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STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TARRANT §

CITY OF BEDFORD §

The City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas, met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 2000 Forest Ridge Drive, on the 27th 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:

Cliff Blackwell	Assistant City Manager
Bryn Meredith	City Attorney
Michael Wells	City Secretary
Chuck Carlisle	Facilities Manager
Molly Fox	Communications Director
Andrea Roy	Development Director
Bill Walker	Fire Chief
Jeff Williams	Police Chief

REGULAR SESSION

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

CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL COMMENTS

Mayor Boyter called the meeting to order. He stated City Manager Jimmy Stathatos was under the weather and could not attend the meeting.

INVOCATION

Tom Russell of Forest Ridge Church of Christ gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COUNCIL RECOGNITION

- **Employee Service Recognition**

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

Nathan Noble, Police Department - 15 years of service
Joshua Starkey, Fire Department - 15 years of service

- **Consider a resolution authorizing the Beautification Commission to recognize Point Loma Woods Apartments as recipients of the Business Recognition Award and 1812 Lincolnshire, 1621 Woodhill Lane, 1908 Pine Ridge Drive, 2239 Shady Grove Drive, and 2340 Stonegate Drive as recipients of the Residential Recognition Award for maintaining, improving, and/or keeping their property visually attractive to the community.**

Beautification Commission Chairperson Marty Geer presented information on the awards. The awards will be presented on July 31, 2021, starting at 9:00 a.m.

Motioned by Councilmember Almendarez, seconded by Councilmember Cogan, to approve a resolution authorizing the Beautification Commission to recognize Point Loma Woods Apartments as recipients of the Business Recognition Award and 1812 Lincolnshire, 1621 Woodhill Lane, 1908 Pine Ridge Drive, 2239 Shady Grove Drive, and 2340 Stonegate Drive as recipients of the Residential Recognition Award for maintaining, improving, and/or keeping their property visually attractive to the community.

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

OPEN FORUM

Nobody signed up to speak during Open Forum.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ITEMS BY CONSENT

Assistant City Manager Cliff Blackwell presented an overview of the items on the consent agenda.

Motioned by Councilmember Culver, seconded by Councilmember Gagliardi, to approve the following items by consent: 1, 2, and 3.

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

1. **Consider approval of the following City Council minutes:**
 - a) **June 22, 2021 regular meeting**
 - b) **July 6, 2021 special session**
 - c) **July 13, 2021 strategic planning session**
 - d) **July 20, 2021 special session**

This item was approved by consent.

2. **Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase expendable medical supplies from Bound Tree Medical LLC in an amount not to exceed \$70,000 through an interlocal agreement with the City of Midlothian.**

This item was approved by consent.

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3. **Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a professional services agreement with Teague Nall & Perkins, Inc. (TNP) in the amount of \$70,000 for the design of the 47th Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Walter Street Paving Improvements Project (Bedford Court East to Cheryl Avenue).**

This item was approved by consent.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

4. **The following individuals requested to speak to the Council under Persons to be Heard:**

- a) **Keith Walter, 2508 Lakeview Drive, Bedford, Texas 76021 - requests to speak to Council regarding Generations Park.**

Keith Walter, 2508 Lakeview Drive, Bedford – Mr. Walter stated he had high hopes for a modern park with the passage of the bond package; however, he is concerned that the project is not very well thought out. He stated privacy and drainage are the primary concerns regarding the project. He discussed the three project managers and thanked the Mayor, the City Manager, and the current project manager for meeting with him two weeks prior and stated some issues were able to be worked out, including privacy. He hopes that the items he still has concerns about can be addressed.

Mr. Walter stated his main question is does Bedford have to follow the same ordinances that are imposed on the residents. He discussed the City's Zoning Ordinance, including its purpose and that there are different rules depending on how an area is zoned. He stated the park area is zoned R-15,000. He discussed Section 3.1 Schedule of Permitted Uses, specifically commercial swimming pools not being permitted in R-15,000. He stated that per Section 4.1.B Use Regulations community facilities must fall in line with Section 3.1. Mr. Walter discussed the recreation center and stated per Section 5.1.A. Height and Area Schedule, the maximum height for a structure in R-15,000 is 35 feet. The highest elevation on the recreation center is 49 feet, 10 inches. He further stated that a height variance is not provided for in R-15,000 zoning as outlined in Section 5.1.C.

Mr. Walter discussed flooding and Section 5.4.D Form and Content specifically the requirement for a grading plan, which is to include the correlation to surrounding properties, drainage, and line of site effect if the natural contour of the land is altered or changed more than four feet in any location. He stated the drainage map he was provided went to the top of the berm and only included City assets, and that nobody could tell him if his property would flood or not. He discussed the original flood plain and the amount of water flow and asked if those were considered. Mr. Walter further discussed a memo from Halff Associates, which included information on an increase in a 100-year flood discharge due to the increased height of the berm and a list of items the grading plan needed to achieve, but which did not include anything about surrounding neighborhoods. He stated the water flowing from the north should hit the berm and go to lowest point, which meant it would flow down towards Lakeview Drive. He discussed changes he saw in the schematics for the berm from July 2020 and September 2020 and their incorporation into the plans. He discussed the increased water flow during a 100-year flood and stated there were no studies showing where the drainage would be going in the neighborhoods after the renovations are completed and He asked if drainage was even considered on the neighborhood side. Mr. Walter stated a sound study was not performed per 54-35 of the City of

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Bedford ordinances. He felt that based on the project, the City was not following the same ordinances as imposed on the residents.

There was discussion on interpretation of codes and ordinances. City Attorney Bryn Meredith stated it was his formal opinion that a municipal swimming pool would not be considered a commercial swimming pool as it is a governmental function. Regarding the height of the recreation center, Mr. Meredith stated the maximum height would be 35 feet, or two-and-a-half stories, whichever is greater, and it was his understanding that no part of the building exceeds the number of stories. He further stated it would therefore not require a variance.

In response to questions from Council, Dennis Haar with Halff Associates confirmed there were alterations and changes to the grading facilitate everything needed in the park and that drawings were redone depending on different aspects and levels of design. He further stated the grading was done to maximize the use of dirt and to minimize haul off to bring the project within budget. He discussed the existing drainage study of the creek that runs through the park and their design of an enclosed drainage system for the park. He confirmed there was research, regarding the perimeter of the site and drainage at the current berm levels, which were included in the memo. He stated the berm and drainage ditch were an existing condition and that the drainage patterns were not changed except for extending the area to the ditch, which accounts for the increased water flow. The ditch would be regraded to meet what was shown on the grading plan to contain the extra drainage. There was discussion on the method to calculate runoff and Mr. Haar stated the 100-year design is the peak rainfall on the park itself, not the whole stream area. He felt there was no reason to be concerned about flooding, unless the property had flooding issues prior to construction, which Mr. Walter confirmed there have been. There was discussion on whether there were flooding issues on the rest of the street. Mr. Haar presented information on the differences between the berm designs, and stated the earlier design was a not-to-scale cross section with vertical exaggerations.

There was discussion on the City building to the same code requirements as the residents and being proactive regarding potential flooding. Mr. Harr stated the City is regulated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood plain map. Halff Associates would be submitting a letter of map revision for the park toward the end of the project, which would set the community flood elevations in the area. Mr. Haar discussed a structure in the creek that would maintain elevation north of Doug Rivers Drive. There was discussion regarding continuing communication with Mr. Walter and other residents and ensuring that a problem not be created in respect to water movement. Mr. Walter asked for something that would show where the water coming from the north and hitting the berm would go. Mr. Haar stated revisions would be made to the drainage area map to include the adjoining houses and that they would look at the ditch again with knowledge about the prior flooding at Mr. Walter's property. There was discussion on mitigation for rain during the fall months, including maintaining the drainage channels, and improvement to conditions with the completion of the grading. There was further discussion on Mr. Walter's yard.

b) Sharon V. Burke, 3217 Versante Drive, Bedford, Texas 76021 - requests to speak to Council regarding airbnbs, littering, and thanking, honoring, and celebrating first responders.

Ms. Burke was unable to attend the meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS

Council adjourned into Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney, of the Texas Government Code to discuss agenda Item #5, #6, #7 and #8, at 7:11 p.m.

Council reconvened from Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. Any necessary action to be taken as a result of the Executive Session will be during the Regular Session.

- 5. Public hearing and consider an ordinance to rezone Lot 6A, Block 1, Bell Hurst Addition, located at 1020 Brown Trail, Bedford, Texas, from R-7500 (Residential Single-family detached) to PUD (Planned Unit Development/MD-1), allowing a duplex. The property is generally located along the east side of Brown Trail, south of Belle Street. (PZ-PUD-2021-50012) (Item recommended for denial by the Planning and Zoning Commission by a vote of 3-2-0)**

Development Director Andrea Roy presented information regarding this request, which is a request to rezone 1020 Brown Trail from single-family residential to a duplex. She stated the property was built in 1952 and was divided into a duplex sometime over the years unbeknownst to the City or the current owner. The owner is requesting a rezoning to bring the property into compliance and to maintain the duplex status. She stated the zoning issue was discovered based on a complaint to Code Enforcement. The property was listed for sale after the owner had renovated the property; the renovations were cosmetic, so no permits were required. She advised if Council were to approve the rezoning, as the property is in existence and would be unable to meet the MD-1 zoning requirements, that it would need to be a Planned Unit Development, with underlying zoning of MD-1.

Ms. Roy discussed the pavement requirement for the property. She stated there is a list of properties on Brown Trail that are exempt from providing an all-weather surface, including the property in question. If this rezoning is approved, the grandfathering of the parking would be lost, and it would then require a paved parking surface. Ms. Roy stated the City received six responses to the public notice of rezoning, of which four were against and two were neutral. She stated there have been two water meters on the property for a long period of time and it is not uncommon for residential homes to have more than one meter, for such items as pools and irrigation. In response to questions from Council, Ms. Roy stated it would take a unanimous vote from Council to override the recommendation for denial by the Planning and Zoning Commission. She confirmed the zoning issue was brought to the City's attention due to a complaint and estimated that it had been operating as a duplex for approximately 20 years.

Mayor Boyter opened the public hearing at 7:37 p.m.

David Morgan, 1501 Circle Lane, Bedford – Mr. Morgan stated there were errors made in the past in respect to the property and the applicant he is representing has been damaged. The applicant is willing to work with the City and he hoped something could be worked out. He presented an overview of his background. He stated the Tarrant Appraisal District (TAD) shows the property to be a duplex since 1999, permit records show the second water meter was installed in September 2003, and electric meter work was permitted as a duplex. The property was listed for sales as a duplex in September 2020 but was unsold due to foundation problems. The applicant put the property under contract to rehabilitate the property in order to sell or rent it. The applicant received notice of the zoning violation in April 2021 and he stated the applicant was unaware the property was zoned single-family residential and had done the normal due diligence prior to purchase. He presented information on various records, including TAD and the title company, indicating the

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property to be a duplex and permits from the City for two electrical masts. Mr. Morgan stated the property has two meters, addresses, mailboxes, which indicates it to be a duplex and has been that way since 1999. He discussed the fine for zoning violations and the all-weather-surface exemption, and asked that if the rezoning is approved, the grandfathering continue to be allowed. He discussed support from a neighbor and a former tenant for the duplex. He wanted to find an amicable solution for the applicant and the City. He stated if Council were to deny the rezoning, the applicant could open the common wall, but it is structurally impossible to remove, and asked the City work with the applicant on removing the water and electrical meters.

There was discussion on the applicant's desire to sell the property; the increase to the value of the house from the improvements made by the applicant; the requirements to get the property into compliance, including removal of the other meters, the demising wall, and a majority of one of the kitchens; finding an amicable solution to the issue; whether the applicant had an inspection performed on the property; the property's foundation issues; and structural and cosmetic work done on the inside of the house.

Mayor Boyer closed the public hearing at 8:08 p.m.

There was discussion on the legally required wording in City's standard notice of violation; and the grandfathering of the all-weather-surface parking.

Motioned by Councilmember Culver, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sabol, to deny an ordinance to rezone Lot 6A, Block 1, Bell Hurst Addition, located at 1020 Brown Trail, Bedford, Texas, from R-7500 (Residential Single-family detached) to PUD (Planned Unit Development/MD-1), allowing a duplex. The property is generally located along the east side of Brown Trail, south of Belle Street. (PZ-PUD-2021-50012)

Motion approved 5-1-0. Mayor Boyter declared the motion carried.

Voting in favor of the motion: Mayor Boyter, Councilmember Cogan, Mayor Pro Tem Sabol, Councilmember Culver, and Councilmember Gagliardi

Voting in opposition to the motion: Councilmember Almendarez

Councilmember Almendarez indicated that she intended to vote yes on the denial.

- 6. Public hearing and consider an ordinance to rezone Lot 10R1, Block 6, Bedford Meadows Addition, located at 2813 Central Drive, Bedford, Texas, from Heavy Commercial (H) to Heavy Commercial/Specific Use Permit/Tobacco Products Store (H/SUP), specific to Section 3.2.C(7)x of the City of Bedford Zoning Ordinance, allowing for XD Vapor & Cigar to operate a tobacco products store/smoke shop. The property is generally located at the southwest corner of Harwood Road and Central Drive. (PZ-SUP-2021-031) (Item recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission by a vote of 4-1-0)**

Ms. Roy presented information regarding this item, which is to allow XD Vapor & Cigar to be located in the shopping center at the southwest corner of Harwood Road and Central Drive. The applicant intends to lease a 1,400 square foot suite and there is sufficient parking on the site for the proposed use. She stated the use of a tobacco products store requires a specific use permit and she gave the definition of a tobacco products store as stated in the City's Zoning

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Ordinance, which is any store that has more than 50 percent of their sales from tobacco products. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this item by a vote of 4-1-0.

Mayor Boyter opened the public hearing at 8:13 p.m.

The applicant, Surendra Tamang, 12813 Peach Tree Way, Euless, Texas, introduced himself.

Mayor Boyter closed the public hearing at 8:14 p.m.

Motioned by Councilmember Culver, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sabol, to deny an ordinance to rezone Lot 10R1, Block 6, Bedford Meadows Addition, located at 2813 Central Drive, Bedford, Texas, from Heavy Commercial (H) to Heavy Commercial/Specific Use Permit/Tobacco Products Store (H/SUP), specific to Section 3.2.C(7)x of the City of Bedford Zoning Ordinance, allowing for XD Vapor & Cigar to operate a tobacco products store/smoke shop. The property is generally located at the southwest corner of Harwood Road and Central Drive. (PZ-SUP-2021-031) (Item recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission by a vote of 4-1-0)

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

- 7. Public hearing and consider an ordinance to rezone Lot 1, Block 8R, Gregory Addition, located at 2101 E. Pipeline Road, Suite 300, Bedford, Texas, from Heavy Commercial (H) to Heavy Commercial/Specific Use Permit/Tobacco Products Store (H/SUP), specific to 3.2.C(7)x of the City of Bedford Zoning Ordinance, allowing for My Vape Store to operate a tobacco products store. The property is generally located at the northeast corner of Central Drive and East Pipeline Road. (PZ-SUP-2021-044) (Item recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission by a vote of 3-1-0)**

Ms. Roy presented information regarding this item, which is to allow My Vape Store to operate a tobacco products store at a location on E. Pipeline Road, next to the applicant's current business, My Beer Store. The suite is approximately 1,000 square feet and there is sufficient parking for the proposed use.

Mayor Boyter opened the public hearing at 8:17 p.m.

The applicant, Suraj Upreti, 2400 Southern Oak Drive, Irving, stated the business would mostly sell cigarettes, cigars, tobacco items, and gifts.

Mayor Boyter closed the public hearing at 8:18 p.m.

Motioned by Councilmember Culver, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sabol, to deny an ordinance to rezone Lot 1, Block 8R, Gregory Addition, located at 2101 E. Pipeline Road, Suite 300, Bedford, Texas, from Heavy Commercial (H) to Heavy Commercial/Specific Use Permit/Tobacco Products Store (H/SUP), specific to 3.2.C(7)x of the City of Bedford Zoning Ordinance, allowing for My Vape Store to operate a tobacco products store. The property is generally located at the northeast corner of Central Drive and East Pipeline Road. (PZ-SUP-2021-044) (Item recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission by a vote of 3-1-0)

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

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- 8. Public hearing and consider an ordinance to rezone Lot 4, Block 2, Bedford Lake Addition, located at 1308 Harwood Road, Bedford, Texas, consisting of 0.8724 acres, from Light Commercial Zoning District (L) to R-15000 Single-Family Residential Detached District, allowing for Generations Park at The Boys Ranch. The property is generally located west of Forest Ridge Drive on Harwood Road. (PZ-ZC-2021-50045) (Item recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission by a vote of 4-0-0)**

Ms. Roy presented information regarding this item, which is a request to rezone the last parcel of property at Generations Park. The property was acquired by the City after the initial rezoning for the park and it used to be occupied by the Clubhouse for Special Needs. The property is already being utilized as part of the park. She stated staff did not receive any opposition to the rezoning.

Mayor Boyter opened the public hearing at 8:20 p.m.

Nobody chose to speak during the public hearing.

Mayor Boyter closed the public hearing at 8:20 p.m.

Motioned by Councilmember Culver, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sabol, to approve an ordinance to rezone Lot 4, Block 2, Bedford Lake Addition, located at 1308 Harwood Road, Bedford, Texas, consisting of 0.8724 acres, from Light Commercial Zoning District (L) to R-15000 Single-Family Residential Detached District, allowing for Generations Park at The Boys Ranch. The property is generally located west of Forest Ridge Drive on Harwood Road. (PZ-ZC-2021-50045) (Item recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission by a vote of 4-0-0)

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

- 9. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Langham Partnership USA, Incorporated in the amount of \$65,000 for the purchase of property rights in land being all of Lot 3, Block 1 of the Harvey Office Park Addition (known as 2130 L Don Dodson Drive) in the City of Bedford, Tarrant County, Texas.**

Ms. Roy presented information regarding this item. She stated the tract of land is difficult to develop on its own but is an opportunity for the City to combine the tract with the adjacent City-owned property. Issues with the property include limited frontage and the presence of both a 15-foot drainage easement and a 50-foot pipeline easement own; therefore, no building can be constructed on the property, but it can be paved or landscaped. The proposed value of the property per TAD is \$242,504 and Ms. Roy confirmed that the City is paying under the market value for the property.

Motioned by Councilmember Culver, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sabol, to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Langham Partnership USA, Incorporated in the amount of \$65,000 for the purchase of property rights in land being all of Lot 3, Block 1 of the Harvey Office Park Addition (known as 2130 L Don Dodson Drive) in the City of Bedford, Tarrant County, Texas.

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

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10. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with OpenGov, Incorporated, in the annual amount of \$66,000 and a one-time set-up fee of \$43,105, to provide new permitting, licensing, and code enforcement processing software.

Ms. Roy presented information regarding this item. She stated the current systems for customer complaints and concerns, permits and planning projects, and property data are splintered, and staff is wanting to integrate all these processes. Staff's priorities for a new system include transparency, the ability to pull data into usable reports, ease of use by the public, customization, the ability to move to the cloud, competitive pricing, and technical support. She discussed the OpenGov software, their citizen platform, and the impact it has in other cities regarding permit processing and walk-ins. Ms. Roy discussed workflows, integrations with current software such as finance, and customizable dashboards. She further discussed the positive impact the software would have on staff and how it aligns with Council mission areas. She stated OpenGov is a sole-source provider based on its products and patents, and staff did receive bids from other companies.

In response to questions from Council, Ms. Roy stated the contract is for a three-year term, after which there will be renegotiations, with an estimated five percent increase after the initial term. There would be not ability to terminate unless there was a severe breach of the contract. She further stated all users would be trained with the rollout and the contract is not based on a per user basis. The code officers have been equipped with tablets, which are compatible with the software.

Andrew Stout with OpenGov stated there would be no cap on the number of support hours or users, that all new users would be trained, and that there would be no charge for updates. Ms. Roy confirmed the Police Department would have the ability to use the dashboard and the plan is to train as many Police Department employees on the software as possible. She discussed that complaints would first be processed through OpenGov and then transferred to the City's Tyler software for ticket writing. Ms. Roy stated the Development Department does not have extensive digital records so there would not be an extensive transition. There would be cost savings for moving to the cloud and the conversion would start immediately with a full implementation by November. There was discussion on monetizing efficiencies and what residents would see with the software.

Motioned by Councilmember Almendarez, seconded by Councilmember Gagliardi, to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with OpenGov, Incorporated, in the annual amount of \$66,000 and a one-time set-up fee of \$43,105, to provide new permitting, licensing, and code enforcement processing software.

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

11. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with I.S. Construction Group, LLC in the amount of \$188,163 for the construction of two bathrooms at the Old Bedford School, utilizing the Texas Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS), and authorizing a budget allowance in the amount of \$6,837 for potential price escalation for construction materials for a total funding request of \$195,000.

Facilities Manager Chuck Carlisle presented information regarding this item. He stated Council directed staff to look at adding two bathrooms on the second floor of the Old Bedford School (OBS) for additional access. Through the Texas Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS), I.S.

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Construction responded with lowest bid at \$180,0621, plus a performance bond of \$4,501 and a two percent TIPS fee. Discussion of this item was postponed at the Council meeting on May 11, 2021, due to possible conflicts with the performing arts center. I.S. Construction made modifications since that time and their bid increased to \$186,119, for a total cost, including the performance bond and TIPS fee, that should not exceed \$195,000. Mr. Carlisle presented an overall history of the bathroom project.

There was discussion on the costs for the bathrooms; that the bathrooms would be paid out of the Tourism Fund; the limitations for the use of the Tourism Fund; the reasons for needing the bathrooms; the costs for maintaining the OBS; the future use of the OBS as part of the performing arts center; maximizing the use of the OBS and it being part of a unified activity center; and monetizing the City's assets. In response to questions from Council, Assistant City Manager Cliff Blackwell stated there is over \$900,000 in the Tourism Fund, and the bathroom project would not impact planned use of the funds. There was discussion on the functionality of the OBS; the use of the Tourism Fund, including for events; that the OBS building itself is not historical; whether the bathrooms would be the final upgrade to the OBS to make it more functional; making the second floor more usable; the OBS annex; senior programming at the OBS; and the possibility of tearing down the OBS.

Motioned by Mayor Pro Tem Sabol, seconded by Councilmember Cogan, to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with I.S. Construction Group, LLC in the amount of \$188,163 for the construction of two bathrooms at the Old Bedford School, utilizing the Texas Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS), and authorizing a budget allowance in the amount of \$6,837 for potential price escalation for construction materials for a total funding request of \$195,000.

Motion approved 4-2-0. Mayor Boyter declared the motion carried.

Voting in favor of the motion: Mayor Boyter, Councilmember Almendarez, Councilmember Cogan, and Mayor Pro Tem Sabol.

Voting in opposition to the motion: Councilmember Culver and Councilmember Gagliardi

12. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Siddons-Martin Emergency Group, LLC for the purchase of one ambulance modular remount on a 2022 Ford F550 chassis and one Stryker Power Pro Stretcher in the amount of \$231,633.

Fire Chief Bill Walker presented information regarding this item. He stated a 2013 ambulance suffered damage and the "box" can be reused but the chassis was destroyed. This item is for a modular remount of the "box" onto a new chassis, the cost of which is approximately 60 percent less than a full purchase of an ambulance. He stated the stretcher is hydraulically controlled so firefighters do not need to lift it, which prevents potential back injuries, is more stable for patients, and hooks directly into the ambulance. He stated such ambulance remounts are a common practice in the fire service.

Motioned by Councilmember Culver, seconded by Councilmember Gagliardi, to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Siddons-Martin Emergency Group, LLC for the purchase of one ambulance modular remount on a 2022 Ford F550 chassis and one Stryker Power Pro Stretcher in the amount of \$231,633.

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

13. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase 90 replacement duty weapons and related accessories for the Police Department from Primary Arms, LLC in the amount of \$76,022.23.

Police Chief Jeff Williams presented information regarding this item. He stated the current .45 caliber pistols were purchased in 2015, and employees expressed concerns about the holsters not securing the weapon properly, as well as issues smaller-framed officers were having qualifying with the larger caliber. An employee committee did research and suggested moving to a 9mm bullet based on research from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and selected the Glock 17 pistol. The pistols would be equipped with a red dot sight, so officers can keep both eyes open, as well as a light. Further, the holsters would allow for the pistols to be secured properly. Chief Williams stated there would be a trade back with the current pistols allowing for cost savings.

In response to questions from Council, Chief Williams stated no holsters were made for the current pistols, requiring them to be adjusted. The new pistols would have adjustable, interchangeable grips. Chief Williams discussed the positive impact of the smaller caliber pistol on officers qualifying. He stated the reasons for choosing the Glock include it being the most used pistol in police agencies, cost efficiency, and reliability. He stated Bedford does not allow officers to purchase and use their own service weapons, and there is a shortage of ammunition for officers wanting to purchase their own weapons. He confirmed that staff looked at other platforms, and that the FBI study showed the 9mm had almost the same stopping power as the .40 and .45 caliber ammunition. He further confirmed that officers would still carry a standard flashlight and the reason for the light on the pistol is for them to be able to use both hands for better accuracy if they had to fire the weapon. There was discussion regarding the training on the new pistols.

Motioned by Councilmember Almendarez, seconded by Councilmember Gagliardi, to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase 90 replacement duty weapons and related accessories for the Police Department from Primary Arms, LLC in the amount of \$76,022.23.

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

14. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Swagit Productions, LLC in the amount of \$277,818.59 for the purchase and installation of an audio/visual system for the Council Chambers and Executive Conference Room, high-definition broadcast, and streaming upgrade along with an annual cost of \$38,220 for its managed services.

Communications Director Molly Fox presented information regarding this item. She stated the priorities for the new system include ease of use, remote switching capabilities, a voting system option, compatibility with existing equipment, live and post meeting captioning options, social media streaming capabilities, improvements to the executive conference room, and high-definition capabilities. Staff conducted site visits with, and solicited bids from, other companies, but ultimately recommended Swagit. She stated they offer an all-encompassing solution as well as 24/7 support, she has an established relationship with them, and they serve several other municipalities. System upgrades include high-definition cameras, current technology, upgraded audio, live and post-meeting captioning, social media streaming, a sound search feature, remote video switching, larger televisions, an integrated voting system, touch panels for Council and staff, a screen on the lectern for speakers, upgrades to the Building C large conference room, and "clickshare" technology. The total cost for the equipment and installation is \$277,818, which would

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come out of the Public, Educational, and Governmental (PEG) fund, and has a balance over \$900,000.

Motioned by Councilmember Gagliardi, seconded by Councilmember Cogan, to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Swagit Productions, LLC in the amount of \$277,818.59 for the purchase and installation of an audio/visual system for the Council Chambers and Executive Conference Room, high-definition broadcast, and streaming upgrade along with an annual cost of \$38,220 for its managed services.

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

15. Mayor/Council Member Reports

No reports were given.

16. City Manager/Staff Reports

Assistant City Manager Cliff Blackwell wished City Manager Jimmy Stathatos a speedy recovery.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Pursuant to Section 551.072, to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property:
 - a. Real property for redevelopment purposes
 - b. Vacant property for development purposes

Council did not convene into Executive Session on this item.

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 Boyter adjourned the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

Michael Boyter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Wells, City Secretary

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