

## 9-12-95 Minutes

A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m., September 12, 1995.

Members present: Mayor G. Michael Shelton; Vice Mayor Larry D. Brookshier; Councilwoman Mary L. Flood; Councilwoman Joanne A. Grahame; Councilwoman Linda Kochendarfer; Councilman Ronnie C. Rice; and Councilman W. D. Tharp.

Members absent: None.

Staff present: City Manager Jack A. Gross and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher.

Staff absent: City Attorney W. W. Berry, IV.

Mayor Shelton opened the meeting and led all present in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Shelton declared that the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on August 22, 1995, were approved as distributed.

Vice Mayor Brookshier reported that Ms. Marge Rucker, 410 Avenel Avenue, informed him that another neighborhood meeting will be held on September 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bedford Room of the Library and that members of Council are invited to attend.

Councilman Tharp stated that he had been contacted regarding a problem with foot traffic going into the Westgate Shopping Center from Blue Ridge Avenue.

The City Manager is to schedule a meeting of the Sidewalk Committee concerning this.

Mayor Shelton reported on the filming of a promotional video for the National D-Day Memorial Foundation. The Mayor stated that the filming was done this afternoon and was strongly supported by the community. Mayor Shelton thanked the City Manager and the City staff for the preparations they made for this event.

Council concurred to amend the agenda by adding the following to the executive session agenda item: "and pursuant to Section 2.1-344(a)(3), for discussion of real property regarding the D-Day Memorial; and potential lease of the Charles Wharton building."

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items: 1. Approve the closing of Ashland Avenue from the Primary School to Lake Drive; Lake Drive to Peaks Street; Mountain Avenue and College Street for the Peaks of Otter Christmas Classic foot race on Saturday, December 2, 1995, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. This approval is contingent upon the Bedford Area YMCA notifying the residents of the area by letter of the street closings. 2. Grant permission for Bedford Christian Services to block Washington Street from Center Street to Bridge Street on Sunday, October 8, 1995, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for a dedication ceremony.

On motion by Councilwoman Kochendarfer, seconded by Councilwoman Grahame, voted upon and carried unanimously, the Consent Agenda was adopted.

Mrs. Molly Thompson, Chairman of the City School Board, reported that Council had copies of the preliminary count of students in the schools as of September 11. The official count will be done on September 30.

The Mayor and Mrs. Thompson will meet regarding the following items: 1. Development of a mission statement for the City School Board; 2. The possibility of increasing the joint meetings of the City School Board and City Council from quarterly to every other month.

Discussion ensued.

Councilwoman Grahame asked the School Board to report back on the number of and the ages of the computers at Liberty High School and Bedford Educational Center.

Mr. Chuck Flournoy, General Manager of Bedford CableVision, reported on the major upgrade that Bedford CableVision has begun on its cable distribution system. Mr. Flournoy indicated that he will make quarterly reports to Council concerning the upgrading of the system.

City Manager Gross stated that Council had received copies of the Program Design for Housing Rehabilitation for the Greater West King Street Neighborhood Revitalization Project. The City Manager called Council's attention to page 13, Article III, Section 3-1, which appoints a six-member Board, and includes Vice Mayor Brookshier. The City Manager indicated that there are significant changes in the program this year. Mr. Gross stated that the staff does expect some concerns by the citizens.

Councilman Tharp moved that Council approve the Program Design for Housing Rehabilitation for the Greater West King Street Neighborhood Revitalization Project. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Brookshier, voted upon and carried unanimously.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Section 11 of the Charter of the City of Bedford requires that Council shall "fix the time and place of its meeting," and

**WHEREAS**, the City Code requires in Section 2-3 that meetings shall be on "the second and fourth Tuesday of each month," and

**WHEREAS**, the first regular Council meeting in October is scheduled for October 10, 1995; and

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Municipal League Annual Conference will be held on October 8-10, 1995;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council meeting scheduled for October 10, 1995 be and the same hereby is canceled; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council meeting of September 26, 1995 be adjourned to October 24, 1995.

Councilwoman Kochendarfer moved that the resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rice, voted upon and carried unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Vice Mayor Brookshier	aye
Councilwoman Flood	aye
Councilwoman Grahame	aye
Councilwoman Kochendarfer	aye
Councilman Rice	aye
Councilman Tharp	aye
Mayor Shelton	aye

On motion by Vice Mayor Brookshier, seconded by Councilwoman Kochendarfer, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council adjourned into executive session pursuant to the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, Section 2.1-344(a)(7), for

consultation with legal counsel and staff concerning potential filing of lawsuit against Commonwealth of Virginia for withholding LSCA Grant; and Section 2.1-344(a)(3), for discussion of real property regarding the D-Day Memorial; and potential lease of the Charles Wharton building.

Roll call vote follows:

Councilwoman Flood	aye
Councilwoman Grahame	aye
Councilwoman Kochendarfer	aye
Councilman Rice	aye
Councilman Tharp	aye
Vice Mayor Brookshier	aye
Mayor Shelton	aye

Council adjourned into executive session at 8:15 p.m. Non-council members attending were: City Manager Gross and Clerk of the Council Hatcher.

Council reconvened into open session at 10:29 p.m.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Bedford hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Council.

Councilman Rice moved that the resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Kochendarfer, voted upon and carried unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Councilwoman Grahame	aye
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Councilwoman Kochendarfer	aye
Councilman Rice	aye
Councilman Tharp	aye
Vice Mayor Brookshier	aye
Councilwoman Flood	aye
Mayor Shelton	aye

The Mayor indicated that after discussion, he is directing the City Attorney to draw up a detailed lease agreement with specific required renovations for the Charles Wharton building subject to review by the Council Library Committee and approval by City Council before any required publication of the lease. This lease, if approved, will be offered for public consideration by any interested parties and will be in accordance with requirements of the State Code and Procurement Act.

Mayor Shelton stated that the City Consolidation Committee will meet with the County Consolidation Committee concerning the release of educational and public information regarding the proposed consolidation.

The Mayor stated that he received a letter from the National Association of Towns and Townships that indicated he has been chosen as an Outstanding Community Leader through the American Hometown Leaders Award Program sponsored by the National Association of Towns and Townships and Walmart. Mayor Shelton stated that the manager and employees of the local Walmart presented a certificate to him and a check for \$1,500 to the City of Bedford for economic development.

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 10:40 p.m.