

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., February 8, 2005.

Members present: Mayor E. Thomas Messier; Councilwoman Mary L. Flood; Councilman Jeffrey B. Hubbard; 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 January 25, 2005, were approved as distributed.

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Virginia Local Government Management Association Conference – February 16-18 in Roanoke – the City Manager will attend
- Annual Bedford Cooperative Extension Dinner – March 7 – 6:00 p.m. in the County Administration Building
- Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner and Awards Reception – April 5 – 6:00 p.m. – Elks National Home

Councilman Wandrei, Chairman of the Water & Sewer Committee, stated the Committee met earlier in the evening and received an update regarding the Belltown situation and also the contractual negotiations that are ongoing with the Bedford County Public Service Authority.

A public hearing notice follows:

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held by the Planning Commission at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 3, 2005 and by the City Council at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2005 at the City Municipal Building, Council Hall, 215 East Main Street for the purpose of:

- Rezoning from M-1, Manufacturing to CNW, Central Neighborhood Workplace the following tax parcels 194-6-6 and 195-A-24 located in the vicinity of Grove and Jackson streets.
- Amendment of Section 608 (Limited Business District B-1) of the Land Development Regulations.

Information regarding these requests is on file in the office of Planning & Community Development.

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

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

Mayor Messier opened the public hearing regarding the rezoning request for tax parcels 196-6-6 and 195-A-24 located in the vicinity of Grove and Jackson Streets at 7:27 p.m.

As there were no comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:27 p.m.

Mayor Messier opened the public hearing regarding amendment of Section 608 (Limited Business District B-1) of the Land Development Regulations at 7:28 p.m.

As there were no comments, Mayor Messier closed the public hearing at 7:28 p.m.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items:

- Appointment of Mr. Larry Brookshier to serve a four-year term on the Joint City/County Industrial Development Authority, said term to expire February 1, 2009.

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

Ms. Mickey VanDerwerker, City representative on the Bedford County School Board, gave a presentation regarding background information and recent action by the County School Board related to school facilities.

The City Manager stated that Council held a public hearing earlier in the evening to consider a request to rezone tax parcels 194-6-6 and 195-A-24 in the vicinity of Grove and Jackson Streets from M-1, Manufacturing to CNW, Central Neighborhood Workplace. Mr. Meadows reported the Planning Commission recommends that Council approve the request for rezoning.

Mayor Messier waived the reading of the proposed ordinance regarding the rezoning request as it had been properly posted.

Councilman Wandrei moved that the proposed ordinance regarding the rezoning request for tax parcels 194-6-6 and 195-A-24 be adopted. The motion was then voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

The ordinance follows as adopted:

Ordinance No. 05-3

**AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING MAPS FOR
THE CITY OF BEDFORD BY REZONING FROM
M-1 TO CNW TAX PARCELS 194-6-6 AND 195-A-24
LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF GROVE
AND JACKSON STREETS**

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Bedford held a public hearing and on February 3, 2005 recommended to the City Council of Bedford that it approve a rezoning of parcels hereinafter described; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has held a public hearing after notice was given in the *Bedford Bulletin* once a week for two successive weeks as required by Virginia Code 15.2-2204;

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

Section 1. The Zoning Map of the City of Bedford is amended by rezoning from Manufacturing (M-1) to Central Neighborhood Workplace (CNW) the following described land:

a. Tax Parcel Numbers 194-6-6 and 195-A-24 in the vicinity of Grove and Jackson Streets.

Section 2. This ordinance is effective upon enactment.

The City Manager reported that Council held a public hearing on January 11, 2005, to consider a request to rezone, with proffers, tax parcel 198-A-3 from M-1, Manufacturing, to R-3, High Density Residential. Mr. Oscar Padgett, a principal in Otey Street Properties, LLC, initiated the request. Mr. Meadows stated the Planning Commission originally met regarding this issue on January 6 and tabled the matter. The Planning

Commission met subsequently on February 3 and recommended that Council deny the request to rezone as stated in its memorandum dated February 4, 2005.

Bart Warner, Director of Planning & Community Development, explained that Mr. Padgett's request is a result of plans he has for property near the intersection of Independence Boulevard and Orange Street. Mr. Warner stated that Mr. Padgett has been meeting with the staff for some time about the possibility of constructing a mixed-use development, which is not permitted under the present M-1 zoning. Mr. Warner explained that a Master Plan is being developed for the Independence Boulevard corridor and that was the primary reason given by the Planning Commission for the recommendation of denial. Mr. Padgett indicated that he is amenable to this, provided the staff delivers a plan by June 1.

The Mayor waived the reading of the proposed ordinance regarding Mr. Padgett's rezoning request, as it had been properly posted.

Councilman Wandrei moved that rezoning request be denied in accordance with the recommendation of the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stanley, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote:

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

(The ordinance is not included in the minutes, as it was not adopted)

City Manager Meadows stated that Council recently consented to the addition of four police officers, two investigators, an emergency management/training coordinator, and a parking enforcement attendant. The total costs of adding the personnel including salaries, benefits, uniforms, and other equipment for the remainder of the 2005 fiscal year is estimated to be \$207,000. This also includes adding one patrol vehicle and one investigative vehicle to the department's fleet. Mr. Meadows reported that some of this expense can be offset by utilizing available funding from the E911 Fund for communications equipment. In addition, some additional funding is available from a capital improvement project that the police department completed under budget.

On motion by Councilman Wandrei, seconded by Councilman Padgett, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council appropriated \$23,000.00 from the E911 Fund to the General Fund for the purchase of communications equipment for the new hires; appropriated \$179,607.00 from the General Fund Unappropriated Contingency for personnel and equipment costs associated with the new hires; and appropriated the transfer of \$4,393.00 from 3122-3852 to 3122-3680.

Roll call vote follows:

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

Mayor Messier adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.