STATE OF TEXAS   §

COUNTY OF TARRANT   §

CITY OF BEDFORD   §

The City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas, met in Special Session at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 2000 Forest Ridge Drive, on the 6th day of July, 2021 with the following members present:

Michael Boyter	Mayor
Amy Sabol	Mayor Pro Tem
Cindy Almendarez	Councilmembers
Dan Cogan	
Ruth Culver	
Rob Gagliardi	

constituting a quorum.

Staff present included:

Jimmy Stathatos	City Manager
Cliff Blackwell	Assistant City Manager
Bryn Meredith	City Attorney
Michael Wells	City Secretary

SPECIAL SESSION

The Special Session began at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL COMMENTS

Mayor Boyter called the meeting to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) **Pursuant to Section 551.072, to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property - possible acquisition of real property for redevelopment purposes.**

Council convened into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072, to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property - possible acquisition of real property for redevelopment purposes at, 6:01 p.m.

Council reconvened from Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. Any necessary action to be taken as a result of the Executive Session will be during the Special Session.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with First Baptist Church of Euless in the amount of $9,500,000 for the purchase of approximately**

18.58 acres of property at 205 N. Industrial, 209 N. Industrial, and 401 North Industrial Blvd., generally located at the northwest corner of State Highway 183/Airport Freeway and N. Industrial Boulevard.

Motioned by Councilmember Culver, seconded by Councilmember Gagliardi, to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with First Baptist Church of Euless in the amount of $9,500,000 for the purchase of approximately 18.58 acres of property at 205 North Industrial, 209 North Industrial, and 401 North Industrial Blvd., generally located at the northwest corner of State Highway 183/Airport Freeway and North Industrial Boulevard.

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

Mayor Boyter discussed the public hearing held in October 2017 to request changes to the City's ordinances that would have allowed a private developer to build 840 apartment units as part of the Bedford Commons project. He stated the residents gave notice that they did not want more apartments in the City and a majority of Council denied the request. He stated The City continued to work with the developer to make apartments in Bedford Commons a reality until the City purchased the property from the developer, killing the concept of apartments being built against the wishes of the residents.

Mayor Boyter stated the Council took a bold new step to ensure the economic stability of the City by purchasing the Campus West property, therefore guaranteeing there would be no apartments built on the site. He felt the decision shows that elected officials and City staff are now unified in action, which they were not previously. He stated the Council decided to aggressively fix, repair, and rebuild the City. The City believed itself to be business friendly, which meant accepting any business, but he felt the City had the right to say no, to raise the City's standards, and aggressively pursue a new path for economic development. He discussed a new vision for Bedford, including a newly refocused Bedford Commons; the completion of Generations Park; financial accountability while improving the safety and security of the residents and improving the City's responsiveness; a plan to repair the City's major thoroughfares and residential streets; and the Campus West development project. He thanked Cross City Church, Henry S. Miller, City staff, the Council, and the residents.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Boyter adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

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Michael Boyter, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Michael Wells, City Secretary