

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., March 9, 2004.

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

Members absent: Vice Mayor W. D. Tharp

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 a regular Council meeting held on February 24, 2004, were approved as distributed.

City Manager Meadows reported on the following:

- The presentation from the What's Next Organization will be held at a later Council meeting.
- Department heads and the City Manager will have a Planning/budget retreat at the Bedford Central Library on March 12.
- Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards dinner will be held on April 1 at Boonsboro Country Club – Council members should notify the City Manager's office if they plan to attend.
- The town of Rocky Mount is undergoing its franchise renewal process with Charter Communications. The City has partnered with Rocky Mount to work together on the cable franchises for the two communities.
- HRH Consulting has been engaged to assist the staff with the health insurance renewal process.
- Mr. Meadows recently gave a presentation to the 7th graders at Bedford Middle School about local government.

Councilman Wandrei stated it has been brought to his attention that the lease for the Bedford Museum has expired.

The City Attorney reported that staff members will meet with a committee to discuss the details of the lease for the Museum.

Mayor Messier asked the City Manager to arrange a joint meeting with the City School Board regarding salary increases for school administrators.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following item:

Appointment of Frances D. Coles and Gene Mulholland to the City Planning Commission for four-year terms to expire March 31, 2008

On motion by Councilman Wandrei, seconded by Councilman Padgett, voted upon and carried, the Consent Agenda was approved.

The following individuals gave presentations regarding FY 2004-05 budget requests for their organizations:

- Central Virginia Community Services – Augustine J. Fagan, Executive Director - \$16,043
- Bedford American Red Cross – Victoria Johnson, Executive Director - \$24,000
- Central Virginia Agency on Aging – Daniel L. Farris, Executive Director - \$9,000
- Bedford Community Resource Center - Marie Gardner-\$1,900
- CASA of Central Virginia – Fran Inge, Director - \$5,642
- Lynchburg Center for Independent Living – Walter Sabin, Executive Director - \$2,000
- Blue Ridge Legal Services, Inc. – John E. Whitfield, Executive Director - \$1,116.

Councilman Wandrei moved that Council adjourn into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(7) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, for consultation with legal counsel regarding legal matters. Councilman Padgett seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Council adjourned into closed session at 8:12 p.m. The following non-council members attended: City Manager Meadows and City Attorney Berry.

Council reconvened into open session at 8:41 p.m.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Bedford hereby certifies that (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Council.

On motion by Councilman Padgett, seconded by Councilman Stanley, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution. Roll call vote follows:

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

Mayor Messier adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.