

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., February 10, 1998.

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 January 27, 1998, were approved as distributed.

Councilman Ballard requested that the traffic signals at Otey Street and South Street be synchronized.

Mayor Shelton reminded Council of a community march planned by the local chapter of the NAACP for Saturday, February 21, at 12:00 noon beginning at the Armory.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following public hearing notice:

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to Section 15.2-3400 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the City of Bedford hereby advertises its intention to approve a modified Joint Economic Development and Growth Sharing Agreement between Bedford County and the City of Bedford and adopt an ordinance to that effect.

On the 2nd day of June, 1997, the Bedford County Supervisors and Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, initially approved the voluntary agreement entitled "Joint Economic Development and Growth Sharing Agreement." The agreement was submitted to the Commission on Local Government which conducted a hearing and reported its findings and recommendations. The Agreement has been modified to reflect the recommendations of the Commission.

Take notice that on Tuesday, February 10, 1998, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, located on the 2nd Floor of the Municipal Building, 215 East Main Street, Bedford, Virginia, the City Council will conduct a Public Hearing on this matter and a proposed ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance To Approve A Joint Economic Development Agreement Between Bedford County And The City of Bedford, Virginia." A copy of the modified agreement is on file in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the City of Bedford.

The City Manager reviewed three modifications to the Agreement which resulted from discussions with the

Commission on Local Government. Mr. Gross stated the last step in the process will be the approval of the Agreement by a special three judge panel. The City Manager reported that this Agreement is scheduled to be put into effect July 1, 1998, and the County expects to have its new traditional zoning ordinance approved on June 27, 1998.

Mayor Shelton opened the public hearing at 7:38 p.m.

As there were no comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:39 p.m.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following item:

Appointment of Mr. James A. Vest to a four-year term on the Central Virginia Community College Board, said term to expire June 30, 2002.

On motion by Councilman Tharp, seconded by Councilwoman Kochendarfer, voted upon and carried unanimously, Council adopted the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Shelton reported that the Bedford County Board of Supervisors approved the Joint Economic Development and Growth Sharing Agreement between the City and the County at its meeting on February 9, 1998.

On motion by Councilman Tharp, seconded by Councilman Ballard, voted upon and carried unanimously, Council waived the reading of the proposed ordinance regarding the Joint Economic Development and Growth Sharing Agreement.

On motion by Councilwoman Kochendarfer, seconded by Councilwoman Flood, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council adopted an ordinance approving the amended County of Bedford - City of Bedford Joint Economic Development and Growth Sharing Agreement. Roll call vote follows:

Councilman Ballard aye

Vice Mayor Brookshier aye

Councilwoman Flood aye

Councilwoman Kochendarfer aye

Councilman Tharp aye

Councilman Wandrei aye

Mayor Shelton aye

The ordinance follows as adopted:

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE AMENDED**

**COUNTY OF BEDFORD - CITY OF BEDFORD JOINT ECONOMIC**

**DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH-SHARING AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, Bedford County and the City of Bedford submitted to the Commission on Local Government for its review a Joint Economic Development and Growth Sharing Agreement dated June 2, 1997; and

WHEREAS, the Commission on Local Government conducted a public hearing required by law on August 18, 1997, and has submitted its report dated November, 1997, making certain recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Board of Supervisors pursuant to the recommendations of the Commission on Local Government have agreed to modifications in amendments of the Joint Economic Development and Growth Sharing Agreement which are incorporated in a revised Joint Economic Development and Growth Sharing Agreement dated February 9, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to adopt the modified agreement pursuant to Section 15.1-3400;

NOW THEREFORE BE ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, the City Council approves the agreement as modified which is dated February 9, 1998, and authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Bedford. The City Council authorizes and directs the City Manager and City Attorney to petition the Circuit Court for an order affirming the proposed agreement.

Mrs. Ellen Wandrei, Managing Director of the Bedford City/County Museum, made a presentation regarding the Concept Study for the Museum done by Wiley & Wilson. A proposed addition to the building would include bathrooms, a fire escape, and an elevator in order that the third floor could be opened. Mrs. Wandrei reviewed some of the activities and programs at the Museum.

Mrs. Wandrei stated funds for this project are being requested in the amount of \$100,000 from the County and \$100,000 from the City. Mrs. Wandrei reported that a historic preservation grant has been submitted to the State of Virginia in the amount of \$125,000. The Museum has a donation from the late Kenneth Crouch, and this year's fund drive has been designated for the opening of the third floor. The Museum has approximately \$60,000 on deposit to begin the restoration project. Mrs. Wandrei indicated the estimated total cost of the project is \$500,000 including the restoration of the third floor and the elevator.

A brief discussion ensued.

Mrs. Wandrei stated that the Board of Directors discussed the first phase being the addition to the Museum and the second phase the restoration of third floor.

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.