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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 Chambers of City Hall, 2000 Forest Ridge Drive, on the 22nd day of March, 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
Meg Jakubik	Strategic Services Manager
Chuck Carlisle	Fleet and Facility Services Manager
Natalie Foster	Public Information Officer
Jeff Gibson	Police Chief
Russell Hines	Building Official
Margaret Kiss	Community Services Admin. Assistant
Kenny Overstreet	Interim Public Works Director
Maria Redburn	Library Director
Bobby Sewell	Interim Fire Chief
Bill Syblon	Development Director

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 discussed placing the following items on consent: 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Building Official Russell Hines presented information regarding Item #4, which covers the rules and regulations associated with the Building and Standards Commission, the abatement of dangerous buildings, and the minimum housing ordinance. These ordinances have not been updated in several years and are outdated. The updated abatement ordinance gives the City the ability to take appropriate measures and actions, and send items to the Building and Standards Commission. All three sections have been updated so the Building Official, the Fire Marshal, and a Code Compliance official can take cases to the Commission as necessary, as they all do assessments on the conditions of buildings. The minimum housing code covers both single family and multifamily dwellings. Portions of the code strictly address the apartment inspection program, which is a new addition and is on a tier-graded basis. A tier

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is established on the initial rating inspection and there are two mandatory inspections annually, being the rating inspection and a secondary inspection. Each time an inspection is performed, the property is graded, and inspectors look for deficiencies and items that were not repaired in the prior inspection. If a property is graded at a lower tier and they grade higher later on in the inspection process, they have the ability to have additional tier inspections eliminated, which will save them money and make the apartment community safer. In answer to questions from Council, Mr. Hines stated that every complex will be mandated to have two inspections annually at \$10.00 per unit, per inspection. There was discussion on incentives, including not charging for the second inspection on tier one complexes; recovering incurred costs for inspections; improving properties so they can have fewer inspections; finding a gap when looking at what goes into inspecting complexes and enforcement; and working with the Apartment Association and local complexes to come up with a plan. In answer to questions from Council, Mr. Hines stated that for abatement of dangerous buildings, any determination by the Building and Standards Commission can be appealed to the Council; that if a multifamily complex feels their score rating is unfair or there are discrepancies, they have the ability to appeal to the City Manager and then to the Commission; that for multifamily grading, a spreadsheet with a template of items has been set up so complexes are graded on the same things every time; that complexes are not scored for each building and there is a one point deduction for deficiencies; that he has seen scenarios where violations are not remedied and a citation is issued, which is then paid through the court and the situation continues; that this program would subject a complex to being unable to rent out units that are not in compliance or being subject to additional inspections; and that the tiered-inspection program is based on those of neighboring cities. Council was of consensus to hold the item over for the regular meeting.

Strategic Services Manager Meg Jakubik presented information regarding Item #5, which are amendments to the Fee Ordinance to coincide with changes to the Building Ordinance creating a tier structure with applicable tier fees. The license fee is reduced to \$1.10 per unit, per month for base overhead cost of services provided strictly to apartment complexes. She stated a note can be added that the fee for the second inspection is waived for tier one properties. In answer to a question from Council, City Attorney Stan Lowry stated that the language for the tier one inspection fee waiver needed to be added to Item #5 only. Council held this item over to the regular meeting.

Interim Public Works Director Kenny Overstreet presented information regarding Item #7, which is to add "no parking" signs on the 2200 block of Reliance Parkway where it backs up to the Villages of Oak Park subdivision. Right across the street is Polycoat Products that brings in a lot of trucks that park along the curb late in the evening, and which idle all night. Staff has received numerous complaints from the subdivision because of the noise. Several options were looked at and in meeting with Polycoat, it was determined that the best solution is to put in "no parking" signs from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Trucks can still park further down Reliance Parkway closer to the Public Works Service Center and the industrial area.

Mr. Overstreet presented information regarding Item #8, which is to contract with C. Green Scaping in the amount of \$119,018 for retaining walls. The first wall is at Central Drive, which is a stacked block wall that was constructed in 2000. Areas of the wall are over eight feet tall, and are beginning to shift and are in danger of collapsing. The second wall is behind the Public Works Service Center, is constructed of railroad ties and is 20 years old. It is rotted out and has started caving in. The wall on Central Drive would be paid through 4B funds, while the one behind the Service Center would be paid from the Engineering budget. The proposed contract came in over budget by \$6,518. The overage for the wall at the Service Center in the amount of \$2,121 would be paid through a fund set aside for GIS work, while the overage for the Central Drive wall in the amount of \$4,396 would be paid through a contingency fund in 4B.

Mr. Overstreet presented information regarding Item #9. Staff sent out for bids on concrete panels, sidewalks, accessibility ramps, curbs and gutters. There is \$450,000 budgeted through 4B for this project, much of which will be spent on Wade Drive where there are major failures along the ditch line for the existing sanitary sewer line. All of the panels will be replaced, which will get rid of the asphalt patching and humps. Of the remainder, \$70,000 would be spent on sidewalks and updating handicap ramps, and \$200,000 will be used for various panel replacements in the City. The contract came in at \$473,650 and

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the budgeted amount is \$520,000. The variance will be used to replace more panels, curbs and gutters. There was discussion that there is a list of 412 sidewalk repair requests and how repairs are categorized. In answer to questions from Council, he stated that the concrete panels are nine by twelve; that as Public Works crews dig, they may discover failure under an adjoining panel, which may require replacement of that panel as well; that for sidewalk repairs, they usually replace a 12 to 16 feet section at one time to make it smooth and level; that the street supervisor keeps track of linear feet and square footage of concrete being used; that the contractor does knock on residents' doors to let them know work is going to be happening; and that the item is only for sidewalk repairs, not new sidewalks. There was discussion on finding an intermediary means for repairing sidewalks that are not a significant tripping hazard.

Mr. Overstreet presented information regarding Item #10, which is an agreement with Tarrant County for liquid asphalt. An agreement was previously approved by Council and sent to the County; however, the County wanted to proceed in a different way. This item is to repeal the previous resolution and adopt a new contract. The contract does not expire and it can be cancelled with 30 days' notice. In answer to a question from Council, Mr. Overstreet stated that the contract is at the current rate and the County would send the City a letter 60 days prior if there is a new fee, allowing time for the City to cancel the contract and seek something else.

Fleet and Facility Services Manager Chuck Carlisle presented information regarding Item #11, which is a proposal to replace the carpet in the Law Enforcement Center. The current carpet is 17 years old and it is proposed to replace the carpet in all of the hallways through the Criminal Investigation Division, the main area, and the Administration area. The current carpet is becoming frayed and is a trip hazard. Funding would come from the 2011 bonds. In answer to a question from Council, Mr. Carlisle stated that if the carpet is not in stock, it would take four to six weeks to come in; and that the Police Department wants painting done and the carpet installed before their open house.

Development Director Bill Syblon presented information regarding Item #12, which is to approve an agreement with Pyro Shows, on behalf of Adam Smith's Texas Harley-Davidson, to access the City-owned piece of property where FourthFest was held to stage and execute a fireworks show for their grand opening on April 30. There was discussion on ensuring that the process of fixing any damage to buildings caused by the fireworks is expedited; and taking extra precautions so there are not the same issues as during FourthFest. Mr. Syblon stated that the same company that did FourthFest is doing this fireworks show and has come up with solutions to mitigate any issues, including going to three inch shells; that this agreement authorizes access to City-owned property and indemnifies the City; and that the event still has to go through the special event permitting process, which is funneled through the Fire and Police Department to ensure they are good with the event.

- **Report on the Library Satisfaction Survey results.**

Library Director Maria Redburn presented a report on the Library Satisfaction Survey results. She stated the survey was first done in 2007 and presented to Council comparisons of results from 2009 through 2016. The purpose of the Library is to enrich, empower and transform lives. She stated that 96 percent of respondents agreed the Library did a good job of meeting their needs, with 74 percent stating they strongly agreed. The survey is done each year to ensure the Library is spending their dollars on what people want. In regards to the overall grade of the Library, 80 percent of respondents gave it an 'A', 12 percent a 'B', with 4.5 percent giving it a 'C'. The previous year, there were 554 respondents with the survey running for eight weeks, compared to 421 respondents this year and the survey running for six weeks. Regarding enriching people's lives, respondents indicated that 247 saved money, 239 read for pleasure, 118 had a place to study, 82 made friends, 90 parents read to their child, and 74 enjoyed an educational program. Staff received an excellent rating for customer service, including 81 percent for the ability to assist quickly, 79 percent for friendliness, and 76 percent for staff knowledge. For library hours, 89 percent rated them good or excellent, with 61 percent being excellent. In regards to empowering patrons, the survey indicated that 48 people created a resume, 54 passed a test, 54 made better grades, 78 completed homework, 113 learned something new, and 156 had access to internet and printing. In terms of what respondents rated very important, 86 percent said checking out materials, 78 percent said getting information, 67 percent said free WiFi, 66 percent said using a computer, 66 percent said

children's classes/events, 60 percent said printer/scanner/fax machine, 53 percent said adult classes/events, 52 percent said teen classes/events, and 44 percent said using e-books and digital magazines. She stated that library buildings are getting bigger because of the programming and space requirements that the community wants, and that libraries are switching to being technological and learning hubs for the community. In terms of transforming lives, 25 people responded that they learned to read, 36 got a job, 22 got a better job or salary, 32 planned or expanded a business, 100 improved their health and well-being, and 156 had access to the internet and printing. Respondents indicated that their favorite things about the Library included the building, the collection, programs, services and the staff. In regards to Library user requests, they indicated that they want more print materials, media, e-content, hours, programs and bandwidth. They also requested lower fees, including eliminating the inter-library loan fee, reducing the fees for late items, copiers, and printers, as well as charging homeowners' associations like non-profits for room rentals. Action items for 2016 include adding computers to the study rooms, directional lobby signage, increasing adult programs, more Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM) classes, replacing the children's computer chairs, and upgrading to thin clients. There was discussion on how many hours the Library is open compared to those of other cities, including that the 59 hours of staff time is spaced so they are there seven days a week. In answer to questions from Council, Ms. Redburn stated that the fax fee is a pass-through and the Library gets a percentage; that copier fees and printed cartridges are a pass-through as well; and that fees were increased to offset the costs of the new Library building. There was discussion on how much poorer the City would be by not having the Library; creating a sense of community; the diversity of people who use the Library; citizens being highly educated and appreciating the Library, and it not shining without their input; the citizens wanting a state of the art and sustainable building; and Council increasing the money on the construction of the Library, as well as the City receiving grants in the amount of \$2.1M.

- **Presentation of the 2015 Annual Report on the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Sanitary Sewer Overflow Initiative Program.**

Interim Public Works Director Kenny Overstreet made a presentation on the 2015 Annual Report on the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Sanitary Sewer Overflow Initiative (SSOI) Program. Every year, staff presents a report to Council, based on an agreement with the State, about what the Public Works Department has done the past year. There was an unauthorized discharge in 2007 in the 19.1W drainage basin and through a joint effort with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), the City chose to do the SSOI program, whereby it would agree to do certain items and so much work per year on the sewer system in that drainage basin to correct overflows. In January of 2008, the City entered into five year agreement with TCEQ, which was extended in February 2014 for two more years, as there was more work to be done in the basin. The current agreement will expire in December of this year. In the past year, staff worked with engineering firms to evaluate sewer systems in the basin and design \$1M in renewals. Work is in progress on the 19.1 W outfall sewer on Spring Valley Drive, cleaning sewer mains in the Harwood Terrace, Bell Manor and Rollingwood subdivisions, and completing the design of the 19.1W outfall sewer at Kelmont Park. In addition, 32 percent of the system was cleaned, in excess of the 20 percent required; 38 percent of manholes were inspected, in excess of the 20 percent required; and 32,521 feet of system lines were video inspected, in excess of the 14,000 feet required. Several issues were found and were repaired in-house. Staff was also tasked with spreading the word about the Fats, Oil and Grease (FOG) program, including articles in the Bedford Connection, collecting used cooking oils at the Public Works Service Center, providing apartment complexes with pamphlets on the FOG program and funnels, and passing out information at City events. In answer to questions from Council, Mr. Overstreet confirmed that that the City will complete the requirements with TCEQ in December and stated that the City can volunteer to go back on the SSOI program; that the contract could be amended so that sewer funds could be spent around City as opposed to just the 19.1W drainage basin; that the cleaning of sewer lines will stay in effect; that it has to be reported to the TCEQ how much of the sewer lines are video inspected and cleaned, and where the renewals are located; and that every time there is an accidental overflow, it has to be reported to the local TCEQ office in Fort Worth within 24 hours and a written report detailing how the City is going to mitigate the overflow and prevent it from happening again has to be submitted. Mr. Overstreet confirmed that the program is not a major expense and stated that with the new equipment, the cleaning was done in approximately six months.

Mayor Griffin adjourned the Work Session at 6:42 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 551.087, deliberation regarding economic development negotiations relative to Bedford Commons.
- c) Pursuant to Section 551.087, deliberation regarding economic development negotiations relative to “Project Orchard.”

- d) Pursuant to Section 551.074, personnel matters – appointment of the Municipal Court Judge.

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; Section 551.087, deliberation regarding economic development negotiations relative to Bedford Commons; Section 551.087, deliberation regarding economic development negotiations relative to “Project Orchard”; and Section 551.074, personnel matters – appointment of the Municipal Court Judge, at 6:44 p.m.

Council reconvened from Executive Session at 7:12 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 7:18 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL COMMENTS

Mayor Griffin called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION (Senior Pastor Nosa Onaiwu, Arise and Shine Church)

Senior Pastor Nosa Onaiwu of Arise and Shine 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

Public Information Officer Natalie Foster reported that a police motorcycle skills competition will be held on April 1 and 2 at Adam Smith’s Harley-Davidson. The event will feature kids’ activities, raffles, vendor booths and a silent auction. Process will be used to support first responders and their families during difficult times. Clean Up Bedford Day and Chunk Your Junk Day will be held Saturday, April 9. Chunk Your Junk will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Meadow Park and residents can bring in unwanted household items with the exception of hazardous waste. Volunteers for Clean Up Bedford Day will meet at 8:00 a.m. at Meadow Park and will be given cleaning supplies and an area to clear. On March 26, the Library will be holding its annual Healthy Living Fair from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will highlight the best in healthy eating the community has to offer. Vendors include Texas Health Resources, Back in

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Motion and Jenny Craig. Ms. Foster reminded everybody to post their “healthy selfies” to the itstimetexas.org website. The City entered the challenge to help kick off a healthier living initiative and the completion ends on March 31. She encouraged people to see the video on the website of the Mayor, Councilmembers and staff taking the pledge to challenge themselves.

Ms. Foster gave an update on the Boys Ranch construction. The disc golf course is open to the public and the only thing left to do is to put up the markers. Construction crews are doing some final site cleanup and the lake is currently 80 percent full. The plan is to have the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department stock the lake with forage fish in May.

Mayor Griffin announced that it was City Manager Roger Gibson's birthday.

OPEN FORUM

Ian Mattingly, President of LumaCorp, owner in partnership of Copper Hill Apartments at 3000 Bedford Road, Bedford, Texas – Mr. Mattingly signed up to speak on Item #4. He expressed his gratitude to Mr. Gibson and staff for the cooperative and proactive nature of their dealings. He requested a delay in a vote on this item until they had the proper opportunity to review the ordinance, specifically any scoring models that have been developed to apply a tier method, which is a new innovation they only heard about 11 days prior. He stated he only had an opportunity to review the draft ordinance 36 hours prior to the meeting. It is a huge expense as a property owner and a significant part of their budget, and on behalf of fellow members of the Apartment Association of Tarrant County, he asked Council to consider a delay. He asked Council to consider that multi-family property owners have a vested interest in the success and prosperity of the community. He stated the current multi-family licensing fee works out to \$18.00 per unit per year, and is the highest fee in the Metroplex. They have not fought this and have worked proactively with staff to try and ensure revenue shortfalls, and issues regarding crime and code enforcement, be addressed. They do not believe the proposed ordinance is the right way to go until there is further clarification on the tiered system scoring model. There are no new services being offered; however, there is an increase of \$20.00 on average for tier two properties per unit over the course of a year. This reduces property values for income-producing properties, which are assessed on their ability to generate income to investors. The fee reduces the market value of a 250 unit complex by nearly \$85,000, which then reduces property taxes by approximately \$2,000 per community. Multiplied over the 35 multi-family properties in Bedford would result in a \$75,000 reduction in property tax income, which would reduce the impact of the revenue generation of the fee increase. He stated apartment dwellers are typically lower income members of the community. The City's housing stock is 30 years old on average and is less valuable on a per unit basis than the average single family home, which results in lower property taxes per unit. He stated he has been told by staff that apartment dwellers do not pay their fair share of costs to operate the City on a per person basis, but due to the ad valorem nature of property taxes, they are not designed to be applied on a per person basis but on the basis of real estate value. In answer to a question from Council, Mr. Mattingly stated that multi-family properties are taxed based both on their value and the income they can bring in. He stated that it is their standpoint the \$20.00 increase on a per unit basis fee is a regressive, backdoor tax and will impact the owners of multifamily properties in the short term, and make apartment living less affordable for those least able to afford these kind of increases in the long term. He asked that Council keep in mind that one third of the City's population reside in multi-family dwellings when they vote on this matter.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ITEMS BY CONSENT

Motioned by Councilmember Champney, seconded by Councilmember Turner, to approve the following items by consent: 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

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

COUNCIL RECOGNITION

1. Employee Service Recognition

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

Matthew Wagner, Fire Department - 5 years of service
Bobby LaPenna - Police Department -15 Years of service

2. Recognition of Parks Crew Leader, Jeff Scott for the City Manager's Service Award.

Human Resources Director Jill McAdams stated that the employee recognition program was redesigned by the first Emerging Leaders class as their capstone project. They came up with two awards, the City Manager's Service Award and the Exemplary Employee Award. Both awards are focused on the City's PRIDE values, namely Passion, Respect, Innovation, Dependability, and Ethics. An employee can be nominated by another employee or citizen for these awards. Community Services Administrative Assistant Margaret Kiss nominated Jeff Scott for the award for his exemplary work at the Boys Ranch with the turtles and the ducks. Ms. Kiss stated that Mr. Scott was new to the job and getting his bearings being a supervisor, and had to take over when the Department was short-handed. Whenever they received calls about the lake being drained, he helped field calls, answer questions and explain to citizens what was going on. He would meet with the people and was always on duty 24/7. He was always aware on what was going on, made safety the first issue, and was supportive of his workers. She stated that she is proud to be associated with Mr. Scott.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

3. Consider approval of the following City Council minutes: a) March 8, 2016 regular session

This item was approved by consent.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Consider an ordinance amending Chapter 22, "Buildings and Building Regulations," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bedford, Texas, by repealing Article II "Buildings and Standards Commission," Article IX "Dangerous and Substandard Buildings," Article X "Minimum Housing Code" of Chapter 22 "Buildings and Building Regulations," and replacing it with a new Article II "Buildings and Standards Commission," Article IX "Abatement of Dangerous Buildings," Article X "Minimum Housing Code;" making amendments to each of the Articles; providing a penalty of up to \$2,000 per day for violations; providing a severability clause; providing a savings clause and an effective date.

Motioned by Councilmember Champney, seconded by Councilmember Farco, to approve ordinance amending Chapter 22, "Buildings and Building Regulations," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bedford, Texas, by repealing Article II "Buildings and Standards Commission," Article IX "Dangerous and Substandard Buildings," Article X "Minimum Housing Code" of Chapter 22 "Buildings and Building Regulations," and replacing it with a new Article II "Buildings and Standards Commission," Article IX "Abatement of Dangerous Buildings," Article X "Minimum Housing Code;" making amendments to each of the Articles; providing a penalty of up to \$2,000 per day for violations; providing a severability clause; providing a savings clause and an effective date.

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

5. 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.

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Motioned by Councilmember Farco to approve an ordinance amending the City of Bedford Code of Ordinances Appendix A – Schedule of Fees, with one change that under the first tier system that the second fee for the inspection would be removed; updating fees imposed by the City; containing a savings clause; repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith; and providing for an effective date.

The motion failed for lack of a second.

Motioned by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Councilmember Turner, 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.

6. Consider an ordinance establishing the appointment of a municipal judge for a term to be determined by City Council in accordance with State law; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

Councilmember Gebhart stated that he previously indicated that he was amenable to the appointment based on the concern that the Municipal Court would have continuity and not understanding the climate of the willingness of eligible to citizens to run for office. Doing an inquiry, he found a worthy candidate for the office who would be willing to run. He recognized he is in the minority, but his preference is for an election determined by the people. He stated he will vote no, not based on the current person in the job, but because of his own personal philosophy.

Motioned by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Councilmember Champney, to approve an ordinance establishing the appointment of a municipal judge for a term to be determined by City Council in accordance with State law; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

Motion approved 6-1-0. Mayor Griffin declared the motion carried.

Voting in favor the motion: Mayor Griffin, Councilmember Sartor, Councilmember Champney, Councilmember Farco, Councilmember Turner and Councilmember Fisher.

Voting in opposition to the motion: Councilmember Gebhart

7. Consider an ordinance amending the City of Bedford Code of Ordinances, 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; providing for a severability clause; providing for a penalty clause; and declaring an effective date.

This item was approved by consent.

8. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with C. Green Scaping, L.P. in the amount of \$119,018 for the Miscellaneous Retaining Wall Rehabilitation Bedford Public Works and Central/Ridgewood Drive Project.

This item was approved by consent.

9. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Cam-Crete Contracting Inc. in the amount of \$473,650 for the Concrete Sidewalk, Handicap Ramps/Concrete Street Panels, and Curb and Gutter Reconstruction at Various Locations Project.

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This item was approved by consent.

10. Consider a resolution repealing Resolution No. 16-8 and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County for the purchase of liquid asphalt.

This item was approved by consent.

11. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Corporate Floors, Inc. to replace existing flooring and vinyl cove base at the Law Enforcement Center in the amount of \$26,140.05.

This item was approved by consent.

12. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Pyro Shows Incorporated and Adam Smith's Texas Harley-Davidson providing access to Block 2, Lot 1, Texas American Bankshares Addition, in order to stage and execute an outdoor aerial fireworks display.

This item was approved by consent.

13. 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 met the previous night, and it was a very active meeting. Clean Up Bedford Day is on April 9 and there is a need for volunteers. Chunk Your Junk Day will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on April 9 and people will have the opportunity to get rid of household items. Residents will have the opportunity to get rid of hazardous waste like paints and oils at the Boys Ranch on April 30.

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

Councilmember Farco reported that the Commission will next meet on March 31. There is a block party scheduled for April 15 and a business roundtable scheduled for May 12.

- ✓ **Cultural Commission - Councilmember Champney**

Councilmember Champney reported that the Commission met and will be presenting a proposal to Council for a summer series of concerts primarily at the Old Bedford School featuring some well-known artists that have a good following in the area. The Masterworks Series provided by Arts Council Northeast will have its first performance at ArtsFest on April 2, and then will have concerts every Thursday from April 14 through May 19 outside of the Old Bedford School.

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

No report was given.

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

Councilmember Sartor reported that the Board will next meet on April 7 at the Old Bedford School.

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

No report was given.

✓ **Senior Citizen Liaison - Councilmember Turner**

No report was given.

14. Council member Reports

No other reports were given.

15. City Manager/Staff Reports

City Manager Roger Gibson thanked Bobby Sewell for serving as Fire Chief in an interim capacity. He stated it is a stressful time and he is appreciative of Mr. Sewell for his efforts.

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

Councilmember Fisher stated that Tim Murphy has served as the Judge for 12 years, has run four times, and has run without an opponent the previous two elections. He has served the City with honor and distinction, and has been a steadfast leader. He stated the Municipal Court needs steady hand.

Motioned by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Councilmember Champney, to appoint Judge Tim Murphy to be the appointed Municipal Court Judge for the City of Bedford, and further direct the City Secretary and City Attorney to prepare the appropriate ordinance or resolution as required by law.

Voting in favor the motion: Mayor Griffin, Councilmember Sartor, Councilmember Champney, Councilmember Farco, Councilmember Turner and Councilmember Fisher.

Voting in opposition to the motion: Councilmember Gebhart

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Griffin adjourned the meeting at 7:57p.m.

Jim Griffin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Wells, City Secretary