

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TARRANT §

CITY OF BEDFORD §

The City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas, met in Work Session at 5:30 p.m. and Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 2000 Forest Ridge Drive, on the 9th day of May, 2017 with the following members present:

Jim Griffin	Mayor
Michael Boyter	Council Members
Roger Fisher	
Dave Gebhart	
Rusty Sartor	
Roy W. Turner	

constituting a quorum.

Staff present included:

Brian Bosshardt	City Manager
Kelli Agan	Assistant City Manager
Stan Lowry	City Attorney
Michael Wells	City Secretary
Chuck Carlisle	Fleet and Facility Services Manager
Sean Fay	Fire Chief
Natalie Foster	Public Information Officer
Jeff Gibson	Police Chief
Meg Jakubik	Strategic Services Manager
Jerry Laverty	Environmental/Drainage Manager
Kenny Overstreet	Public Works Director
Kyle Petrick	Fleet Supervisor
Maria Redburn	Library Director

COUNCIL CHAMBER WORK SESSION

Mayor Griffin opened the Work Session at 5:30 p.m. He congratulated Council Members Fisher and Boyter on their reelections, and congratulated Councilmember-elect Amy Sabol, who was in attendance.

- **Presentation on the 2017 Mosquito Control Program.**

Environmental/Drainage Manager Jerry Laverty presented information on the 2017 Mosquito Control Program. Tarrant County still has Public Works using gravid traps to catch the mosquitoes that carry the West Nile Virus (WNV). The water for the traps is made with grass and allowed to ferment. The Culix rests for three days after taking a blood meal before they look for a place to lay their eggs. Birds are the carriers of WNV, who then give it to the mosquitoes, and staff has been pushing residents to not put in bird feeders or birdbaths. The Culix's flight range is one to two miles, and biting occurs after dark. In 2016, Public Works set 115 gravid traps and 2,102 mosquitos were tested for WNV. Twelve traps came back as positive and a total of 4,103 mosquitos were caught. Problem areas in the City include Stormie Jones Park, with Brookside

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Park a close second. The storm drain pipes in those areas are continually treated with an ultra-low volume (UVL) sprayer and staff plans to clean the creek at Stormie Jones to get the water flowing. BG Sentinels were used traps to trap mosquitoes that may carry the Zika virus, which are daytime biters; however, they are only counted by the County, not tested. Dry ice was used in those traps, which were set up in neighborhoods, and there were a few Zika responses. Four traps are set up when those areas are treated to see if there are any mosquitoes the County will test. Per the County and State, once Zika has been identified in an area, the goal is to kill as many of the mosquitoes as possible. In 2016, 10 percent, or 480, of the mosquitoes were caught in BG traps, while 90 percent, or 4,103, were caught in gravid traps, for a total of 4,583 mosquitoes. So far in 2017, 42 traps have been set, with seven traps being set per week depending on the weather, as they are not set when there is rain or the threat of rain. As of May 3, 2017, there have been 642 mosquitoes tested for WNV, with no positive results, and staff has received 25 mosquito-related inquiries from residents. In 2016, 58,781 linear feet of flumes and drainage channels were cleaned, 1.6 million feet of creeks were treated, 149 acres were treated for City event or positive trap locations, and 79 mosquito-related inquiries were received. Mr. Lavery stated that residents serve as staff's eyes and ears in the neighborhoods, and reports from neighbors have led to the discovery of many pools requiring treatment, with 20 pools being inspected the previous year. Education has led to residents reporting landscapers and residents blowing grass into storm drain inlets. Positives from the previous year include the development of a cooperative working relationship with the cities of Hurst and Colleyville, the sharing of the City's mosquito training program with the Hurst, increased funding to allow employees to attend workshops, and a change in the response time to positive trap notifications, with staff treating the areas between 4:30 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. He stated that residents need to be educated that birdbaths and bird feeders bring in birds that carry WNV, which is then transferred to mosquitoes. Home inspections have revealed that residents feel they are doing a great job in taking care of their backyard mosquito issues; however, they were only looking at obvious issues. Tools utilized by staff include the addition of the Dingo to clear potential breeding sites from under the roadways, as well as a thermal hand fogger, which will help with storm drain pipes, as the droplet size is smaller and the fog will remain in the pipes longer. Advantages of the thermal fogger include a short application time due to a higher flow rate, a denser fog, a lower concentration of the active ingredient, and the psychological effect as people can see something happening and allowing them to avoid the fog.

There was discussion on Public Works staff receiving high praise from the County on the program; posting the statistics cited by Mr. Lavery to the City's website; and staff taking a pro-active approach. In answer to questions from Council, Mr. Lavery stated that mosquitoes would not breed in any chlorinated or moving water, staff looks for stagnant pools of water and BTI biscuits can be used in ornamental ponds. Public Works started the Program a month earlier than normal due to winter being warmer. It has been expanding and changing over the years to be more beneficial, including extra larviciding and the thermal fogger. The number of traps is dictated by the County, but if there is a problem area, extra traps will be set. Traps were set in storm drains during the winter. The 12 positive tests the previous year was good compared to past years. Regarding the Zika virus, he stated the BG sentinel traps are not tested because Zika is local and the County did not have the materials to test the Zika mosquitoes. The previous year, Bedford assisted Colleyville with a Zika case by treating the houses around the person with Zika, and did the same for two cases in Bedford. Once a local Zika case is identified, a larger area is going to be treated to eliminate those mosquitoes. In terms of educating residents, he talks to residents on the phone, at block parties and the City Expo. Information on B-TV and the City website could be other ways to help educate residents. He confirmed that it is illegal for landscapers to blow grass into the streets and stated that tickets should be issued to the owner's that hired them instead of the landscapers themselves. There was discussion on whether a mild winter and/or a wet spring lead to more mosquitoes. Mr. Lavery stated a large rain event will wash away the larvicide but also mosquito eggs, and 600 mosquitoes were trapped during the first month of the

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current year's Program. He stated the State recommends against fogging as mosquitoes are becoming more resistant.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- a) Pursuant to Section 551.072, to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property - Lot 31, Block 5 and Lot 41R, Block 5 Kelmont Park Addition.**
- b) Pursuant to Section 551.071(2), consultation with the City Attorney on matters in which the duty of the City Attorney under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code - updating zoning policies for the possibility of a local option referendum passing. ***Item requested by Councilmember Fisher**

Council convened into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072, to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property - Lot 31, Block 5 and Lot 41R, Block 5 Kelmont Park Addition; and Section 551.071(2), consultation with the City Attorney on matters in which the duty of the City Attorney under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code - updating zoning policies for the possibility of a local option referendum passing, at 6:04 p.m.

Council reconvened from Executive Session at 6:19 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 6:31 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL COMMENTS

Mayor Griffin called the meeting to order. He congratulated Council Members Fisher and Boyter on their reelection, and congratulated Councilmember-elect Amy Sabol on her election.

INVOCATION (Senior Pastor, Dr. Andrew Nunley, First United Methodist Church Bedford)

Senior Pastor, Dr. Andrew Nunley of First United Methodist Church Bedford gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPCOMING EVENTS

Public Information Officer Natalie Foster reported that there will be a business roundtable on Friday, May 19, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the former library building. Local business representatives will receive updates from the Mayor and City staff on topics including the Automated Meter Reading project and to meet Fire Chief Sean Fay. She reported the Police Department will host their Open House on Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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at the Law Enforcement Center, with guided tours of the facility, K-9 police dog demonstrations, new vehicles and equipment on display, adoptable animals, and free food. She encouraged people to visit the Bedford Senior Center Art Show and Sale that began the previous week. It is a come-and-go event that presents awards for best artwork and allows visitors to purchase items. She reported that starting on Monday, May 15, 2017, the City will introduce a new and improved "Better It Bedford" app. The new platform will continue to provide the community a way to report issues in the City, but it will add some additional functionality, security and privacy to the app. She reported the playgrounds at both Stormie Jones and Harris Ryals Parks are closed as construction begins on the new playground equipment. Barring any weather delays the new playground will be open to the public by the end of the month.

OPEN FORUM

Nobody chose to speak during Open Forum.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ITEMS BY CONSENT

1. **Consider approval of the following City Council minutes:**
 - a) **April 25, 2017 regular meeting**
2. **Consider an ordinance approving a resolution authorizing the issuance, sale, and delivery of Trinity River Authority of Texas (Tarrant County Water Project) improvement revenue bonds, and approving and authorizing instruments and procedures relating thereto.**
3. **Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Tech Logic for a Full Service Program Agreement in the amount of \$18,950.**
4. **Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Tech Logic for a Self-Checkout Software License Renewal and Extended Hardware Warranty Agreement in the amount of \$9,717.**

Motioned by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Councilmember Gebhart, to approve the following items by consent: 1, 2, 3 and 4.

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

COUNCIL RECOGNITION

5. **Proclamation recognizing the week of May 14-20, 2017 as National Police Week and May 15, 2017 as Peace Officers Memorial Day.**

Mayor Griffin read a proclamation recognizing the week of May 14-20, 2017 as National Police Week and May 15, 2017 as Peace Officers Memorial Day. Police Chief Jeff Gibson accepted the proclamation.

6. **Proclamation recognizing the week of May 21 - 27, 2017 as National Public Works Week.**

Mayor Griffin read a proclamation recognizing the week of May 21 - 27, 2017 as National Public Works Week. Public Works Director Kenny Overstreet accepted the proclamation.

7. **Proclamation declaring May 19, 2017 as Put on Purple Day for Lupus Awareness in the City of Bedford.**

Mayor Griffin read a proclamation declaring May 19, 2017 as Put on Purple Day for Lupus Awareness in the City of Bedford.

NEW BUSINESS

- 8. Public hearing and consider an ordinance to rezone Lot 6R2, Block 1, First Bedford Addition, located at 2004 L. Don Dodson Drive, Bedford Texas from Planned Unit Development (PUD) to amended Planned Unit Development, specific to 4.15 of the City of Bedford Zoning Ordinance, allowing for LinQ Transport to construct a regional headquarters building within the Bedford Commons District. The property is generally located south of L Don Dodson and east of Parkwood Drive. (PZ-PUD-2017-50025)**

Planning Manager Emilio Sanchez presented information regarding this item, which is a request for LinQ Transport to construct a 10,000-square foot regional headquarters building in the Bedford Commons Zoning District. The applicant is requesting relief from the setback. It is currently a vacant commercial lot on L. Don Dodson Drive, which he believes to be the reason it was included by the consultant in the Zoning District. The site shares access with the adjacent medical plaza and the property line runs along the middle of the drive approach. The site is also challenged by a 50-foot pipeline easement along the rear, and sanitary sewer and water easements, equaling about 75 feet, along the south property line. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this item at their April 13, 2017 meeting, with the stipulation that the applicant install a four-foot hedge along the parking, which is represented in the site plan. In answer to questions from Council, Mr. Sanchez stated the company is currently located in Irving and is going to bring approximately 50 employees with them, eventually expanding to 75 employees. They are looking to move into Bedford as soon as possible, as their current lease is up in November. He confirmed that the construction timeline matches the lease, but he is unsure if that deadline can be met. Regarding sales tax from the company, he understood it to be limited.

Mayor Griffin opened the public hearing at 6:49 p.m.

Louis Dayer, president of LinQ Transport, stated that the company employs college graduates and transportation professionals. There is very little turnaround and all their positions are mid-five figures to six figures in terms of salary. The corporate facility is going to house people talking to their customers, including Fortune 500 companies. He discussed the property tax they pay and the amount of money spent by their employees in the community, as well as several employees moving into the area. The company is looking to grow to 75 people in next 18 to 24 months. Regarding the building being placed to the back, he stated that if there is traffic parking in the back, a lot of traffic would be blindsided coming back and forth, and safety is a big concern in transportation. He is asking for the parking to be in the front for safety purposes.

Mayor Griffin closed the public hearing at 6:52 p.m.

Regarding proposed items in the Zoning District, including lighting standards and public benches, Mr. Sanchez stated they were supposed to be included in the existing right-of-way. When the core area of Bedford Commons is developed, those items would be included in the new routing of the roads, the new sidewalks and trails, and the new streetscape. The Development Zone Code calls for a lighting standard so light features are adopted that all look the same. He stated that since the Zoning District was done as a Planned Unit Development (PUD), there is a greater ability to ask for this type of relief without going through the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The PUD is being amended to the site plan to allow for that relief. In answer to a question from Council, Mr. Dayer stated there would be no cross-docking at the facility, as it is being used for operations.

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Motioned by Councilmember Turner, seconded by Councilmember Gebhart, to approve an ordinance to rezone Lot 6R2, Block 1, First Bedford Addition, located at 2004 L. Don Dodson Drive, Bedford Texas from Planned Unit Development (PUD) to amended Planned Unit Development, specific to 4.15 of the City of Bedford Zoning Ordinance, allowing for LinQ Transport to construct a regional headquarters building within the Bedford Commons District. The property is generally located south of L Don Dodson and east of Parkwood Drive. (PZ-PUD-2017-50025)

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

9. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to approve the purchase of materials for the installation of pedestrian crossing warning systems for two crosswalks on Cummings Drive, east of Murphy Drive, and a pedestrian crossing warning system on Murphy Drive, south of Cummings Drive, from Texas Highway Products, LTD, a sole source provider, in the amount of \$68,613.

Public Works Director Kenny Overstreet presented information regarding this item, which is to purchase materials to install lane lighting and pedestrian buttons at three crosswalks, two on Cummings Drive and one on Murphy Drive. When a pedestrian pushes the button, lane lights will flash along the street to warn vehicles that there is a pedestrian in or about to enter the crosswalk. This item was discussed at the Street Improvement Economic Development Corporation (SIEDC) meeting in July 2016, and was approved in their budget for \$48,000. A special meeting of the SIEDC was held in October 2016 to review the item again and they approved an additional \$30,000 for the cost of the lane lighting. Out of the proposed budget of \$78,000, this item came in at \$68,613. The lane lights are between 100 and 900 lumens and staff can tone them down due to the nearby houses. City staff will handle the installation but as it is their first time to do so, there is a line item in the contract for guidance by the firm that supplies and builds the devices. They will teach staff how to hook up the devices and run them in sequence.

In answer to questions from Council, Mr. Overstreet stated that though the lights go all the way across the crosswalk, they only reflect in the direction of the cars. Regarding whether the poles being installed would match those on Central Drive, there was a decision not to go with the lighted pedestrian sign due to the proximity of houses; however, there will be an increase in signage prior to the intersections. There was discussion about installing lane lights across Central Drive with this contract but there was not enough funding. He stated there will be a line item in the upcoming SIEDC budget for more pedestrian crossings. He confirmed that one of the locations on Cummings Drive is also where the City had previously installed rumble strips and removed them due to complaints from residents; and that there are 28 intersections that cross the linear trails. There was discussion on the intersections being dangerous, especially around Spring Garden Elementary School; the discussion by the SIEDC on the affect the lane lights would have on the houses in the neighborhood; the lights being identical to those on Main Street in Grapevine; the lane lights providing for safer crossings through the linear trails; and making these types of markings standard for all crosswalks in the City. In answer to questions from Council, Mr. Overstreet stated that staff did look at other options, including flashing pedestrian and pole lights, and button lights signaled through Bluetooth and infrared controls. The lane lights being presented are less expensive than those options. The expected life span of the lights is up to six years with normal usage, and the LED bulbs are what is replaced if the lens and casing are still in good condition. He confirmed that the costs of the lane lights are coming out of a fund directed to street improvements and traffic control devices. He stated the dropship line item in the contract means the manufacturer will send the equipment directly to the City. The \$3,600 item is for representatives with Texas Highway Products and the manufacturer to be onsite and assist staff with installation. Having the representatives from the companies onsite would remove the City's liability for warranty issues. The hex socket in the quote is a specialty wrench. Regarding being

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cognizant of where the lane lights are shining, he stated the representative from Texas Highway Products will show staff how to line the lights.

Motioned by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Councilmember Sartor, to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to approve the purchase of materials for the installation of pedestrian crossing warning systems for two crosswalks on Cummings Drive, east of Murphy Drive, and a pedestrian crossing warning system on Murphy Drive, south of Cummings Drive, from Texas Highway Products, LTD, a sole source provider, in the amount of \$68,613.

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

10. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept the technical and sealed dollar cost proposals from Weaver and Tidwell, LLP (Weaver, LLP) for independent auditing services for the City of Bedford, Texas.

Administrative Services Director Cliff Blackwell presented information regarding this item, which is to accept both the technical and sealed dollar cost proposals from Weaver and Tidwell for independent audit services for fiscal years ending September 30, 2017, 2018 and 2019, with two additional one-year options to renew. The City recently completed its fifth year of independent audit services with its previous firm. Staff issued a Request for Proposal in March, and received four proposals. A review panel consisting of three staff members and the Mayor, as a member of the Audit Committee, evaluated the proposals. They were evaluated on certain criteria and the panel strategically chose to look at the cost component at the end, as they wanted to evaluate the proposals based on the merit of the scope of the audit services. Weaver and Tidwell came out as the top choice of the review panel. References from the cities of Southlake, Euless and Saginaw gave good reviews, so staff feels confident they can perform a successful audit as has been done the past several years. The City's motivation is to receive an unmodified opinion and that all the City's financial statements present fairly in all material aspects. The firm will verify that the City is adhering to generally accepted accounting principles, and they themselves will be applying generally accepted auditing standards.

Motioned by Councilmember Boyter, seconded by Councilmember Fisher, to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept the technical and sealed dollar cost proposals from Weaver and Tidwell, LLP (Weaver, LLP) for independent auditing services for the City of Bedford, Texas.

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

11. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Oxley Williams and Tharp in the amount of \$29,500 for the design of the plans to remodel the former Bedford Public Library building.

Development Director Bill Syblon presented information regarding this item. He stated the proposal is a result of staff's efforts to bring all divisions in the Development Department, to include Permits and Inspections, Planning and Zoning, and Economic Development, under one roof to create a more efficient customer service experience and to increase communication with staff. At 17,000 square feet, the former library building is too large for just the Development Department and it was proposed to move Finance, Utility Billing and Customer Service over to the building as well. All the divisions receive a substantial number of visitors a day and since the finish-out of the building is newer, it would create a more aesthetically enhanced effect for the customer. There is a need for modifications to accommodate the move, including a new lobby with secure access points; a demising wall and a counter for Customer Service; two restrooms;

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and HVAC modifications. Oxley, Williams and Tharp helped the City develop the design standards for the Bedford Commons and designed the City's new monument signs.

In answer to questions from Council, Mr. Syblon concurred that this proposal will enhance the customer experience. Regarding plans for the building once the City completes the entire Bedford Commons footprint, he stated it does become a valuable piece but as it is a smaller parcel, it is not included in the large phasing and is not necessarily a critical component. He confirmed it may become a valuable piece someday in that it may be repurposed. He further confirmed there is no finite timeline for the Bedford Commons but stated that there has been momentum over the past two months with property owners and developers. Regarding concerns about putting money in a building that is going to be repurposed in a few short years, he stated five years would be a quick turnaround for Bedford Commons to achieve its full potential. Regarding costs, he stated that the HVAC portion, which came in at an estimate of \$40,000, would be the largest component of the remodel. There was discussion on the confusion caused by half of the Development Department being in Building A and half in Building B. Mr. Syblon stated that a true plan has not been developed on how to reutilize the space in Building A. Human Resources would be the only Department left in Building B and there has been discussion on utilizing the rest of the space for Facility Maintenance. There was discussion on consolidation and paring down the number of City buildings; maintaining the large open concept area in the old library; customers being able to see people working; bringing customers further back into the building; leaving the natural light coming in through the north side of the building; having an element of some privacy for the Finance and Development Departments; and doing something with the front landscaping.

Motioned by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Councilmember Turner, to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Oxley Williams and Tharp in the amount of \$29,500 for the design of the plans to remodel the former Bedford Public Library building.

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

12. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to contract with Holt Cat for emergency repairs to Bedford Fire Department T153, a 2008 Crimson Aerial Truck, in the amount of \$45,036.51.

Fire Chief Sean Fay presented information regarding this item, which is a proposal to enter a contract with Holt Cat for emergency repairs in the amount of \$45,036.51 to Fire Department Truck 153, a 2008 crimson aerial truck. On April 14, 2017, the motor sustained a catastrophic failure, rendering it in a condition where it needs to be rebuilt. The truck is a dual service unit, serving as both a fire engine and a fire truck with an aerial ladder device, used for rescue purposes at elevated heights. The Department is currently operating with an 18-year old backup ladder truck, which has needed repairs and is not entirely reliable. While Truck 153 is nearing the end of its frontline service life, it is part of the fleet plan and the intention is to move it to a secondary, backup unit status around its tenth year, and hold onto it for another ten years. This expenditure was not planned for and the maintenance budget within the Fire Department could not sustain the expense, so the proposal is to fund the repairs and replacement out of the equipment replacement fund.

In answer to questions from Council, Fleet Supervisor Kyle Petrick stated that staff performs their services based on hours. There was discussion on the truck having a lot of idling time and the routine maintenance performed on City vehicles. Mr. Petrick stated they have three different maintenance intervals. For oil filters, staff keeps with the manufacturer so there is no debate about the product, and they use Rotella for the oil as it continues to be proven and reliable. At one time, they used a higher synthetic oil but switched back to Rotella as it saved costs and still met their needs with the service intervals. There was discussion on the core charges listed in the quote

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and assurances from the vendor that they are not going to charge for the core. Chief Fay confirmed that the vendor is going to give the City full core credit for the engine block and stated he has communicated with the vendor confirming that the City would not see an increase in charges from the stated estimates. The term "catastrophic" is used to describe the fact the motor cannot run. Chief Fay stated that in examining the maintenance records, he was impressed with the Fleet Department as he has never seen anyone as thorough. The maintenance intervals are in line with responsible preventative maintenance schedules and the Fleet Department does routine oil and fluid samples for analysis to see if there is an indication that there is going to be a problem. In reviewing the samples, they were all within normal limits. He stated that while it is not a failure that never happens, it is not one that routinely happens. Fleet and Facility Services Manager Chuck Carlisle confirmed that there would not be any changes to the maintenance program.

Motioned by Councilmember Gebhart, seconded by Councilmember Sartor, to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to contract with Holt Cat for emergency repairs to Bedford Fire Department T153, a 2008 Crimson Aerial Truck, in the amount of \$45,036.51.

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

13. Consider an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas, approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee ("ACSC") and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division regarding the company's 2017 Rate Review Mechanism filings.

Strategic Services Manager Meg Jakubik presented information regarding this item. She stated Atmos filed a rate case and the Steering Committee works to review those rate cases to make sure the requested amounts are reasonable for citizens paying for gas utilities. There is a specialized Rate Review Mechanism (RRM) with Atmos used in lieu of the State's Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program. The consultants reviewed Atmos' filings and come to a negotiated settlement, which will result in a small charge increase. For residential customers, the average increase is just under four percent, or \$2.04 a month. Commercial customers would see an increase of 2.37 percent, or \$6.27 a month. The Committee agrees that the settlement would be better than what could be expected by appealing to the Railroad Commission, and voted to approve the settlement. She stated it would be to the City's advantage go with the settlement as opposed to going on its own with staff who do not have the expertise to review the documents. The Committee's expenses associated with the RRM are reimbursable by Atmos, which keeps the City's contribution to the Committee low. In answer to questions from Council, she stated the settlement took \$4.4M off the original rate case. David Draper with Atmos stated that the original filing would have increased the average residential bill by \$2.45 a month and the average commercial bill by \$7.53 a month. There was discussion on increases tied to inflation and infrastructural renewal; and what would happen if the City voted against the settlement.

Motioned by Councilmember Gebhart, seconded by Councilmember Turner, to approve an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas, approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee ("ACSC") and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division regarding the company's 2017 Rate Review Mechanism filings.

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

14. Report on most recent meeting of the following Boards and Commissions: ✓ Animal Shelter Advisory Board

No report was given.

✓ **Beautification Commission**

Councilmember Turner reported that the Clean Up Bedford Day and Chunk Your Junk events were successful. There were approximately 120 people walking the streets collecting trash. There were extra bins available for Chunk Your Junk so nobody was sent away and the event lasted the full three hours.

✓ **Community Affairs Commission**

Councilmember Boyter thanked staff, vendors and residents that participated in the block party in Bedford Estates. The Commission's regular monthly meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2017. They are sponsoring a business roundtable at the former library building on May 19, 2017.

✓ **Cultural Commission**

No report was given.

✓ **Investment Committee**

Councilmember Turner reported the Committee met on May 2, 2017, to review the quarter ending March 31, 2017. The City's consulting firm is Valley View Consulting. The City operates on the principal of safety first, followed by liquidity, and finally yield. Investments are primarily in money market funds as well as certificates of deposit (CDs) of up to three years of maturity. City funds total approximately \$31M and have a return rate of approximately 94 basis points, which has improved due to the Federal Reserve Bank raising interest rates and the City's ability to invest in CDs of a longer maturity. There is approximately \$28M in the water funds, with an average return of 60 basis points. The City's total investment is approximately \$59M, with an average return of 78 basis points.

✓ **Library Advisory Board**

Councilmember Boyter reported that HEB Reads started the previous weekend and the Library is asking for people to register for the Summer Reading Program. The Library Friends are having a mini-book sale on May 13, 2017 and the Board's next regular meeting is on May 17, 2017.

✓ **Parks and Recreation Board**

Councilmember Sartor recognized a Boy Scout in the audience and stated they have helped plant many trees at the Boys Ranch Park, with a ceremony on Saturday to dedicate the trees. He appreciated all the work the Boys Scouts have done to make the park system better.

✓ **Teen Court Advisory Board**

Councilmember Gebhart reported that the Board held its annual gala and thanked the Mayor and former Councilmember Steve Farco for attending. He discussed the inspirational speech given by the Charles Clark from Trinity High School. It was a great event that raised a lot of money for scholarships.

✓ **Senior Center Liaison**

Councilmember Turner reminded everybody about the art sale and exhibition going on at the Senior Center through May.

15. Council Member Reports

Councilmember Sartor extended a welcome to Ms. Sabol and stated he looks forward to working with her.

Councilmember Gebhart thanked everybody who ran for office, and especially the winners. He stated it takes a certain kind of courage to put one's self out and to say they deserve a measure of authority. It takes even more courage to earn the trust of fellow citizens. He complimented the current Council Members who retained their seats and to Ms. Sabol, who has earned the trust of Bedford's citizens.

16. City Manager/Staff Reports

City Manager Brian Bosshardt congratulated Council Members Fisher and Boyter, and Ms. Sabol.

17. 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 8:07 p.m.

Jim Griffin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Wells, City Secretary