

## 11-9-1999 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., November 9, 1999.

Members present: Mayor G. Michael Shelton; Councilman H. Davis Ballard; Councilman Larry D. Brookshier; Councilwoman Mary L. Flood; Vice Mayor E. Thomas Messier; Councilman Ronnie C. Rice; and Councilman Robert T. Wandrei.

Members absent: None.

Staff present: City Manager Craig Meadows; 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 presented a Certificate of Retirement and gifts to Mr. Bobby Mitchen, who recently retired from City service.

Mayor Shelton declared that the minutes of the October 26, 1999, regular Council meeting were approved as corrected.

The City Manager spoke regarding the following:

- reported that he attended a VAC meeting on November 8
- reminded Council of the planning retreat scheduled for November 12-13
- asked Council to review the 1996 Bedford Visioning booklet
- reported that the annual VML/VACO Legislation Day is scheduled for February 10, 2000

Councilman Rice indicated that he had received several complaints regarding the condition of the road going into the new Courthouse complex. The City Manager will check into this.

Councilman Brookshier, referring to minutes of the Property Committee meeting held on November 2, stated he thought the City had assured residents of the Westview Avenue area that there would not be an entrance to Bedford Middle School from Westview Avenue.

The City Manager will research this and report back to Council.

The Mayor recognized Mr. Walter Musgrove as being recently recognized by the Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission as the top volunteer for all his efforts throughout the community. Mayor Shelton thanked Mr. Musgrove for his volunteer service.

Mayor Shelton reminded Council of two Veteran's Day ceremonies to be held at the Armory and at the National D-Day Memorial on November 11, 1999.

The Mayor thanked Councilman Wandrei and Mrs. Wandrei for hosting Mr. & Mrs. Phillippe YGouf from Vierville Sur Mer, France. A planning meeting will take place on November 10 with members of the Bedford/Normandy Unity Committee that is being formed relative to a planned trip of citizens of France to Bedford around Memorial Day 2000.

Council concurred that the City Manager and City Attorney review an agreement for the Bedford Community Health Foundation to lease office space at the Bedford Central Library for five years. This matter will be included on the agenda of the next regular Council meeting.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items:

Appointment of Mr. O. P. Stancer to serve a four-year term on the Industrial Development Authority, said term to expire November 30, 2003

Authorize the closing of the following streets for the 1999 Bedford area Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 4, 1999 (rain date Saturday, December 11):

From 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., College Street and Ashland Avenue near the Recreation Field, and if necessary, Ashland Avenue in the vicinity of the Elks National Home;

From approximately 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Peaks Street from College Street to North Bridge Street, North Bridge Street to East Main Street, turn left past the Courthouse, then right onto South Street, right to Washington Street past the Farmer's Market, right to Center Street and left to West Main Street, right onto Fourth Street and disburse at the County Recreation Field.

On motion by Vice Mayor Messier, seconded by Councilman Ballard, voted upon and carried unanimously, Council adopted the Consent Agenda.

On motion by Councilman Wandrei, seconded by Vice Mayor Messier, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council adopted a resolution honoring Louise Miller Wilkes Robertson. Roll call vote follows:

Councilman Ballard	aye
Councilman Brookshier	aye
Councilwoman Flood	aye
Vice Mayor Messier	aye
Councilman Rice	aye
Councilman Wandrei	aye
Mayor Shelton	aye

The resolution follows as adopted:

**RESOLUTION OF HONOR  
TO MEMORIALIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS  
TO THE BEDFORD COMMUNITY BY  
LOUISE MILLER WILKES ROBERTSON**

**WHEREAS**, certain citizens in communities make significant personal and professional contributions of their talents, time, leadership and energies to improving the quality of life for the enjoyment of all other citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Bedford, Virginia has particularly been enriched and improved by the contributions of such citizens for many years; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Louise Miller Wilkes Robertson, who died at the age of 99 on October 21, 1999 after living in Bedford, Virginia for 50 years, exemplified the qualities of a strong community leader through her service in many capacities to the City of Bedford and Bedford County; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Robertson gave of her talents, time, leadership and energies as an educator of Bedford's children for twenty-two years and, after her retirement, tutored children, taught English as a second language, and worked in the Bedford Public Library further serving the public's educational needs; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Robertson was an active member and leader in numerous civic and social organizations, including serving on the Vestry and teaching Sunday School and adult Bible classes for St. John's Episcopal Church; the Bedford Women's Club and organizer of the Bedford Bicentennial programs; the Bedford City Democratic Committee; president of the Bedford Hospital Auxiliary; the Board of Directors of the Central Virginia Commission on Aging; the Advisory Council for special education; president and vice-president of the Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission where she organized the semi-annual city-wide clean-up campaigns with her famous "Litter Hitters"; president of the Bedford Historical Society; president of the Bedford Chapter of the American Association of University Women and service as AAUW State

Treasurer and community service chair; president of the Bedford Retired Teachers' Association; charter member, president and chaplain of the local chapter of P.E.O. Sisterhood; president of the Poetry Society; president of the Friends of the Bedford Public Library; president of The Garden Club of Bedford; president of the Friends of the Bedford Museum, as well as organizer of bake sales and as a volunteer for numerous activities; the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution; and as a long-time volunteer for the American Heart Association; and

**WHEREAS**, due to her leadership and significant contributions to the community, Mrs. Robertson received numerous honors, including the Bedford Bulletin newspaper profile for outstanding service in "Who's Who in Bedford County"; a national community service award from the American Association of Retired Persons; the Outstanding Citizen Award from the Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission; the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce; a Japanese maple tree planted in her honor in the Wharton Memorial Gardens by The Garden Club of Bedford; the Woman of Achievement Award from the Bedford Business and Professional Women's Club; and the Special Recognition Award from the Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission awarded posthumously on November 4, 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, Louise Miller Wilkes Robertson touched and impacted the lives of thousands of Bedford citizens over the years, and her significant contributions positively affected the quality of life in this community, along with her constant smile and cheerful personality that brought out the best from those she contacted.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia does hereby posthumously honor the contributions and achievements of Louise Miller Wilkes Robertson, in recognition of her many years of service to her community, the children of whom she taught, and in recognition of the need for everyone to give of themselves

in the manner set forth by this solid citizen of Bedford, Virginia. This resolution upon its adoption shall be delivered to the family of Mrs. Robertson.

On motion by Councilman Ballard, seconded by Councilwoman Flood, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council adopted a resolution honoring Robert Bolling Lambeth, Sr. Roll call vote follows:

Councilman Brookshier	aye
Councilwoman Flood	aye
Vice Mayor Messier	aye
Councilman Rice	aye
Councilman Wandrei	aye
Councilman Ballard	aye
Mayor Shelton	aye

The Resolution follows as adopted:

**RESOLUTION OF HONOR  
TO MEMORIALIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS  
TO THE BEDFORD COMMUNITY BY  
ROBERT BOLLING LAMBETH, SR.**

**WHEREAS**, certain citizens in communities make significant personal and professional contributions of their talents, time, leadership and energies to improving the quality of life for the enjoyment of all other citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Bedford, Virginia has particularly been enriched and improved by the contributions of such citizens for many years; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Robert Bolling Lambeth, Sr., who died at the age of 84 on October 17, 1999, exemplified the qualities of a strong community leader through his service in many capacities to the City of Bedford, Bedford County, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Lambeth practiced law in Bedford for 59 years, served as Bedford County's Commonwealth Attorney from 1948 to 1951, and gave of his talents, time, leadership and energies by engaging in extensive pro bono activity in the Bedford community, assisting numerous individuals, civic and religious organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Lambeth was a veteran of World War II, having served as an officer with the U.S Naval Intelligence Service on the staff of General Douglas McArthur, and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2157; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Lambeth was a founder and legal counsel for the Liberty Bank of Bedford, was one of the organizers and the first chairman of the Roanoke River Basin Association, was instrumental in the efforts to build the Smith Mountain Dam and Lake, was active in the development of Smith Mountain Lake State Park, was instrumental in the founding of the Smith Mountain Lake 4-H Center, was involved in the development of the Montvale Water Company which brought public water service to the Montvale community, was the leader in the drive to build the Bedford National Guard Armory, was active in the early days of the Bedford Chamber of Commerce, was instrumental in industrial recruitment efforts for Bedford City and County, and was the leader of the efforts to save and restore Historic Avenel through the creation of the Historic Avenel Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Lambeth served on the Bedford City Council, served as a long-term member of the Bedford City Electoral Board, was a lifelong political activist who loved governmental, political and civic affairs at the local and state levels, was the editor and publisher of "Public Affairs in Virginia", served as the Campaign Manager for the 1952 U.S. Senate Campaign of Francis Pickens Miller, and is considered to be a gentleman of unique character and dignity with the strength and courage of his convictions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia does hereby posthumously honor the significant contributions and achievements of Robert Bolling Lambeth, Sr., in recognition of his lifelong service to the greater Bedford community, the

Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States, and in recognition of the need for everyone to give of themselves in the manner set forth by this solid citizen of Bedford, Virginia. This resolution upon its adoption shall be delivered to the wife of Mr. Lambeth.

The City Manager explained that the City received notice from the State several weeks ago that on July 15, 1999, the Commonwealth Transportation Board revised its policy on reimbursement for industrial access road funding to lengthen the time that a qualifying investment has to be made from three years to five years. The City Manager recommended that the City ask for the additional two years.

On motion by Councilman Brookshier, seconded by Councilman Ballard, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution regarding the industrial access road for the Bedford Center for Business. Roll call vote follows:

Councilwoman Flood	aye
Vice Mayor Messier	aye
Councilman Rice	aye
Councilman Wandrei	aye
Councilman Ballard	aye
Councilman Brookshier	aye
Mayor Shelton	aye

The resolution follows as adopted:

#### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bedford by Resolution adopted on June 23, 1998, requested that the Commonwealth Transportation Board provide industrial access road funding to provide an adequate road to the new Industrial Park located on the East side of Independence Boulevard; and

**WHEREAS**, in the Resolution on June 23, 1998, the City Council agreed to provide a bond to assure the Department of Transportation that the City of Bedford would reimburse the Department of Transportation in the event

sufficient qualifying capital investment did not occur within the park within three years of the allocation of funds by the board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth Transportation Board on October 14, 1998, agreed to allocate the sum of \$450,000 for the requested industrial access road; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bedford executed an agreement on July 27, 1999, with the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Transportation pursuant to the requirements of the Commonwealth Transportation Board as set forth in their action of October 14, 1998; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth Transportation Board on July 15, 1999, has revised its policy concerning the Industrial Access Roads Program to allow five years to document that sufficient qualifying capital investment occurred within the park; and

**WHEREAS**, the action of the Board on July 15, 1999, requires that the City of Bedford agree to enter into a modified agreement, as set forth in the October 14, 1998, resolution of the Commonwealth Transportation Board;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, VIRGINIA** that the Mayor and Clerk of the Council are hereby authorized and directed to execute such additional documentation as required to amend the July 27, 1999, agreement for an additional two-year extension authorized in the July 15, 1999, policy revision by the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

City Manager Meadows explained that changes in state law now require that the City Council accept any deed conveying real estate to the City, that the City Attorney approve the form of the proposed deed, and that such acceptance by City Council and approval by the City Attorney appear on the face of the deed. The City Attorney has prepared a resolution for Council to adopt accepting the conveyances of the Johnson and Ganey properties and providing for the accepted endorsement by the Mayor, City Clerk, and City Attorney.

On motion by Councilman Ballard, seconded by Councilman Wandrei, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution regarding conveyance of property at the Bedford Center for Business (Johnson and Ganey). Roll call vote follows:

Vice Mayor Messier                      aye

Councilman Rice                    aye  
Councilman Wandrei                aye  
Councilman Ballard                aye  
Councilman Brookshier            aye  
Councilwoman Flood               aye  
Mayor Shelton                    aye

The resolution follows as adopted:

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE  
OF DELIVERY OF DEEDS FROM ROSA B. JOHNSON  
AND PEGGY H. GANEY CONVEYING LAND FOR THE  
INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK KNOWN  
AS THE BEDFORD CENTER FOR BUSINESS**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Joint Economic Development and Growth Sharing

Agreement dated February 9, 1998 between Bedford County, Virginia, and the

City of Bedford, Virginia, the City of Bedford has been acquiring title to

various parcels of land located between Independence Boulevard and McGhee

Street for development of a new business and industrial park to be named

the Bedford Center for Business and to be owned, developed, and managed by

the Bedford Joint Industrial Development Authority ; and

**WHEREAS**, the City pursuant to said agreement already has acquired from

various parties a total of 95.499 acres, which is shown on a plat of survey entitled "Bedford Center for Business" recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, Virginia, in Plat Book No. 38 at page 53, of which 5.177 acres is shown as a new road named Venture Boulevard and of which 90.322 acres is left for transfer to the Bedford Joint Industrial Development Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, Rosa B. Johnson and Peggy H. Ganey own parcels of land fronting on McGhee Street and adjoining the 90.322 acres owned by the City of Bedford, and Rosa B. Johnson and Peggy H. Ganey previously have entered into written sales agreements to sell to the City of Bedford portions of their property for incorporation into the Bedford Center for Business; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Engineering Department has surveyed the Johnson and Ganey lands and has prepared a plat of survey showing the lots to be conveyed to the City, and the City Attorney has tendered copies of the proposed deeds

to the City Council for its review; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Attorney approves the form of the proposed deeds and has requested the City Council to authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to

accept the deeds on behalf of the City of Bedford as required by Sec.

15.2-1803 of the *Code of Virginia*, 1950, 1950 as amended.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Bedford:

1) The City Council on behalf of the City of Bedford authorizes the City

Mayor to accept delivery of the said deeds on behalf of the City of Bedford

conveying 1.300 acres and 2.185 acres from Rosa B. Johnson and 1.287 acres

from Peggy H. Ganey.

2) The Mayor and the City Clerk are directed to note such acceptance by the

City, and the City Attorney is directed to note his approval of the form

of the said deeds by appropriate endorsements upon said deeds.

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m. until Friday, November 12, at 2:00 p.m. for a Council planning retreat to be held at the Natural Bridge Inn & Conference Center.