

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 12, 2002.

Members present: Mayor G. Michael Shelton; Vice Mayor E. Thomas Messier; Councilman Thomas M. Padgett; Councilman C. G. Stanley, Jr.; Councilman W. D. Tharp; and Councilman Robert T. Wandrei.

Members absent: Councilwoman Mary L. Flood.

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 a regular Council meeting held on October 22, 2002, and the minutes of the adjourned Council meetings held on October 25 and October 26, 2002, were approved as distributed.

The City Manager informed Council of the following events and items:

- Auction of City surplus equipment- November 16, 2002, 10:00 a.m. in the shell building of the former temporary Court House
- Employee Christmas Dinner - December 5, 6:00 p.m., at Bedford Elementary School
- Christmas Parade - December 7 beginning at 2:00 p.m.
- Elks Home Christmas lighting and Holiday Open House - December 13
- The Household Hazardous Waste Day was held on November 9 with limited success.
- A very successful Health Fair for City employees was held last week.
- The City employees contributed \$4,189 to the United Way Campaign, which was a 74% increase over last year's Campaign.

The Chief of Police gave an update on the Deer Management Program. Chief Graham reported that the City will be able to deliver deer to the Hunters for the Hungry program twenty-four hours a day. The Chief will meet with the Game Commission on November 15 regarding which program to operation under.

The City Manager reported on the following items:

- Interviews will soon begin for an architect for the proposed Public Safety Building. Mr. Meadows indicated that the Fire Department will consider coming back on board with this project.
- Replacement of the software is under way
- City received notice from the Governor's Office that the Governor has amended his Executive Order 33, which lifts water restrictions on car washing, lawn watering, swimming pools, and golf courses, etc.

Mayor Shelton suggested that the City inform the citizens through a mailing of the steps that the City is taking on the deer management issue. A notice will be included in the November utility bills.

The Vice Mayor indicated that he was impressed with the congeniality of the Public Works refuse collection crew as they collected garbage after the holiday.

Mayor Shelton extended the condolences and sympathies of City Council to Vice Mayor Messier on the loss

of his sister.

Mayor Shelton stated that the following two items had been removed from consideration at the public hearing:

.. To consider rezoning from General Business District (B-2) to Planned Residential Development District PRD Tax Map #232-3-1, Tax Map #232-3-2 and Tax Map #233-A-13, on Burks Hill Road, owned by the County of Bedford, Virginia and The City of Bedford, Virginia and Tax Map #233-A-12, on Burks Hill Road, owned by Elizabeth D. Key, 814 Burks Hill Road, Bedford, VA 24523. The City of Bedford is making the request.

.. Comprehensive Plan revision. The City of Bedford is making the request.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following Notice of Public Hearing:

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held by the City Planning Commission at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6, 2002 and by the City Council at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2002 at the City Municipal Building, Council Hall, 215 E. Main Street for the purpose of considering the following request:

.. To consider rezoning from Single Family Residential District (R-1) to High Density Residential District (R-3) Tax Map #192-6-4, 704 Blue Ridge Avenue, Bedford, VA 24523. Brian T. and Jennifer F. Murphy are making the request.

.. To consider an amendment of the City of Bedford Land Development Regulations, Section 611, Manufacturing District M-1. The City of Bedford is making the request.

.. To consider an amendment of the City of Bedford Land Development Regulations to create Section 615, Bedford Center for Business Overlay District; and Section 616, Central Neighborhood Workplace Overlay District. The City of Bedford is making the request.

Information regarding the Comprehensive Plan, these amendments and rezonings is on file in the office of Planning & Community Development.

Anyone who is in favor of or opposed to these requests will have an opportunity to express his/her view at this hearing.

By the Authority of the Planning Commission
and City Council of the City of Bedford

Mayor Shelton opened the public hearing.

Mr. Brian Murphy, 709 Bedford Avenue, spoke in favor of his request for Council to rezone from Single Family Residential District (R-1) to High Density Residential District (R-3) Tax Map #192-6-4, 704 Blue

Ridge Avenue.

As there were no further comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:45 p.m.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following item:

· Request to close the following streets for the 2002 Bedford Christmas Parade on December 7, 2002, (rain date December 14):

From: 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., College Street, Ashland Avenue from curve of Recreation Field to Elks Home Driveway, Bedford Avenue Extension from 4th Street to curve of Recreation Field, and Mountain Avenue.

From approximately 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Peaks Street from College Street to North Bridge Street, North Bridge Street to East Main Street, East Main Street from North Bridge Street to South Street, South Street from East Main to Washington Street, Washington Street from South Street to Center Street, Center Street, West Main Street from Center Street to 4th Street, and 4th Street.

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

Councilman Wandrei, Chairman of the Water and Sewer Committee, stated it is the recommendation of the Committee that the previous policy decision of Council regarding water and sewer connection fees for non-profit organizations be rescinded, that Habitat for Humanity make its request for funds as part of the regular budgetary process, and that the funds not be taken from the Water and Sewer Fund.

Councilman Wandrei moved that Council rescind the previous action of September 14, 2002, setting forth the policy regarding the waiver of water and sewer fees for Habitat for Humanity and New Horizons Foundation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tharp, voted upon and carried, five members voting aye, one member voting nay (Messier) and one member absent.

Councilman Wandrei moved that Habitat for Humanity should make a request for funding as part of the budgetary process, just as all outside agencies are now doing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tharp, voted upon and carried.

City Manager Meadows stated that at the September 24, 2002, City Council meeting, Council adopted an ordinance declaring that a water supply emergency exists in the City in connection with the water supply system and imposing conditions on the use of water. The City Manager had previously informed Council that, due to significant recent rainfall, the Stoney Creek Reservoir is at full pond and overflowing the spillway, and that the Big Otter River has returned to a normal flow. Mr. Meadows stated that the citizens will still be encouraged to conserve water.

On motion by Councilman Wandrei, seconded by Vice Mayor Messier, voted upon and carried, Council rescinded the water supply emergency ordinance adopted on September 24, 2002.

On motion by Councilman Wandrei, seconded by Councilman Stanley, voted upon and carried, Council directed the Planning Director to prepare the appropriate ordinance to effect the rezoning request of Brian T. and Jennifer F. Murphy to rezone Tax Map #192-6-4, 704 Blue Ridge Avenue, from Single Family Residential District (R-1) to High Density Residential District (R-3).

On motion by Councilman Padgett, seconded by Councilman Wandrei, voted upon and carried, Council directed the Planning Director to prepare the appropriate ordinance to amend the City of Bedford Land Development Regulations, Section 611, Manufacturing District M-1, based on the recommendation of the

Planning Commission.

On motion by Vice Mayor Messier, seconded by Councilman Wandrei, voted upon and carried, Council directed the Planning Director to prepare the appropriate ordinance to create Section 615, Bedford Center for Business Overlay District and Section 616, Central Neighborhood Workplace Overlay District, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

The City Manager reported that the City has been awarded a \$6,000 USDOT/NHTSA grant for a Traffic Crash Reduction Plan, under an October 7, 2002 agreement. These funds will be used to pay overtime to Police Officers for Saturation Patrols, speed enforcement and DUI check points.

On motion by Vice Mayor Messier, seconded by Councilman Padgett, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council approved the appropriation of \$6,000 to the General Fund revenue Account No. 100245.0007 and \$6,000 to the General Fund expenditure Account No. 103122.3858. Roll call vote follows:

Councilwoman Flood absent
Vice Mayor Messier aye
Councilman Padgett aye
Councilman Stanley aye
Councilman Tharp aye
Councilman Wandrei aye
Mayor Shelton aye

Mr. Clarke Gibson, Director of Public Works, presented an update to Council on the City's progress in the development of an Environmental Management System.

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.