

A called 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., April 15, 1997.

Members present: Mayor G. Michael Shelton; Councilman H. Davis Ballard; Vice Mayor Larry D. Brookshier; Councilwoman Mary L. Flood; Councilwoman Linda Kochendarfer; Councilman W. D. Tharp; and Councilman Robert T. Wandrei.

Members absent: None.

Staff present: City Manager Jack A. Gross; City Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher.

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 March 25, 1997, were approved as distributed.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the notice of called meeting which stated the purpose of the meeting as follows:

Due to scheduling conflicts, the regularly scheduled meeting of April 8, 1997, could not be held, and Council will instead meet at 7:30 p.m. on April 15, 1997. Following are the items to be considered:

Consent Agenda:

Request to Block Streets for Parade of Excellence - Bedford Main Street, Inc.

New Business:

Resolution in Support of Formation of a Regional Commission on Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation

Executive Session Pursuant to Section 2.1-344(a)(1) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, Evaluation of City Manager, City Attorney and Clerk of the Council.

Mayor Shelton stated that a cancellation of the next regular meeting (April 22) will be issued, and this meeting will be adjourned until April 29. Some issues to be included on the agenda are: presentation of the proposed 1997-98 budget and a presentation on the wholesale electric contract.

Councilwoman Kochendarfer stated that the 7th grade students from Bedford Middle School will attend the first regular Council meeting in May for Local Government Day activities.

Vice Mayor Brookshier brought to Council's attention a letter received from Mr. Robert Rucker.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following item:

A request from Bedford Main Street, Inc., to close downtown streets on April 17, 1997, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., for a Parade of Excellence celebrating youth achievement. The parade will include the Liberty High School state champion basketball team but will recognize the excellent performance of students in the Liberty zone in any venue, academics to sports.

Streets to be closed: Peaks Street to North Bridge Street from the Middle School driveway on Peaks; North Bridge Street to East Main Street; and East Main Street to Court Street.

On motion by Councilman Tharp, seconded by Councilman Wandrei, voted upon and carried unanimously, the Consent Agenda was adopted.

The City Manager stated that all of the localities in Region 2000 are being asked to join in creating a regional Commission on Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation.

On motion by Councilman Wandrei, seconded by Councilman Ballard, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution in support of formation of a regional Commission on Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation. Roll call vote follows:

Councilman Ballard aye

Vice Mayor Brookshier aye

Councilwoman Flood aye

Councilwoman Kochendarfer nay

Councilman Tharp aye

Councilman Wandrei aye

Mayor Shelton aye

The resolution follows as adopted:

## **RESOLUTION**

### **ORGAN DONATIONS AND TRANSPLANTATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, statistics from the United Network for Organ Sharing reveal that there are 40,147 organ donors, which resulted in 92,619 transplanted organs in the United States in the past five years;

**WHEREAS**, a number of patients on waiting lists for organ transplants increased 180% and the median waiting time increased for most patients, and the total deaths for persons on the solid organ transplant waiting list increased 98% from 1988 through 1993;

**WHEREAS**, of the approximately 1,100 Virginia residents who are on organ donor waiting lists more than 100 will die while waiting for organs;

**WHEREAS**, these statistics clearly demonstrate a dramatic need for increased awareness, coordination and education to stimulate action on organ and tissue donations, and knowledge of transplantations before the situation becomes even more critical;

**WHEREAS**, during its 1996 session, the Virginia General Assembly established a joint House-Senate Study Committee to investigate ways to increase the supply of vital donor organs for transplantation in the Commonwealth of Virginia;

**WHEREAS**, Fairfax and Roanoke Counties have established volunteer Commissions on Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation and are urging other local governments to implement similar commissions;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Bedford as follows:

- (1) That the Council supports the formation of a regional Commission on Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation.
- (2) That the Council encourage the localities in the Region 2000 area to join with Lynchburg in creating a regional Commission on Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation.
- (3) That it is intended that the Commission will be staffed and funded through volunteer efforts.
- (4) That the Clerk of the Council is directed to forward copies of this resolution to the governing bodies in the Region 2000 area.

Councilwoman Kochendarfer moved that Council adjourn into executive session pursuant to Section 2.1-344(a)(1) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, for evaluation of City Manager, City Attorney, and Clerk of the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ballard, voted upon and carried unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Vice Mayor Brookshier aye

Councilwoman Flood aye

Councilwoman Kochendarfer aye

Councilman Tharp aye

Councilman Wandrei aye

Councilman Ballard aye

Mayor Shelton aye

Council adjourned into executive session at 7:50 p.m.

Council reconvened into open session at 8:51 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 (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 Tharp 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 Flood aye

Councilwoman Kochendarfer aye

Councilman Tharp aye

Councilman Wandrei aye

Councilman Ballard aye

Vice Mayor Brookshier aye

Mayor Shelton aye

There was a brief discussion of the following: entry for an award from the Virginia Municipal League (VML) and articles in the VML magazine.

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m. until April 29, 1997, at 7:30 p.m. for presentation of the budget and other matters.