

Minutes 04-22-2003

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., April 22, 2003.

Members present: Mayor E. Thomas Messier; Councilwoman Mary L. Flood; Councilman Jeffrey B. Hubbard; Councilman C. G. Stanley, Jr.; Vice Mayor W. D. Tharp; and Councilman Robert T. Wandrei.

Members absent: Councilman Thomas M. Padgett

Staff present: City Manager F. Craig Meadows; City Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher.

Mayor Messier opened the meeting and led all present in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Messier declared that the minutes of an adjourned Council meeting held on April 8, 2003, and the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on April 8, 2003, were approved as distributed.

The City Manager reported on the following items:

- The Virginia Resources Authority notified the City Manager's Office that the City is a finalist for an infrastructure award given each year by the Authority.
- The City Manager has been asked to make a presentation to business and community leaders in Altavista regarding the City's downtown success story.
- Elderfest is scheduled for May 1 & 2 at the Bedford Moose Lodge
- Representatives of the USS Normandy will visit Bedford on May 1 & 2
- Virginia Municipal League meeting on May 7 regarding new programs the League plans to offer - the City Manager will attend
- What's Next Day - at Liberty High School - May 10
- Luncheon sponsored by the Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project on May 5 - topic of the luncheon: clean drinking water in the State
- A segment on "Discover America" on the Travel Channel will feature Bedford and Lynchburg - May 25 at 8:30 p.m.
- There are currently a lot of activities in Parks & Recreation
- The streetlights on Independence Avenue should be on this evening.

The Mayor reported that he and Councilman Stanley attended the annual KBBC cleanup last weekend.

The City Manager reported that the week of May 11-17, 2003, has been designated as Business Appreciation Week in Virginia, in recognition of the many benefits to Virginia communities derived from their industries.

On motion by Vice Mayor Tharp, seconded by Councilman Hubbard, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, the resolution designating Business Appreciation Week 2003 was adopted. Roll call vote follows:

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

The resolution follows as adopted:

**Resolution**  
**Business Appreciation Week 2003**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bedford is proud to have a thriving base of business and industry to support the local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, these businesses provide essential employment opportunities for the citizens of the City of Bedford; and

**WHEREAS**, these businesses provide local revenues from which the entire local citizenry benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, these businesses also make significant contributions in our communities to promote educational opportunities for our children and promote a variety of activities which increase the quality of life of the area; and

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes and appreciates these businesses;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Bedford hereby recognizes our existing businesses, and by virtue of this resolution gives notice to our citizens that the businesses of the City of Bedford are exemplifying this year's theme of "Success Starts Here."

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the week of May 11-17, 2003, be designated as Business Appreciation Week in the City of Bedford.

The City Manager stated that VDOT recently conducted a study of the U.S. Highway 460 East Corridor, which includes a portion of Bedford City. The study is a visioning document related to future transportation needs in this particular area.

Planning Director Bart Warner stated that the study is a document produced by VDOT which is a conceptual vision related to road development in that particular revenue sharing area. The intent of the study's recommendations is to allow for commercial development in that corridor but to keep the commercial traffic off of U.S. 460 itself.

Mr. Warner reported that the Planning Commission recommends approval of the 460 East Corridor Study with the following exceptions:

1. The City neither accepts nor approves the "Proposed Typical Sections" for any new road to be constructed from Business Route 460 to Hull Street;
2. The existing geometry of Boxwood Terrace as a through street connecting Lowry Street to the existing Wal-Mart Shopping Center in Bedford County shall not be altered in any way. Termination of this street in a cul-de-sac, as recommended by the Study, shall be forbidden.

On motion by Councilman Wandrei, seconded by Vice Mayor Tharp, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution endorsing the 460 East Corridor Study with noted exceptions. Roll call vote follows:

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

The resolution follows as adopted:

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD  
ENDORING THE 460 EAST CORRIDOR STUDY  
WITH NOTED EXCEPTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bedford, Virginia (the "City") is a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia exercising public and essential government functions pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bedford Planning Commission, with the assistance of the City Planning and Community Development Department, has received and reviewed the document entitled *Route 460: City of Bedford and Bedford County*, prepared by the Virginia Department of Transportation's Transportation Planning Division (the "460 East Corridor Study"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission has noted two exceptions to the recommendations contained within the 460 East Corridor Study; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission agrees with the spirit and intent of the 460 East Corridor Study and has recommended approval of it notwithstanding the two aforementioned exceptions;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, approves and endorses the 460 East Corridor Study with the following exceptions:

1. The City neither accepts nor approves the "Proposed Typical Sections" for any new road to be constructed from Business Route 460 to Hull Street;
2. The existing geometry of Boxwood Terrace as a through street connecting Lowry Street to the existing Wal-Mart Shopping Center in Bedford County shall not be altered in any way. Termination of this street in a cul-de-sac, as recommended by the Study, shall be forbidden.

The City Manager reported Christmas in April of Bedford, Inc., is requesting that Council authorize the waiving of building permit fees in connection with the group's scheduled projects within the City, as well as any landfill tipping fees that may be applicable. The estimated cost for the permit fees and landfill tipping fees for the three homes selected for this year in the City would amount to approximately \$500.00. The staff recommends the waiving of the fees; however, permits should be required for both zoning and building code purposes. Also, it should be understood that any removal of asbestos must be done under EPA guidelines.

On motion by Vice Mayor Tharp, seconded by Councilwoman Flood, voted upon and carried, Council approved the request by Christmas in April of Bedford, Inc. to waive the building permit fees and landfill tipping fees for the group's scheduled projects for this year within the City.

City Manager Meadows stated the Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce conducted a survey in the fall of 2002, which concluded that area businesses' had a need for employee training in management and supervisory skills, as well as customer service skills. In

addition, specific technical training in the areas such as technical writing, blueprint reading, and statistical process control were mentioned as needs. In an effort to address these needs, Central Virginia Community College (CVCC) plans to construct and operate by early 2004 a 20,000 sq. ft. Bedford Center off of Business U.S. 460 West/Blue Ridge Avenue in order to provide educational and career studies opportunities to the Bedford area. Continuing education and non-credit offerings in the Bedford community will add to the quality of life for the locality's foreseeable future.

The City Manager indicated that in order to implement the CVCC Bedford Center, the college is proposing to develop a public/private partnership including Bedford City, Bedford County, the CVCC Local Board, Bedford area businesses, and the Virginia General Assembly. Bedford City's portion would be \$35,000. A private developer will invest \$1.2 million to purchase the property and construct the educational and training center. The Bedford County Board of Supervisors is also being asked to provide \$75,000 in funding for this project.

Councilwoman Flood moved that Council appropriate \$35,000 from the General Fund unappropriated contingency towards the development of the CVCC Bedford Center. Councilman Stanley seconded the motion.

Councilman Wandrei indicated that he would abstain from voting on this matter for personal reasons.

A brief discussion ensued.

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

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

City Manager Meadows presented the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2003-2004. The City Manager reviewed highlights of the proposed budget.

Mayor Messier adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m. until May 13, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. for a work session on the proposed FY 2003-04 budget.