

June 3, 2009

An adjourned meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, from the May 26, 2009, regular meeting was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 5:41 p.m., June 3, 2009.

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

Members absent Councilman James A. Vest

Staff present: City Manager Charles P. Kolakowski; City Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher

Mayor Tharp opened the meeting and stated the purpose of the meeting was a work session on the proposed FY 2009-10 budget.

City Manager Kolakowski stated the staff had been given direction at the previous meeting to continue looking at the budget for reductions in the expenditure area. The City Manager reviewed a list of updates to the proposed budget.

Chief of Police Day reviewed options regarding the School Resource Officers: 1) keep program as is if staffing in the Police Department is maintained at 25; 2) have 1 full time SRO and 1 part-time SRO; 3) discontinue program. 4) financial support for the program from Bedford County or the School Board.

Vice Mayor Wandrei suggested eliminating the school crossing guards and using the School Resource Officers as crossing guards.

The Mayor stated he would like for Council to express its commitment to move forward with the two officers and ask the staff to work with the Sheriff's Department, the Bedford County School Board, and Bedford County to help defray the cost of the School Resource Officers. Mayor Tharp stated this project seems to have unanimous community support for valid reasons.

It was the consensus of Council to include the School Resource Officers in the budget.

Vice Mayor Wandrei stated that Council should review eliminating the school crossing guards and have this handled by the School Resource Officers.

Councilman Rush stated that it would be hard for an officer to do crossing guard duties and take care of problems that arise in the area.

Councilman Stanley moved that Council adjourn into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(1), personnel, of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended,. Councilwoman Flood seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

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| Councilwoman Flood | aye |
| Councilman Hubbard | aye |
| Councilman Rush | aye |
| Councilman Stanley | aye |
| Councilman Vest | absent |
| Vice Mayor Wandrei | aye |
| Mayor Tharp | aye |

Council adjourned into closed session at 6:03 p.m. The following non-council members attended: City Manager Kolakowski and Assistant City Manager Warner.

Council reconvened into open session at 6:20 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 Hubbard, seconded by Councilman Stanley, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution. Roll call vote follows:

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| Councilman Hubbard | aye |
| Councilman Rush | aye |
| Councilman Stanley | aye |
| Councilman Vest | absent |
| Vice Mayor Wandrei | aye |
| Councilwoman Flood | aye |
| Mayor Tharp | aye |

The City Manager stated that Councilman Vest suggested the tax rate increases to generate some funds in order to anticipate the following year's fiscal situation. Mr. Kolakowski spoke regarding revenue decreases.

Vice Mayor Wandrei pointed out that no one spoke against the proposed tax rate increases at the public hearing on the budget.

It was the consensus of Council to leave the tax rate increases in the proposed budget.

Adoption of the budget will be included on the agenda of the June 9, 2009, meeting.

Mayor Tharp adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.