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STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TARRANT §

CITY OF BEDFORD §

The City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas, met in Work Session at 5:30 p.m. and Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 2000 Forest Ridge Drive, on the 11th day of August, 2015 with the following members present:

Jim Griffin	Mayor
Ray Champney	Council Members
Steve Farco	
Roger Fisher	
Dave Gebhart	
Rusty Sartor	
Roy W. Turner	

constituting a quorum.

Staff present included:

Roger Gibson	City Manager
Kelli Agan	Assistant City Manager
Stan Lowry	City Attorney
Michael Wells	City Secretary
Cliff Blackwell	Administrative Services Director
Natalie Foster	Marketing Specialist
Eric Griffin	Deputy Police Chief
Wendy Hartnett	Special Events Manager
Les Hawkins	Interim Police Chief
Meg Jakubik	Strategic Services Manager
Jill McAdams	Human Resources Director
Emilio Sanchez	Planning Manager
Bill Syblon	Economic Development Director
James Tindell	Fire Chief

COUNCIL CHAMBER WORK SESSION

Mayor Griffin called the Work Session to order at 5:30 p.m.

- **Review and discuss items on the regular agenda and consider placing items for approval by consent.**

Council discussed placing the following items on consent: 2, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18.

Human Resources Director Jill McAdams presented information regarding Item #11. The City went out to bid on health, dental, accidental death and dismemberment, and disability insurances, which are typically bid out for a one-year contract. For health insurance, there have been high claims due to utilization within the plan and a high renewal rate was anticipated. Cigna originally came in with a 16.9 percent increase keeping the plan designs the same. They later offered a product for a narrower network and lowering the renewal rate increase to eight percent. Bids received from Aetna, United Health Care, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, and the Texas Municipal League came in with increases of between 31 and 40 percent over current rates. Aetna offered a new product with a narrower network through Baylor; however, there were concerns as many employees live far out and the Kaner Clinic is not part of that network. Aetna also has historically come in low and then has renewal increases of 30 to

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40 percent. Aetna's bid was used as a negotiation tool with Cigna, who came back with a two percent increase on the reduced network. A survey was sent to employees and over half stated they were fine with the newer network, while a smaller number would go with a buy-up option. With the lower premium, staff feels that the cost to the employees can be held.

In regards to dental insurance, there is high utilization and it is running a little over 100 percent of premium. Three bids were received, with Cigna at an increased renewal rate of 10.46 percent, Aetna at an increase of 28 percent, and United Concordia at a reduction of 1.5 percent; however, the Concordia plan had differences from the current plan, changing plans would be disruptive to people who are currently in treatment, and their network is not as significant. Further, Cigna gave an additional \$12,000 for wellness programming. The City will be able to hold the costs to the employees on the dental insurance as well. On the life and disability insurances, there has been high utilization and staff was anticipating an increase of between of 15 to 20 percent; however, Cigna was able to keep the rate the same. In answer to questions from Council, Ms. McAdams stated that there are over 6,000 doctors in the reduced health network compared to between 10,000 and 12,000 in the open-access network; that the benefits of the Kaner Clinic includes the pharmacy-side where the City has a 98 percent generic drug utilization, and the reduction in primary care, emergency room and urgent care utilization. There was discussion on the possibility of moving Kaner into the Baylor network.

In regards to Item #12, Ms. McAdams stated that it is an IRS-mandated plan that allows employees to pay for contributions towards their premiums on a pre-tax basis. Council has to formally adopt this plan every year.

Assistant City Manager Kelli Agan presented information regarding Item #16, which is to replace the playground structures at Brookhollow Park and Monterrey Park. Council approved the purchases back in May utilizing the budget surplus. The current structures are over 20-years old and are in dire need of replacement. Both structures have shade incorporated into them. The amount for both structures is \$103,000, but the company they are being purchased from offered grant funding in the amount of \$43,000; therefore, the structures came in well within budget, which included the soft landing materials and concrete borders. In answer to questions from Council, Ms. Agan stated that it would take approximately 12 weeks for the structures to be fabricated and installed; that the locations were brought before the Parks and Recreation Board, which had another park as a higher priority than Monterrey but there were issues with Oncor power lines; that the soft landing materials and borders would be installed by staff; and that there is a fund for mulch replacement. There was discussion on moving the variance between what was budgeted and the final cost into that fund.

- **Report on City Secretary Office activities.**

City Secretary Michael Wells presented information on City Secretary Office activities. They coordinated the May 9, 2105 municipal elections and, even though only 9.83 percent of registered voters voted, that figure was greater than the percentage of the County as a whole. He stated that staff has attended 25 Council meetings so far in the fiscal year; they are responsible for compiling the Council packets, which only a few years previously were in a hard copy format; they have indexed 112 ordinances and resolutions; they have processed 323 public information requests, 89 percent of which have been answered in five days or less and have an average response time of less than two days; they have filed 11 liens and 11 releases of lien, which are tied into the state of the housing market; they administer the Board and Commission appointment process; they manage the ordinance codification process and several updates have been made to the on-line Code; they serve as the Records Management Office and oversaw two records destructions in the spring and fall; and they are in the process of implementing the Laserfiche Records Management System to digitize many of the City's records. In answer to a question from Council, Mr. Wells stated that the backup tapes for the records in Laserfiche are kept in the basement of Building B for backup and safety purposes.

- **Present report on the 2015 City of Bedford Fourth Fest.**

Special Events Manager Wendy Hartnett presented a report on the 2015 City of Bedford FourthFest.

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She stated that the event was different from any other FourthFest since it was moved with a few weeks' notice to the Old Bedford School. The goals of the event remain the same, which are to provide a community event, provide economic growth, encourage citizen involvement and produce a phenomenal event that enhances the image of the City. There was a new fireworks company. Financially, there was a minimal loss in revenue due to an offset in revenue with beer sales and increases in expenses due to the move. She stated that this event was the most interesting challenge she has faced in her position and she discussed the teamwork, pride and commitment from the employees that went into the festival.

Mayor Griffin adjourned the Work Session at 6:12 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To convene in the conference room, if time permits, in compliance with Section 551.001 et. Seq. Texas Government Code, to discuss the following:

- a) Pursuant to Section 551.087, deliberation regarding economic development negotiations relative to Block 6, Lot 1A, Bedford Forum Addition.
- b) Pursuant to Section 551.087, deliberation regarding economic development negotiations relative to the First State Addition.
- c) Pursuant to Section 551.074: personnel matters – City Manager Contract.

Council convened into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087, deliberation regarding economic development negotiations relative to Block 6, Lot 1A, Bedford Forum Addition; Section 551.087, deliberation regarding economic development negotiations relative to the First State Addition; and Section 551.074, personnel matters - City Manager contract, at 6:14 p.m.

Council reconvened from Executive Session at 6:39 p.m. Council was unable to finish the Executive Session and will convene again at the end of the Regular Session.

REGULAR SESSION

The Regular Session began at 6:41 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL COMMENTS

Mayor Griffin called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION (Senior Pastor Kevin Smith)

Senior Pastor Kevin Smith gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flags of the United States and Texas were given.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPCOMING EVENTS

Marketing Specialist Natalie Foster announced that the Animal Shelter will be participating in one of the largest pet adoption events in North Texas called "Clear The Shelter." On Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., all adoption fees will be waived and people only have to purchase a City license. Those residents that live in apartments will need to bring proof of their pet deposit. There will be a bakeoff event and apron party at the Old Bedford School on Sunday starting at 3:00 p.m. City staff and the Mayor will judge different categories, including pies/cobblers, cakes/sweetbreads, cookies/brownies, and an under-18 category. Samples will be served along with coffee and tea, and prizes will be awarded for the most unique aprons. She reminded everybody to submit their nomination for the Hometown Hero Award and that details on how to do so will be in the upcoming City magazine.

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Mayor Griffin stated that the City has lost a great friend in Nelson Moore who served on the Council from 1981 to 1994.

OPEN FORUM

Nobody chose to speak during Open Forum.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ITEMS BY CONSENT

Motioned by Councilmember Champney, seconded by Councilmember Turner, to approve the following items by consent: 2, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18.

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Griffin declared the motion carried.

COUNCIL RECOGNITION

1. Proclamation declaring August 12, 2015 as Emerging Leaders Day in the City of Bedford.

Mayor Griffin read a proclamation declaring August 12, 2015 as Emerging Leaders Day in the City of Bedford. The following members of Class II of the Emerging Leaders Program were recognized: Chuck Carlisle, Fleet and Facilities Manager; Debbie Carlisle, Records/Property Supervisor; Jean Green, Community Services Supervisor; Jackie Hancock, Purchasing/Inventory Control Supervisor; Ken Horn, Lead Animal Control Officer; Patrice Kleypas, Office Manager; Bill Lankford, Traffic Operations Manager; Jerry Laverty, Environmental Supervisor; and Wendy Hartnett, Special Events Manager.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2. Consider approval of the following City Council minutes:

- a) June 20, 2015 work session
- b) June 23, 2015 regular session

This item was approved by consent.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

3. The following individual has requested to speak to the Council tonight under Persons to be Heard:

- a) **Hank Henning, 2604 Morningside Drive, Bedford, Texas 76021 – Requested to speak to the Council regarding thanking the City's first responders for all they do for Bedford.**

Hank Henning, 2604 Morningside Drive, Bedford – Mr. Henning stated that these are difficult times for the country and first responders especially. The media is filled with isolated incidents of behavior that do not reflect the vast majority of what first responders do day-by-day in the City and country. He stated that the 168 homeowners of the Woodfield HOA would like to recognize the Police and Fire Department employees and thank them for the work they do to keep them safe. He presented Interim Police Chief Les Hakwins a thank you card for the Police Department and Fire Chief James Tindell a thank you card for each fire house.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Public hearing and consider an ordinance to rezone Lot A, Block 10, Bedford Heights Addition, located at 924 Simpson Terrace, Bedford, Texas from Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Amended Planned Unit Development (PUD), allowing for the Pinnacle Group to operate a Community Home/Assisted Living Facility. The subject property is generally located south of Simpson Terrace and west of Shady Brook Drive. (Z-274)

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Planning Manager Emilio Sanchez presented information regarding this item, which is a request to amend the Planned Unit Development for the address at 924 Simpson Terrace for an assisted living facility. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of this request at their June 11 meeting by a vote of five to two. He stated that there was opposition to this request at the meeting and that staff has fielded two phone calls and one e-mail in opposition since the meeting.

Mayor Griffin opened the public hearing at 6:56 p.m.

Margaret Hall, 44 Morrow Drive, Bedford – Ms. Hall stated she has concerns regarding the size of the property. Mr. Sanchez stated that only one side of the duplex would be dedicated to the assisted living facility. Ms. Hall stated that she is familiar with assisted living facilities, the parking in the driveway is very limited and she is concerned about the property being used for that type of facility. Mr. Sanchez stated that the driveway is shared amongst four living units.

Gary Stillwell, 920 and 922 Simpson Terrace, Bedford – Mr. Stillwell stated that it is a shared driveway. He knows about the street including that there is a lot of traffic and it is difficult to even rent the property due to the parking situation. Due to the location being in a school zone, and having a mailbox and fire hydrant present, there is no room for on-street parking. He is opposed to the piece of property being rezoned.

Joan Hogan, 914 Simpson Terrace, Bedford – Ms. Hogan stated that she owns and lives in one of the duplexes in the area. There are four duplexes in the area with only three driveways, so there are eight living units sharing those driveways. She has experienced difficulty in the driveways even when she has over immediate family and visitors. Putting in such a facility would mean more cars, employees, family and friends, and therefore limit the freedom and access for the residents that own the property. She is opposed to the rezoning for that reason and the traffic. There is a lack of sidewalks in the area and people would have to walk in the street with traffic. Due to the nature of the facility, there would be emergency vehicles and equipment being brought into the already congested area. She has an email from the neighbor at 908 Simpson Terrace that is also opposed to the rezoning for the same reasons.

Mayor Griffin closed the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Motioned by Councilmember Champney, seconded by Councilmember Turner, to deny an ordinance to rezone Lot A, Block 10, Bedford Heights Addition, located at 924 Simpson Terrace, Bedford, Texas from Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Amended Planned Unit Development (PUD), allowing for the Pinnacle Group to operate a Community Home/Assisted Living Facility. The subject property is generally located south of Simpson Terrace and west of Shady Brook Drive. (Z-274)

Motion approved 7-0-0.. Mayor Griffin declared the motion carried.

5. Public hearing and consider an ordinance to amend Ordinance 15-3122, for Lot A, Block 17-R, Stonegate Addition, located at 1428 Brown Trail, Bedford, Texas allowing for Grubbs Auto Properties to amend the approved site plan for the installation of a wrought iron fence with masonry base along Brown Trail and a portion of Old Kirk Road. The property is generally located south of Old Kirk Road and east of Brown Trail. (Z-277)

Mr. Sanchez presented information regarding this item, which is a request to amend Ordinance 15-3122 for 1428 Brown Trail. Grubbs Nissan has chosen the site as an overflow lot for excess vehicle inventory. This request is to amend the approved site plan to allow for a three-foot masonry fence with three-foot wrought iron on top along Brown Trail and a portion of Old Kirk Road. This request does not affect the solid fence along Ravenswood Drive or the cedar fence between the two businesses. The Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommended approval of this item as their June 11 meeting.

Mayor Griffin opened the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Nobody chose to speak during the public hearing.

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Mayor Griffin closed the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Motioned by Councilmember Gebhart, seconded by Councilmember Farco, to approve an ordinance to amend Ordinance 15-3122, for Lot A, Block 17-R, Stonegate Addition, located at 1428 Brown Trail, Bedford, Texas allowing for Grubbs Auto Properties to amend the approved site plan for the installation of a wrought iron fence with masonry base along Brown Trail and a portion of Old Kirk Road. The property is generally located south of Old Kirk Road and east of Brown Trail. (Z-277)

In answer to a question from Council, Mr. Sanchez stated that the fence on Ravenswood Drive is going to be a seven-foot masonry wall composed of split face stone.

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Griffin declared the motion carried.

- 6. Public hearing and consider an ordinance to rezone Lot 1, Block 1, Georgetowne Addition, located at 1953 Bedford Road, Bedford, Texas from (H) Heavy Commercial to (H/SUP) Heavy Commercial/Specific Use Permit, specific to Section 3.2.C(10)g, Animal Hospitals and Clinics for the Care and Temporary Boarding of Domestic Household Pets, Vet Offices, Clinics, the Office and Clinic of a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, not including outside treatment pens, allowing for Perry Champagne to operate an indoor pet grooming, boarding and veterinary services facility. The subject property is generally located north of Bedford Road and west of Barr Drive. (Z-278)**

Mr. Sanchez presented information regarding this item, which is a request for 1953 Bedford Road to be rezoned for a Specific Use Permit allowing for a veterinary clinic along with a boarding facility. The Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommended approval of this item at their June 25 meeting. Staff has not received any opposition to this item since the meeting. In answer to questions from Council, Mr. Sanchez stated that based on the information presented to staff, there would be three different sizes of dogs that would be out in the yard at particular times two to three times a day for one hour.

In answer to questions from Council, the applicant, Ronda Hendrix, 1620 Martha Drive, Bedford, stated that there will always be a staff member present to take the different sized dogs out for feeding, exercise time and potty breaks between 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and that at the Commission meeting, they agreed to limit the number of overnight boarders to 15. There was discussion on the language in the stipulations limiting the number of dogs being boarded and not those there to be groomed. In answer to further questions from Council, Ms. Hendrix stated that dogs there to be groomed will not participate in outside activities but would be let out for potty breaks; that there would not be more than seven dogs outside at any one time; that dogs do not consistently bark and there would not be a consistent noise level; that they have found biodegradable compounds that, along with regular sprinklers, would control the odor of urine; that they are three-quarters of the way complete with their improvements, which have taken two to three months to complete; that the hours listed on the site plan were for playtime; that the location has been fenced, landscaped, and landfill dirt has been put in the back for erosion control; that the business would offer a great means of shopping, which would mean tax revenue for the City; that it would offer people, including college and high school students, jobs, along with a couple of full-time employees; that the business would be a boutique facility with a nice grooming salon; that there would not be a fulltime veterinarian office but that low cost vaccinations would be offered there once a month; that there is an existing eight-foot masonry fence in the back that separates the location from homeowners and the rest of the fencing is cedar fence; and that a staff member will be responsible for picking up animal waste. There was discussion on updating the site plan to show only the north fence being masonry.

Mayor Griffin opened the public hearing at 7:24 p.m.

Nobody chose to speak during the public hearing.

Mayor Griffin closed the public hearing at 7:24 p.m.

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Motioned by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Councilmember Champney, to approve an ordinance to rezone Lot 1, Block 1, Georgetowne Addition, located at 1953 Bedford Road, Bedford, Texas from (H) Heavy Commercial to (H/SUP) Heavy Commercial/Specific Use Permit, specific to Section 3.2.C(10)g, Animal Hospitals and Clinics for the Care and Temporary Boarding of Domestic Household Pets, Vet Offices, Clinics, the Office and Clinic of a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, not including outside treatment pens, allowing for Perry Champagne to operate an indoor pet grooming, boarding and veterinary services facility. The subject property is generally located north of Bedford Road and west of Barr Drive. (Z-278) and that Section 3.2 shall stipulate the maximum number of animals boarded will not exceed 15 at any one time and the site plan shall reflect the north fence is eight-foot masonry.

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Griffin declared the motion carried.

7. Receive the 2015 Ad Valorem Tax Roll from the Tarrant Appraisal District as certified by the Chief Appraiser, Jeff Law.

Administrative Services Director Cliff Blackwell presented information regarding this item. He stated that the Chief Appraiser is required by law to submit to Council the certified tax roll by the first of August or as soon thereafter as practicable. The estimated taxable value for the City is \$3,192,632,438. These values will be used to estimate the proposed tax revenue for the next fiscal year. The figures represent a 2.3 percent increase over the previous year's taxable values. No action is required on this item.

8. Receive the certified anticipated collection rate from the Tarrant County Tax Assessor-Collector for the City of Bedford, Texas.

Mr. Blackwell stated that the Tax Assessor-Collector is required by law to submit to Council the anticipated collection rate for the upcoming tax year by August 1 or as soon thereafter as practicable. The anticipated collection rate is 100 percent. If any other percentile is chosen, the Tax Assessor-Collector will use that to measure against the collection of taxes done throughout the year and will present an excess amount over the collection rate to Council, which will impact future debt rates. In answer to questions from Council, Mr. Blackwell stated that it is advisable to always submit at a 100 percent collection rate and that the City's collection rate is in the 99.99 percentile range.

9. Consider a proposed tax rate and set two public hearings on the proposed tax rate.

Strategic Services Manager Meg Jakubik presented information regarding this item, which is to consider a proposed tax rate and set two public hearings on the tax rate if Council considers anything above the effective tax rate. The previous Friday, staff was informed by the Tarrant Appraisal District that when they generated the City's report, they utilized an incorrect figure in the exceptions, which did not affect property tax revenues, but slightly increased the effective tax rate to \$0.483674 per \$100 valuation. The proposed tax rate that staff is recommending is the current tax rate of \$0.494830 per \$100 valuation. Ms. Jakubik stated that Council is only setting the maximum tax rate they would consider.

Motioned by Councilmember Champney seconded by Councilmember Turner, to consider a tax rate of \$0.494830 per \$100 assessed valuation to be voted on the September 8, 2015 agenda, and schedule a public hearing to discuss the tax rate on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Bedford City Hall and a second public hearing to discuss the tax rate on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Bedford City Hall.

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Griffin declared the motion carried.

10. Call a public hearing on the proposed FY 2015-2016 budget to be held on August 25, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

This item was approved by consent.

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- 11. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contractual agreement for employee dental, health and life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance benefits with CIGNA.**

This item was approved by consent.

- 12. Consider a resolution approving the City of Bedford's Section 125 Plan that allows employees to make contributions for insurance premiums and Health Savings Accounts (HSA) on a pre-tax basis as allowable under the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Code Section 125.**

This item was approved by consent.

- 13. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into the first year of a four-year contract with Scobee Foods, Inc., for the purchase of prisoner meals for the Detention Facility.**

This item was approved by consent.

- 14. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Hurst-Euleless-Bedford Independent School District to provide two School Resource Officers for the 2015/16 school year, in the amount of \$153,850, paid for by the District.**

This item was approved by consent.

- 15. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Bedford and the cities of Fort Worth, Arlington, Hurst, North Richland Hills and the County of Tarrant, Texas for the Fiscal Year 2015 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program Award.**

This item was approved by consent.

- 16. Consider a resolution to approve a license agreement addendum to the Meadowpark License Agreement with the Hurst-Euleless-Bedford Independent School District.**

This item was approved by consent.

- 17. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase playground structures from Play & Park Structures in the amount of \$103,048.48.**

This item was approved by consent.

- 18. Consider a resolution adopting the Tarrant County Mitigation Action Plan as this jurisdiction's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan and executing the actions in the plan subject to available funding.**

This item was approved by consent.

- 19. Consider a resolution of the City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas approving an Economic Development Program Agreement, pursuant to Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code and the City's Economic Development Incentive Policy and Program, with Aldwin Zim.**

Development Director Bill Syblon presented information regarding this item, which is an agreement with a longtime business owner and operator in the City. Mr. Zim operates Zim's Autotechnik and owns rental property to the north of his location and vacant land to the east of that property. He wishes to develop three 20,000 square-foot buildings on the site. Because of the center medians on Reliance

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Parkway, it is challenging to access the site and he requested help from City. The City would remove the medians and as the site is developed, Mr. Zim would fill in the area where the medians were removed. He has also agreed to develop the buildings to the current zoning regulations.

Motioned by Councilmember Turner, seconded by Councilmember Fisher, to approve a resolution of the City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas approving an Economic Development Program Agreement, pursuant to Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code and the City's Economic Development Incentive Policy and Program, with Aldwin Zim.

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Griffin declared the motion carried.

20. Report on most recent meeting of the following Boards and Commissions:

✓ Animal Shelter Advisory Board - Councilmember Fisher

No report was given.

✓ Beautification Commission - Councilmember Turner

No report was given.

✓ Community Affairs Commission - Councilmember Farco

Councilmember Farco thanked members of the Commission who were present including Roy Savage, Gary Morlock and Steve Grubbs.

✓ Cultural Commission - Councilmember Champney

Councilmember Champney reported that the Commission met the previous day met and that discussion took place on new developments. They were under the impression that a 501(c)(3) was required for the cultural district designation; however, clarification was received from the Texas Commission on the Arts that the City can apply for the designation directly. The Commission can now refocus their efforts on programming and planning, and putting together the application for the designation.

✓ Investment Committee - Councilmember Turner

Councilmember Turner reported that the City's investments total approximately \$30M, and are returning approximately 44 basis points over the last quarter, compared to the average over the year of 38 basis points. The City is very controlled by in what it can invest, with safety being the first issue. The City's position has improved, as not many years ago, the City was only getting around 18 basis points.

✓ Library Advisory Board - Councilmember Farco

Councilmember Farco reported that the Board had a successful book sale the previous weekend.

✓ Parks and Recreation Board - Councilmember Sartor

Councilmember Sartor reported that the Board met on August 6 and many items were discussed. Discussion items included the overall plan for City parks, identifying areas that were not in close proximity to a park and how to improve those areas, connecting existing trails to neighboring cities, and repair of the hockey rink at the Boys Ranch. He looks forward to working with the Board.

✓ Teen Court Advisory Board - Councilmember Gebhart

No report was given.

21. Council member Reports

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Councilmember Fisher congratulated Holly and Mike Hendrickson on the birth of their grandchild.

Councilmember Turner reported that there are issues in the budget dealing specifically with the Senior Center that were met with favorably in the budget work session, and that there should be new programs and additions that will please people once the budget is approved.

Councilmember Farco thanked City Manager Roger Gibson and Ms. Agan for their attentiveness to emails, keeping Council informed and doing what they can do to respond and take action on issues.

Councilmember Gebhart reported that Congressman Kenny Marchant and State Representative Jonathan Stickland will be at a town hall meeting on Monday, August 17 at the Library. It will be open to all and people can hear what is happening at the Capitol and this past legislative session.

22. City Manager/Staff Reports

Mr. Gibson stated that Council recognized the second class of the Emerging Leaders Program earlier and discussed improvements to the parks including the hockey rink at the Boys Ranch. The common denominator in those was Facilities Maintenance Supervisor Chuck Carlisle. He and Chris Clark, on his staff, were asked to go out and do what they could with the rink and they made significant improvements.

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Council reconvened from Executive Session at 8:13 p.m.

Any necessary action to be taken as a result of the Executive Session will occur during the Regular Session of the Bedford City Council Meeting.

23. Take any action necessary as a result of the Executive Session.

No action was necessary as a result of the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Griffin adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Jim Griffin, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Michael Wells, City Secretary