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STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TARRANT §

CITY OF BEDFORD §

The City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas, met in Special Session at 5:30 p.m., 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 23rd 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.

Also in attendance:

Amy Sabol	Councilmember-Elect
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Staff present included:

Brian Bosshardt	City Manager
Kelli Agan	Assistant City Manager
Stan Lowry	City Attorney
Michael Wells	City Secretary
Gary Clopton	Information Technology Manager
Sean Fay	Fire Chief
Cathy Haskell	Senior Center Manager
Joey Lankford	Fire Marshal
Kenny Overstreet	Public Works Director
Maria Redburn	Library Director
Eric Valdez	Community Services Manager

COUNCIL CHAMBER SPECIAL SESSION

Mayor Griffin called the Special Session to order at 5:30 p.m.

- **Administer Statement of Elected Officer and Oath of Office to newly elected Council Members Place 3, Place 4 and Place 6 and presentation of the Certificates of Election**

City Secretary Michael Wells administered the Statement of Elected Officials and Oath of Office to newly elected Council Member Amy Sabol, Place 3, Michael Boyter, Place 4 and Roger Fisher, Place 6. Mayor Griffin presented the Certificates of Election to Council Members Sabol, Boyter and Fisher.

Councilmember Sabol thanked her supporters, and stated it is an honor and pleasure to serve the people of Bedford.

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Councilmember Boyter stated he enjoyed campaigning and talking to people concerning how they felt about the City, what the City is doing well, and what needs to be improved. He is humbled by the opportunity to continue to serve the City and is committed to creating a larger vision for the City. There is a tremendous opportunity to do bold things and he is excited for the future.

Councilmember Fisher stated he is proud to serve with Councilmember Sabol and looks forward to her ideas and bringing to fruition what she promised to bring forth to the City. He stated it is humbling to see one's name on the ballot, and having somebody say they voted for him is a surreal moment. He thanked his wife and three sons for their sacrifice during the process.

Mayor Griffin adjourned the Special Session at 5:39 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAMBER WORK SESSION

Mayor Griffin called the Work Session to order at 5:52 p.m.

- **Discussion regarding recent changes made to scheduled programs and events at the Senior Center. **This item requested by Councilmember Boyter**

Councilmember Boyter requested this item be placed on the agenda for discussion. He attended the Senior Center dance the previous Monday and it was a great opportunity to speak to people about what is going on at the Center and it is encouraging to see people coming out to participate in events at the facility. His reason for introducing this item was to give the City the opportunity to promote events and programs. He wants to discuss the programs at the Center and to get an understanding of why changes were made to certain programs.

Community Services Manager Eric Valdez stated the Center exists to enhance the lives of Bedford's seniors by promoting activities and programs that help them live healthy and active lifestyles. The Center offers daily exercise programs, dances, tai chi classes, blood pressure checks and general health education. Programming is based on the Center's goals, performance measures and cost recovery. One of the Center's goals is to offer new programming to attract the next generation of seniors, which is a challenge due to the lack of space and already established programs. Another goal is to partner with agencies in the community to provide activities and programs, which reduces costs. Regarding performance measures, the Center's membership is at approximately six percent of the eligible population, and staff would like to increase that number. Staff is trying to balance the existing membership with programs to attract new members. Regarding cost recovery, expenses have been approximately \$242,000 the previous three years, with \$7,700 being recouped.

Senior Center Manager Cathy Haskell stated there are 30 regularly scheduled programs each week. She discussed advertising programs, which has improved recently with staff increasingly promoting events, and social media. She discussed regularly scheduled activities, current and future events, and special classes and programming. She stated the Monday night dances have been a staple of the Center; however, in the past they would normally get 100 attendees and now they are lucky to get 50 attendees, which is not enough to break even with expenses. The reasons for changing the dance schedule was that staff did not feel like it was being good stewards of the citizens' money if they constantly lost money on the event, and the need to attract new, younger seniors. In speaking with other senior center managers across the country, she confirmed that the dances are popular with a core group of seniors but are not as attractive as they once were.

There was discussion on attendance at the Center and how that data is collected; and coordinating with other senior centers. In answer to questions from Council, Ms. Haskell stated

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the most popular programs at the Center are bridge, the dances and guitar; and that the Center will hold their dances on opposite Monday nights of the Hurst senior center. There was discussion on the challenge of attracting younger seniors; the limited number of staff at the Center, being three fulltime employees and one part-time employee; the limited space at the Center; sponsorships, including for special programming, prizes at bingo, and refreshments at the dances; the opportunity for more sponsorships; new programs that have been introduced; ideas on new programs being generated by the seniors themselves; surveys on the type of programming the seniors liked; the last survey being held 2015, which included several requests for movie and game nights; the feasibility of holding four dances a month; having other activities on Monday nights to attract new seniors; money being lost on 70 of the previous 91 dances held; having to generate \$360 each dance to break even; the cost of attendance being \$6.00; many of the attendees being from other cities; the number of non-residents that use City facilities; the criteria for the change to the dances being monetary, decreased attendance and requests for other activities; there being no charge for the other weekly programs; doing another survey; the sustainability of the Center; the biggest challenges to the Center being space and staff; increasing the number of customer service associates at the Boys Ranch Activity Center in the next budget for safety reasons and to assist at the Senior Center; that 3,999 people attended bridge the previous year, 2,552 attended guitar and 2,584 attended the dances; the dances being the only after-hours event; approximately 200 people making up the core group of seniors; developing metrics to compare to other senior centers; the amount of money being lost on the dances; the line item for the Senior Center being added to the budget two years previously; quarterly meetings with the Council Senior Citizen Liaison and staff; younger seniors looking for more active participation; increasing participation in the Center's activities; the schedule for the dances; better promotion of the dances and other City events; the percentage of seniors who use Facebook; and promoting events in the Bedford Connection. Council was of the consensus for staff to work on another survey of seniors at the Center. There was discussion on mailing the survey to the seniors.

Mayor Griffin adjourned the Work Session at 6:38 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

The Regular Session began at 6:48 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL COMMENTS

Mayor Griffin called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Councilmember Turner gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

OPEN FORUM

Tom Culbert, 1925 Charleston Drive, Bedford - Mr. Culbert signed up to speak on the Work Session item. He stated that the senior dances are a good time for seniors to both socialize and exercise, and he asked why they were being cut down to one every other week. Dances are already lost due to the federal holidays. He stated that the seniors can quickly come up with the money to cover the deficit for the dances, and Splash loses a lot more money than that. Spaces

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at the Senior Center parking lot were taken up by people playing Pokémon, which caused the Center to lose a lot of customers, as they can go down to the dance at Craig Street, which does not contribute to the tax rolls of Bedford's or the school district. He stated that dancing and socializing with other seniors is very healthy. He discussed a handout to Council titled "Stay Young, Go Dancing" came from a book in the Center's lobby. He asked that the City revise its opinion and come back to four dances consecutively, not one every other week which will drive down attendance.

Gus Camus, 1205 Elm Street, Bedford – Mr. Camus signed up to speak on the Work Session item. He lives in the Parc Place Retirement Center, which has 200 residents, seven or eight of whom go to the dance. He discussed raising the cost of attendance to cover the deficit or having sponsorships for the dances to relieve some of the costs of running them. He is amazed that there is a problem financing the dances and asked the City reconsider going back to having dances once a week.

It was stated by Council that the Council has not decided, nor does it decide, on the number of dances being held, and it was brought forward by Councilmember Boyter to hear the concern to see if Council may be able to help with the situation.

John Richmond, 2204 Cabelle Court, Bedford – Mr. Richmond signed up to speak on the Work Session item. He discussed learning to dance as a child and that he still loves to dance, and loves to dance on the Mondays. He stated the City is being dollar conscious on this issue but if there are 50 attendees at \$7.00 per person instead of \$6.00, it would equal \$350, which is enough to pay the expenses. He stated the dances were second in population amongst the programs at the Center, and could be much more self-supporting than the other factions at the Center. He discussed that dances do so many things psychologically and physically. He stated that if the City wants \$7.00 from the seniors, they will gladly pay it. He asked that the every Monday dances be kept and stated he does not care how many people from other cities go to the dances, because the seniors like to meet and greet people.

There was discussion on staff looking further into the issue regarding dances at the Senior Center.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ITEMS BY CONSENT

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

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

- 1. Consider approval of the following City Council minutes:
a) May 9, 2017 regular meeting**

This item was approved by consent.

- 2. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement for one year with the Tri-Cities Baseball Association for the purposes of having league games and practices at the Boys Ranch Park.**

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

Mr. Valdez presented information regarding, which is a lease agreement for one year with Tri-Cities Baseball for the purposes of holding league games and practices at the Boys Ranch Park. They have utilized the baseball fields for many years, and each year, over 180 games are

scheduled. Per the agreement, the City provides all maintenance, including mowing, irrigation, fertilization and field lining. The City also maintains the backstops, scoreboards, fences and gates. Tri-Cities Baseball is responsible for all the bases and equipment, and for litter collection. They will pay the City \$7.50 per participant and five percent gross sales revenue from the concession stand. In answer to questions from Council, Mr. Valdez stated the rate of \$7.50 per participant has been the rate for approximately eight years. Staff only sees if there is growth in the number of participants when they are provided statistics twice a year for the spring and fall leagues. He discussed the new requirement in the agreement for Tri-Cities to provide a financial report to the Parks and Recreation Board, which will allow for more coordination with staff and assistance from the Board. This requirement will be a more common practice with the agreements with the associations, but not rental agreements. The number of man-hours needed to maintain the fields has increased over the years, with another 50 being added the previous year for a total of 350 hours. The five percent from concession sales has been in place for approximately eight years, and there is not any other agreement whereby the City draws from concession sales. He discussed the possibility of increasing the rates, and stated staff would look at doing that when the new Boys Ranch Master Plan comes to fruition. Regarding the profitability of the agreement, he stated the maintenance of the ballfields is something the City would have to do anyway and the agreements serves more as a service to the community. There was discussion on misunderstandings with how the City deals with these types of organizations; and the financial report requirement being a step in taking more of a role in what the organizations do.

Motioned by Councilmember Boyter, seconded by Councilmember Gebhart, to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement for one year with the Tri-Cities Baseball Association for the purposes of having league games and practices at the Boys Ranch Park.

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

- 3. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement for one year with the DFW Tejanos Organization for the purpose of conducting practices and games at the Stormie Jones soccer fields.**

This item was approved by consent.

- 4. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement for one year with Planet Kidz, Inc. for the purpose of holding the Fun Time Live Program at the Boys Ranch Activity Center.**

This item was pulled from the agenda.

- 5. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase mobile radios from Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$30,130 utilizing the Tarrant County 9-1-1 P25 Assistance Program Funding.**

Fire Marshal Joey Lankford presented information regarding this item, which is for \$30,130 from Tarrant County 9-1-1 through their P25 Assistance Grant to replace aging radios that will reach end-of-life in 2019. The radios will still be in service but repairs are needed, parts may not be available. In answer to questions from Council, Mr. Lankford stated that the radios being replaced were re-banded several years ago. When the County releases the P25 funding in August or September, the City puts it towards radios for the following year. The grant funding requires no match from the City. There was discussion on the allocation of the P25 funding, which is based on each city's population. In answer to further questions from Council, Mr. Lankford confirmed that the program is multi-year for radios with the Police and Fire Departments. There are

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approximately 95 in-car radios and the intent with the multi-year program is to replace all the radios. The funding this year will replace six percent of the radios.

Motioned by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Councilmember Sartor, to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase mobile radios from Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$30,130 utilizing the Tarrant County 9-1-1 P25 Assistance Program Funding.

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

- 6. The following individual has requested to speak to the Council tonight under Persons to be Heard:**
- a) Dwight C. Hood - 1900 Park Place Boulevard #1007, Bedford, TX 76021 - Request to speak regarding how to utilize City owned properties.**

Mr. Hood was not in attendance at the meeting.

7. Employee Service Recognition

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

Michelle Wilson, Public Works - 5 years of service
Amy James, Police Department - 30 years of service
Jerry Buford, Police Department - 35 years of service

8. Proclamation recognizing the week of May 21-27, 2017 as Emergency Medical Services Week in the City of Bedford.

Mayor Griffin read a proclamation recognizing the week of May 21-27, 2017 as Emergency Medical Services Week in the City of Bedford. Fire Chief Sean Fay, Deputy Chief Bobby Sewell and Dr. Roy Yamada accepted the proclamation.

9. Proclamation recognizing the month of May 2017 as National AMBUCS Visibility Month in the City of Bedford.

Mayor Griffin read a proclamation recognizing the month of May 2017 as National AMBUCS Visibility Month in the City of Bedford. Greg Rusk and other members of Mid Cities Ambucs accepted the proclamation.

NEW BUSINESS

- 10. Public hearing and consider an ordinance to rezone Lots 1A & 1B1, Block 3R, Bedford Forum Addition, located at 3201 Airport Freeway, Bedford, Texas from Planned Unit Development (PUD) to amended Planned Unit Development/Specific Use Permit/Motorcycle Sales and Service (PUD/SUP), specific to Section 3.2.C(8)a of the City of Bedford Zoning Ordinance, allowing for American Motorcycle Trading Company to open a used motorcycle sales and service center within the existing building along with outdoor display and storage of motorcycles. The property is generally located north of Airport Freeway and east of Forum Parkway (PZ-SUP-2016-50078)**

Planning Manager Emilio Sanchez presented information regarding this item, which is for American Motorcycle Trading Company to operate a used motorcycle and service center at 3201 Airport Freeway. The property is in the Master Highway Corridor Overlay District (MHC) and had

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a lot of its frontage taken with the highway expansion. The applicants are having to redesign their parking lots as two of their drive approaches were removed along the feeder road and it made it challenging to use the cement currently there for the parking area. They have included increased landscaping along the highway frontage, including oak trees, and relocating a 12-inch caliper oak tree on the site. They will replat the vacant grass corner lot into the larger piece of property for additional parking. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this item at their April 23, 2017 meeting. The signage package has not been confirmed and the applicant is proposing wall or attached signage to the building. If there is a monument sign, it will be directly in front of the building. In answer to questions from Council, Mr. Sanchez stated the building was vacant for several years and was under litigation over the appraised value of the land taken for the highway expansion. It has since been sold to the B&B Family Trust, operating as American Motorcycle Trading Company. They will completely redevelop the interior of the building, including a single-story enclosure, while the exterior will remain largely the same. The site will have a few canopies in the parking lot, and outdoor storage motorcycles that are for sale. Along the eastern boundary, there will be a fenced-off area for the storage of motorcycles for repair. The entire interior of the building will be refinished. Some of HVAC on the second floor will remain. The overall improvements are a \$1M project. Mr. Sanchez confirmed that the City would get improved property values from the renovations. The City would not get sales tax revenue from the sale of motorcycles, but from repairs, parts and apparel sales. From the 380 Agreement, the applicant is proposing \$750,000 a year in sales. There is currently demolition and construction at the site but there is not a known open date.

Mayor Griffin opened the public hearing at 7:42 p.m.

Nobody chose to speak during the public hearing.

Mayor Griffin closed the public hearing at 7:42 p.m.

In answer to questions from Council, Mr. Sanchez stated that outside storage would be in a fenced-off area on the northeastern side of the property. It will be for the storage of motorcycles in need of repair that are taking up space on the inside of the building, but will be behind an enclosed fence. The site plan indicates the fence to be wooden, with gates that have Knox Boxes for emergency access. There was discussion on the gates being noted as chain link and the shed addition to the building. In answer to questions from Council, Brandon Allen, Allen Architecture, 1227 West Magnolia Avenue, Fort Worth, the architect for the project, stated that at the time the plans were submitted, they were still in design. The shed addition is a permanent canopy, with a steel structure and brick-clad columns, over a large, rear rollup door. Motorcycles in need of service and repair are stored in the building at night and rolled out during the day. The fence for the storage area is proposed to be chain link, with either mesh or louvers to prevent visibility. There was discussion on a stipulation in the ordinance that the fence be covered with louvers or plastic.

Motioned by Councilmember Gebhart, seconded by Councilmember Turner, to approve an ordinance to rezone Lots 1A & 1B1, Block 3R, Bedford Forum Addition, located at 3201 Airport Freeway, Bedford, Texas from Planned Unit Development (PUD) to amended Planned Unit Development/Specific Use Permit/Motorcycle Sales and Service (PUD/SUP), specific to Section 3.2.C(8)a of the City of Bedford Zoning Ordinance, allowing for American Motorcycle Trading Company to open a used motorcycle sales and service center within the existing building along with outdoor display and storage of motorcycles, with the stipulation on the coverings for the fence. The property is generally located north of Airport Freeway and east of Forum Parkway (PZ-SUP-2016-50078)

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

11. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase Microsoft 365 user licenses through SHI Government Solutions, a cooperative contract vendor with the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR).

Information Technology Manager Gary Clopton presented information regarding this item, which is to authorize the City Manager to purchase Microsoft User Licenses through SHI for email services. In April, staff was informed by Microsoft that the City would no longer be able to use a select agreement, which is cheaper, and instead the City would be required to have an enterprise agreement. Staff was required to purchase a larger number of E1 licenses, which increased costs, but can be covered in the budget. In answer to questions from Council, Mr. Clopton stated that the City gets all its email services through Microsoft 365, which is hosted in the cloud by Microsoft. It is Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) compliant, which is the federal governments' regulations for how law enforcement data must be handled. Staff still administers it, but the hardware is handled offsite. The City started using Microsoft 365 three years ago and it has helped the IT Department by allowing them to focus on other things, and it has increased uptime for the system and been better for the employees. The additional cost is \$11,000 a year and staff has found room in the existing budget to cover that cost. Mr. Clopton confirmed that due to interoperability requirements for law enforcement, there is no other option but Microsoft without making a fractured system with multiple standards. He discussed other options including bringing email in-house, which would include hardware and soft costs for staff to administer the system; going with another system like Google for Government, which was not CJIS compliant at the time the project was first examined three years ago, and would be difficult to back out due to proprietary issues with how it works; and staying with Microsoft. He stated the City could go with a bargain basement hosting company, which saves money but is not CJIS compliant, or go with Microsoft. Other cities have contacted Bedford's IT Department on how to move to using Microsoft 365.

Motioned by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Councilmember Gebhart, to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase Microsoft 365 user licenses through SHI Government Solutions, a cooperative contract vendor with the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR).

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

12. Discussion and possible action regarding policy recommendations by boards and commissions. **This item requested by Councilmember Fisher

Councilmember Fisher requested this item be placed on the agenda for discussion and possible action. He stated there is a grassroots effort to put local option on the ballot in November, and a group of citizens are putting forth the effort to get the required signatures, including manning booths at restaurant and stores. They also signed up for their allotted timeslots per policy to utilize the Community Share Zone at the interior of the Library, and the request was granted for their twice-a-month allotment. They also requested to set up a tent in the parking lot, which was denied with the statement that the previously prescribed policy covered the parking lot as well. They also requested booth space at 4thFest, which was denied because the 4thFest vendor policy states no political organizations in vendor booths, which included the Boys Ranch Activity Center (BRAC), but does not have same such policy as the Library. Pending approval by staff, the group could set up space outside the BRAC on non-4thFest days. There is no prohibition in them walking around during the festival to collect signatures. After hearing from this group, he decided to look further into the policy and though he does not necessarily disagree with the it, minus a few changes, he is concerned with the process, the ambiguity, and the administration of policies. The policy was brought to the Library Advisory Board on January 20, 2016, who heard recommendations from staff and made necessary changes, which set up the Community Share

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Zone and described how the process would work. He stated the policy was reasonable for the interior lobby of the Library, and staff and the Board acted responsibly in writing the policy; however, the process was broken when the policy was not forwarded to Council for its review, amendment and final approval. Had Council been able to review the policy, he would have offered amendments. He stated the policy is ambiguous when it comes to the Library property and the definition of the Community Share Zone, as it does not speak to the parking lot being included or not, nor does it mention any of the vacant land abutting the Library building. A blanket statement that the parking lot is included in the Zone is not specifically mentioned in the policy. The administration of the policy is also flawed and there are concerns over repercussions for the current request and those that come later. Some may be for or against the local option but it is not to that stage yet, and this is a grassroots effort to get to that stage. He understands the City's reluctance to be shown as playing favorites and policies should not be amended on whim to help or hurt a specific group. He is not bringing the issue up to help the petition's cause, but through discussion he hopes to set up reasonable guidelines. The policy is only for the Library, not other City facilities, which leads to a bigger discussion on City policies including who is making them, whose responsibility it is to make, and how far into operating the government does the Council care to get into.

Councilmember Fisher stated the per the City's Charter, Council has the sole responsibility for policy and in his opinion, Council has been derelict in its duties. He agrees with staff that Council does not want to get into departmental policies, but the Charter says it is Council's job and its job alone. He discussed his experience on the JPS Hospital Board, where Board and departmental policies were bifurcated, with the one thing in common being that they were both approved by the governing body. Occasionally, policies and procedures are used synonymously, and they should not be. Policy should be where one wants to go, and procedures are how to get there. He stated the discussion should be how to correct this issue moving forward, including current policies. To staff, he stated it is not a return to the "old" as he does not care to be in the weeds in the operation of departments. To the taxpayers, he stated the Council should be doing its job in establishing all City policies.

For the current issue, Councilmember Fisher stated he would like to take the Library's Board's vote and offer up the following amendments to their recommendation: the interior portion of the Zone should remain as is; an exterior Zone should be established in the last row of parking on the west side of the parking lot, with operational hours equal to that of the Library; the exterior Zone should be free of a sign-up and not limited to certain days of the week, as long as it is in line with the Library calendar; neither Zone shall be used for any type of commerce activity; similar Zones should be set up at all City facilities; and the policy should be uniform to each. As for 4thFest, he agrees with the current policy but it should be reviewed if Council agrees the exterior Zones for all public facilities are a necessity. At that point, the only issue would be if the 4thFest policy supersedes the policy on exterior Zones. He does not feel the petition drive is overly political as it is not to the point of a vote. He hopes a portion of the Council's strategic planning session addresses the policy issue, and to discuss during the current Council meeting the Library policy.

There was Council discussion on the location of the exterior Zone at the Library; ensuring outside zones do not interfere with the daily operations of City facilities; the size of the zones being determined site-by-site; "Policy" compared to "policy"; whether Council has been derelict in their duties; not setting aside special places to exercise constitutional rights and the First Amendment right for citizens to peacefully assemble to petition their government; groups regulating themselves in how they interact with the public; limiting public input; the liquor petition group obtaining signatures free of restrictions from the Council; leafletting vehicles; changing the policy to focus on the interior of the Library; excluding the exterior of any City buildings; addressing how the City allows use of its public spaces; the Library Board reviewing policies as indicated in the language creating the Board; whether reviewing policies is common with other boards and

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commissions; staff bring the Library Board a draft of the policy for their approval; inconsistency is the authorizing language creating the Boards and Commissions in the City's Code; whether the mission of the Boards and Commission is clearly identified; whether the policy is an operational function of Library staff; directing staff to bring to Council an overall policy; the Charter stating Council is responsible for policy; Council approving all policies; establishing a process for what Council needs to review; policies versus procedures; the policy established by the Library Board being an attempt by staff to put in procedures on how the Library is operated to meet the demands of the public; the big picture policy issues needing to be addressed by Council; the Council reserving the right to determine what is "Policy" and what is "policy"; the City having a fractured set of policies; the original intent of policies becoming gerrymandered as not to be effective; the Library policy not being equitable across the City; shoring up gaps in policies; suspending the Library policy; ensuring that public safety is not affected by allowing groups to petition outside; including barriers such as those at election time; opening the door for any group to set up outside of the Library; the liquor petition group working to get sales tax revenue for the City; not singling out any single group; the issue being mishandled for several years; and allowing tents in the parking lot, and limiting the size and location of tents.

City Manager Brian Bosshardt stated that staff could modify the definition of Community Share Zone to indicate it does not cover the outside of the building, and an area could be designated for a Zone outside as well. One thing that has been discovered is that the extra parking area to the south is not platted as the same property as the Library, so the group could set up there. There was discussion on addressing an overarching policy that governs all City facilities. In answer to questions from Council, Ms. Redburn stated that the Library received a request from a church wanting a table in the lobby. She was advised by the City Attorney that the church could be turned down but that staff needed to write a policy. It was discussed that based on the complaints received by staff during elections, it was decided to put the Zone inside as it is easier to monitor, gives more visibility and is more comfortable. The Zone could be regulated by time, manner and place. The City Attorney stated that he interpreted the policy to include the parking lot as it is part of the Library proper. There was discussion on staff bringing Council ideas on where groups can be located outside; city leaders being afraid to hear alternative voices with alternative ideas about how to do things; the City being inclusive of people with different ideas on how the City should be run and the things that can be done differently to improve quality of life; rights and liberty; suspending the Library policy and instructing staff to rewrite it; not making exceptions for particular groups; and not setting up barriers as is done during elections.

Motioned by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Councilmember Boyter, that the interior portion of the policy be maintained and the exterior portion of the policy be removed, and staff is directed to bring to Council an overarching City-wide policy concerning all facilities in regards to community sharing as soon as possible.

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

13. 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 6Stones made a great presentation primarily concerning the community garden, which is producing a lot of food that is being distributed to the community. The Boy Scout tree planting dedication was held on May 13, 2017. The Chunk Your Junk and Clean Up Bedford Day events held the previous month were very successful.

✓ **Community Affairs Commission**

Councilmember Boyter acknowledged Commission Members Sal Caruso, Steve Grubbs, Margaret Hall and Jenna Walters who were in attendance. The Commission held a business roundtable on May 19, 2017 and he thanked staff, Council and the Mayor for attending. There were approximately 25 attendees from Bedford business owners. The Mayor presented some topics, economic development was discussed, and Fire Chief Sean Fay gave a presentation about what the Fire Department is doing. There was also another discussion on water meters. The Commission met on May 18, 2017, where they discussed future events, the success of prior events, involvement in welcome packets for new businesses, and an interest in participating in an HEB parade.

✓ **Cultural Commission**

Mayor Griffin reported that will be an art exhibit show on Saturday at Central Arts of Bedford and they are doing summer art exploration classes starting June 5, 2017. He met with the owner of the Kroger and Big Lots shopping centers, who was pleased with the art in the centers' vacant spaces.

✓ **Library Advisory Board**

Councilmember Boyter reported that a block party was held on May 5, 2017 sponsored by the Community Affairs Commission, at which volunteers from the Library issued library cards. On Saturday, May 6, 2017 the HEB Reads event was held at Pennington Field, with approximately 5,000 children in attendance. He stated Ms. Redburn wanted to thank the Public Works, Police and Parks Departments, as well as the volunteers for assisting with that event. During the event, 275 kids were registered for the Summer Reading Club. He thanked Ms. Redburn, staff and the volunteers. The Board met on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 and recapped recent events, went through a summer activities calendar, and discussed recent federal actions on budget cuts that may affect the Library. For April 2017, there were 14,883 visitors, 53,013 checkouts, an increase in circulation of 20.07 percent over the prior year, 43,272 registered patrons, and 100 programs with 1,841 attendees.

✓ **Parks and Recreation Board**

Councilmember Sartor invited everybody to visit the City's parks and trails.

✓ **Teen Court Advisory Board**

No report was given.

✓ **Senior Center Liaison**

No report was given.

14. Council member Reports

Councilmember Fisher reported that 6Stones had the opportunity to address a very large community empowerment group. He presented statistics since 6Stones has been in operation in Hurst, Euless and Bedford. He stated 106,489 people were helped with emergency food and clothing; 541 homeowners have been helped; 26,720 children were supplied with school supplies; 22,659 children were provided with Christmas; approximately \$9M has been invested in the

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communities, which does not take into account in-kind donations; and 267,302 volunteer hours have been invested, or \$2.6M at \$10.00 an hour. He stated with these results and numbers, it makes the \$60,000 investment in the Community Powered Revitalization Program more worth it.

15. City Manager/Staff Reports

No report was given.

16. Take any action necessary as a result of the Executive Session. (Any item on this posted agenda may be discussed in executive session provided it is within one of the permitted categories under Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.)

Executive Session was not held.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Griffin adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Jim Griffin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Wells, City Secretary