

08-08-2000 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., August 8, 2000.

Members present: Mayor G. Michael Shelton; Councilman Larry D. Brookshier; Councilwoman Mary L. Flood; Vice Mayor E. Thomas Messier; Councilman Thomas M. Padgett; Councilman W. D. Tharp; and Councilman Robert T. Wandrei.

Members absent: None.

Staff present: City Manager F. 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 declared that the minutes of the July 25, 2000, regular Council meeting were approved as distributed.

City Manager Meadows spoke about the following items: (1) recent visit of the officials from Bedford's sister city, Franklin, Virginia; (2) articles on electric deregulation; (3) press release – public Library system staff awards; (4) Parks & Recreation joint meeting – August 29, City and County officials are invited to attend; (5) Information on the status of Regional Renaissance; (6) City Manager bi-weekly report; (7) Dave Burke of Charter Communications will be at the August 22 Council meeting to give an update on the cable television system; (8) an ordinance is being prepared regarding changing the election date from May to November (9) the long-range planning retreat has been scheduled for September 15 at Ole Liberty Station Restaurant beginning at 8:30 a.m.; (10) VML Conference is scheduled for October 22-24 in Arlington, Virginia; (11) the City Manager will be attending the Electricities Annual Conference in Williamsburg; (12) members of Council have been given tickets for Bedford Business Expo 2000 to be held on Friday, August 11.

The City Manager spoke regarding a meeting involving many agencies in the community concerning the potential establishment of an Office on Youth for the City and County, which would be a clearinghouse for information and resources for teens.

Councilman Tharp asked the City Manager to schedule a Street Committee meeting to review the policy of mowing of City rights-of-way.

Vice Mayor Messier asked about the status of the removal of the Local 240 Union temporary signs.

Mr. Warner, Director of Planning & Community Development, stated the matter would be followed up as appropriate.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following item:

Request from Bedford Main Street, Inc., for Council to authorize blocking the following streets for Centerfest 2000 on Saturday, September 30: West Main Street to Ballard Street; South Bridge Street to Washington Street; East Main Street to Court Street; North Bridge Street to the parking lot near Hunan's Restaurant. The request is to block these streets from 7:00 a.m. Saturday until after the clean up that night.

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

On motion by Councilman Tharp, seconded by Councilwoman Flood, voted upon and carried unanimously, Ms. Peggy Sharpe-Thompson and Ms. Betsy Klein were appointed to the City School Board for terms to expire June 30, 2003.

City Manager Meadows stated the Central Virginia Planning District Commission (CVPDC) has been discussing with the Mayors and Chairpersons of the localities in Region 2000 the desire for improving cooperation and coordination between the communities. It is the recommendation of these groups that the CVPDC be reorganized to form the "Region 2000 Regional Commission". This action has been formally endorsed by the Mayors and Chairs Committee and by the Board of the CVPDC.

Councilman Tharp moved that Council adopt the resolution creating the Region 2000 Regional Commission Charter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Padgett, voted upon and carried unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Brookshier	aye
Councilwoman Flood	aye
Vice Mayor Messier	aye
Councilman Padgett	aye
Councilman Tharp	aye
Councilman Wandrei	aye
Mayor Shelton	aye

The resolution follows as adopted:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE

CHARTER AGREEMENT OF THE REGION 2000

REGIONAL COMMISSION

WHEREAS, it is recognized that local governments comprising the former Central Virginia Planning District Commission are charged with protecting and enhancing the high quality of life and the vibrant and healthy business environment enjoyed by their current residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Cooperation Act passed by the Virginia General Assembly provides broad authority and encourages local governments to form collaborative partnerships to address common issues and problems in new and innovative ways; and

WHEREAS, the Region 2000 Regional Commission is being created to implement an entrepreneurial, business-centered approach for promoting and coordinating cost-efficient services in the region; and

WHEREAS, such an approach represents the best available vehicle to strengthen the region's competitive advantage in creating and growing new business and economic development opportunities for the benefit of all;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Bedford hereby ratifies the Charter Agreement of the Region 2000 Regional Commission pursuant to Chapter 42 (Regional Cooperation Act) of the Code of Virginia, as amended, and further supports the Commission in its efforts to meet the challenges of providing all of the region's current and future citizens and businesses with a continued high quality of life and the opportunity for success.

The City Manager stated that a public hearing was held on July 11 to consider a request for a zoning amendment to allow automotive repair, automotive body and fender repair in a B-2, General Business District. As recommended by the Planning Commission, the City Council approved amending Section 609.3 of the Regulations to include the operation of the above described businesses as a conditional use and directed the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance to include this amendment. At the July 25 Council meeting, Council referred the proposed ordinance back to the Planning Commission for further review of the language in the ordinance.

The City Manager reported that the Planning Commission met on August 3 and approved the language in the Ordinance as presented, and as stated in Commission's memorandum to Council dated August 4, 2000.

On motion by Councilman Padgett, seconded by Councilman Tharp, voted upon and carried unanimously, Council waived the reading of the proposed ordinance to amend the City of Bedford Land Development Regulations.

Councilman Brookshier moved that Council adopt the proposed ordinance to amend Section 609.3 of the City of Bedford Land Development Regulations. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Messier.

Discussion ensued.

The motion was then voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilwoman Flood	aye	
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	Vice Mayor Messier	aye
Councilman Padgett	nay	
Councilman Tharp	aye	
Councilman Wandrei	nay	
Councilman Brookshier	aye	
Mayor Shelton	nay	

The ordinance follows as adopted:

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR

AS CONDITIONAL USE IN THE

B-2 ZONING DISTRICT

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
BEDFORD, VIRGINIA:**

Section 1. Section 609.03 of the City of Bedford Land Development Regulations is amended by adding a new subparagraph C and Section 609.03 as amended is re-enacted as follows:

Section 609.03 Conditional Uses. When, after review of the application and hearing thereon, in accordance with Section 1002.03, the Council finds as a fact that a proposed use is consistent with the intent of this Ordinance and the Land Use Plan, and is in the public interest, the following uses may be permitted:

- a. Mini storage or mini-warehouse units, provided that they are not used in connection with retail or wholesale business on the same premises.
- b. Private recycling bins.
- c. Automotive, bus, and truck mechanical and body repair garages provided (i) all operations shall be conducted within a building which shall not have an opening within 100 feet of a residential district other than a stationary window; (ii) there shall be no storage or placing of any parts or waste material outside such building; (iii) all vehicles located outside the building must be in operating condition at all times; (iv) all drives, parking, and service areas shall be paved in addition to the other site requirements of Section 702.04; (v) all service and operation areas, other than customer parking, shall be screened from view from any abutting street in accordance with the standards set forth in Section 705.03 c, such screening shall be required at all side and rear yards, and all other landscaping requirements of Section 705.03 shall apply, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 705.01.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon enactment.

Mr. Gene Ratzlaff, Electric Utility Director, gave an update on the Electric Department, which included information regarding improving infrastructure, electric deregulation issues, and upcoming studies.

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.