has to go through; considering both sides of an issue; Council sharing the same concerns as Mr. McFadden as they are also homeowners; staff being proactive and reactive when they need to be; and how updates are given to residents on these issues. In regards to the Bark Park, there was discussion on the Parks and Recreation Board helping to raise funds to create the Park; the Board striving to get donations and sponsors to pay for additions to the Park; and the Board broaching the subject of lighting and it being in their long term plan. There was further discussion on enforcement of City ordinances being a difficult job and a team effort with the citizens; depending on citizen input; having a city that presents well to residents and people coming into the City; maintaining property values and general aesthetics; plans to make the Bedford Trails and the Bark Park more usable and accessible; ways to donate to the Bark Park; meetings of the Parks and Recreation Board; the Code Compliance division being made up of five officers including a supervisor that work split shifts; the City being ten square miles with 50,000 people; Code Compliance being a difficult job with the black and white of the law but also a lot of interpretation; having more Code Compliance officers necessitating increased tax revenue; Code Compliance priorities; Code violations being a Class C misdemeanor; violators having their day in court; and the fee schedule for citations. There was discussion on having something in the books about when somebody would be cited; and neighbors helping neighbors, including liability issues.

NEW BUSINESS

- 4. Consider an ordinance approving a resolution authorizing the issuance, sale, and delivery of Trinity River Authority of Texas (Tarrant County Water Project) revenue bonds, and approving and authorizing instruments and procedures relating thereto.**

No discussion or action was taken on this item.

- 5. Consider an ordinance amending the City of Bedford Code of Ordinances, Chapter 114, Article II, Section 114-39 "Stop intersections" to include the specific locations listed for intersections designated as streets upon which vehicles stop before entering intersections; amending Chapter 114, Article V, Section 114-136 "Presumption that owner of vehicle illegally parked same" to include the specific locations where drivers of vehicles shall not park in areas marked with "No Parking" signs; amending Chapter 114, Article II, Section 114-42 "Prohibited turns at intersections" to include the specific locations where drivers of vehicles shall not make a left turn where an authorized sign clearly indicates that no left turn is permitted; and amending Chapter 114, Article IV, Section 114-106 "Maximum limits on specific streets" whereas established maximum speed limit signs are posted giving maximum speed limit notice for a particular street or portion thereof; providing for a severability clause; providing for a penalty clause; and declaring an effective date.**

This item was approved by consent.

- 6. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Elder Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$43,580 for design services related to the rebuild of Bedford Court East from Brown Trail to Dora Street.**

This item was approved by consent.

- 7. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Pacheco Koch, LLC in the amount of \$89,075 for design services relating to Bedford Road Paving Improvements from Somerset Terrace to Brown Trail.**

No discussion or action was taken on this item.

- 8. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County for street improvements on Bedford Road from SH 121 to FM 157 (Industrial Boulevard) and SH 121 to 460 feet west of Martin Drive.**

This item was approved by consent.

- 9. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Clay Enterprises Floors & Service to refinish the gym floor at the Boys Ranch Activity Center in the amount of \$14,995.**

This item was approved by consent.

- 10. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Merit Floors to replace existing flooring and vinyl cove base at City Hall, Building A in the amount of \$23,630.88.**

This item was approved by consent.

11. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with WW Electronics Solutions LLC to replace the current door access system at the Law Enforcement Center in the amount of \$15,325.35.

This item was approved by consent.

12. 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**

Councilmember Turner reported that the Commission will meet the following Monday to discuss projects for the spring.

- ✓ **Community Affairs Commission - Councilmember Farco**

Councilmember Farco reminded everybody to RSVP for the Residential Roundtable on February 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the Old Bedford School. Mayor Griffin, Ms. Redburn and Development Director Bill Syblon will be in attendance. Updates will be given on the parks and Bedford Alert, and information will be given on the new Experience HEB It's Time Challenge and the Simple Recycling program.

- ✓ **Cultural Commission - Councilmember Champney**

Councilmember Champney reported that the Commission met the previous evening and staff showed a video put out by the Texas Commission on the Arts titled, "Are You Ready for a Cultural District?", which was very informative. He stated that on every point stated in the video, his answer was yes but that there are still things that need to be done. Their intention was to apply for the cultural district designation this year but it has been decided to wait until January of the following year. By that time, the survey with Kimley-Horn will have been completed and there will be a number of other projects being worked on. In the Star-Telegram on February 3, there was an article, which showed there were 8.5M visitors, 400,000 international visitors, \$1.9M in direct spending, and \$111M in local tax revenue. The City has an opportunity to position itself as a prime destination for people that are coming to the area. The City has a strong medical community and is working on other developments, including the Cultural District and Bedford Commons. The City can promote itself to wealthy residents in Mexico to come up to the Dallas-Fort Worth area for their medical needs, while at the same time taking advantage of other things around the area.

- ✓ **Investment Committee – Councilmember Turner**

No report was given.

- ✓ **Library Advisory Board - Councilmember Farco**

Councilmember Farco encouraged everybody to fill out the Library Satisfaction Survey online.

- ✓ **Parks and Recreation Board - Councilmember Sartor**

Councilmember Sartor reported that the Board met on Thursday and a majority of the conversation was about improvements at the Boys Ranch Park, including the light poles. The valve has been closed and they are waiting for the lake to be filled up.

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

No report was given.

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✓ Senior Citizen Liaison - Councilmember Turner

Councilmember Turner stated that he will have pertinent statistics at the next meeting.

13. Council member Reports

No other reports were given.

14. City Manager/Staff Reports

No report was given.

15. 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 8:58 p.m.

Jim Griffin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Wells, City Secretary