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A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m., September 25, 2012.

Members present: Mayor W. D. Tharp; Councilwoman Mary L. Flood; Councilman Guy E. Murray, Jr.; Councilman Steve C. Rush; Councilman C. G. Stanley, Jr.; Councilman James A. Vest; and Vice Mayor Robert T. Wandrei

Members absent: None

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 led all present in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Tharp declared that the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on September 11, 2012, were approved as distributed.

City Manager Kolakowski reported on the following:

- Reviewed several items of correspondence: 1) letter from the Commonwealth of Virginia Auditor of Public Accounts regarding the annual review of the Commonwealth collections and remittances of the Treasurer and Commissioner of the Revenue for the year ended June 30, 2012. The results of their tests found the constitutional officers complied, in all material respects, with state laws, regulations and other procedures relating to the receipt, disbursement, and custody of state funds. 2) The three judge panel that is to have the final review of the Voluntary Settlement Agreement has been appointed and Council will be notified as soon as the date of the hearing is decided. 3) Bedford has been named a Top 10 Small Town by Livability.com saying that Bedford is a safe, affordable, pleasant town to live in.
- Representatives from Region 2000 would like to meet with Council to talk about their activities and what they see as far as their operations and the future for Region 2000. The representatives would like to discuss where Council sees the region going, what should the region be looking at, emphasizing, pursuing, etc. The City Manager said this will probably be on the agenda for the next regular Council meeting.

Mickey VanDerwerker, City representative to the Bedford County School Board, gave a report regarding the activities and actions of the School Board that include: Wiley & Wilson study for a new middle school location; drivers education program; a study group regarding discipline in the schools; and a change in the grading scale.

Councilman Rush asked if the School Superintendent's contract is being discussed.

Ms. VanDerwerker said the contract is on the School Board's agenda for September 27 and has been on the agenda. The Superintendent's contract expires June 30, 2013, and by

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state law the Board has to give him six month's notice that his contract will or will not be renewed (deadline is December 30, 2012).

Mayor Tharp said that John Walker was an area teacher, and subsequently was a school superintendent in Amherst County, and now teaches a doctoral class at Lynchburg College on organizational change and leadership. Mr. Walker asked the Mayor to speak to his class about organizational change and leadership. The Mayor said it was interesting to talk to the class. The class was mostly interested in reversion from a city to a town.

City Manager Kolakowski continued his report:

- The annual Chamber of Commerce Business Expo will be held on September 27 at the former Taylor Brothers building.
- The Main Street Gala will be held on September 28.
- The annual Centerfest celebration will be held on September 29.

Councilman Vest, Chairman of the Finance Committee, said the Committee met earlier in the evening in closed session.

Vice Mayor Wandrei, Chairman of the Water & Sewer Committee, said the Committee earlier in the evening in closed session.

Assistant City Manager Warner explained the reasons for the request to adopt an ordinance amending Section 606.1 of the Land Development Regulations.

Mayor Tharp opened the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

The Notice of Public Hearing follows:

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 Thursday, September 6, 2012 and City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at the City Municipal Building, Council Hall, 215 E. Main Street for the following purpose:

- To consider an amendment to the City of Bedford Land Development Regulations, Planned Residential Development District (PRD), Section 606.01 Permitted Uses, item a., to read, All uses permitted in Single Family Residential District R-1 except that the City Council in the ordinance approving the PRD conditional use permit may specify that a residential zoning other than R-1 shall apply if the PRD is not constructed.

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Information regarding this amendment is on file in the office of Planning & Community Development.

Anyone who is in favor of or opposed to this request will have an opportunity to express their views at this hearing.

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

As there were no comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following item:

Bedford Main Street, Inc. is sponsoring Fall Cruzin Downtown Bedford on Saturday, October 20, 2012, from 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. and is requesting that Council authorize the closing of the following streets for the event:

Main Street between Ballard Street and South Street
Bridge Street between the bridge and Washington Street
South Street between West Main and Washington Street

Bedford Main Street will notify the Fire Department, Rescue Squad and Police Department of the street closings. Suitable public service announcements regarding these closings will be placed on the radio and in the newspaper. The residents of the affected streets will also be notified and will have ingress and egress to their homes.

On motion by Councilman Rush, seconded by Vice Mayor Wandrei, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council approved the Consent Agenda. Roll call vote follows:

Councilwoman Flood	aye
Councilman Murray	aye
Councilman Rush	aye
Councilman Stanley	aye
Councilman Vest	aye
Vice Mayor Wandrei	aye
Mayor Tharp	aye

On motion by Councilman Murray, seconded by Vice Mayor Wandrei, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council adopted the Ordinance amending Section 606.01 of the City of Bedford Land Development Regulations. Roll call vote follows:

Councilman Murray	aye
Councilman Rush	aye
Councilman Stanley	aye

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Councilman Vest	aye
Vice Mayor Wandrei	aye
Councilwoman Flood	aye
Mayor Tharp	aye

The ordinance follows as adopted:

Ordinance No. 12-11

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 606.01 OF THE
CITY OF BEDFORD LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS**

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

Section 1. Section 606 of the Land Development Regulations of the City of Bedford, Virginia, are amended as follows:

Section 606 Planned Residential Development District (PRD)

Section 606.01 Permitted uses. The following uses are permitted in Planned Residential Development District PRD:

- a. All uses permitted in Single Family Residential District R-1 except that the City Council in the ordinance approving the PRD conditional use permit may specify that a residential zoning other than R-1 shall apply if the PRD is not constructed.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be effective upon enactment.

Mayor Tharp adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.