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A work session of the Council of the Town of Bedford, Virginia, was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 5:30 p.m., March 28, 2017.

Members present: Mayor Robert T. Wandrei; Vice Mayor Tim Black; Councilman Stacey L. Hailey; Councilman Bruce M. Johannessen; Councilman Steve C. Rush; Councilman Bryan Schley; and Councilman James A. Vest

Members absent: None

Staff present: Town Manager Charles P. Kolakowski; Town Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; Assistant Town Manager Bart Warner; Finance Director Sonia Jammes; Chief of Police Todd Foreman; Electric Director John Wagner; Wayne Hale, Engineering; and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher

Mayor Wandrei opened the meeting.

Town Manager Kolakowski announced that Mr. Phil Garbarini, owner of Bedford Weaving, passed away last night. He was a long-time owner and operator of a major industry in town.

The Mayor said a proclamation of recognition for Mr. Garbarini will be prepared.

Tracy Blido, Bedford County Director of Economic Development, gave an update on economic development. Ms. Blido spoke about building relations with the Town through communication regarding economic development. Ms. Blido gave a power point presentation. Members of Council asked questions of Ms. Blido and discussion ensued.

Councilman Schley moved that Council adjourn into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(29), of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, for discussion of the award of a public contract and the terms or scope of the contract where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body. Councilman Rush seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

Vice Mayor Black	aye
Councilman Hailey	aye
Councilman Johannessen	aye
Councilman Rush	aye
Councilman Schley	aye
Councilman Vest	aye
Mayor Wandrei	aye

Council adjourned into closed session at 6:13 p.m. The following non-council members attended: Town Manager Kolakowski; Town Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; Assistant Town Manager Barrett Warner; and Finance Director Sonia Jammes.

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Council reconvened into open session at 6:25 p.m.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Town 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 Schley, seconded by Vice Mayor Black, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution. Roll call vote follows:

Councilman Hailey	aye
Councilman Johannessen	aye
Councilman Rush	aye
Councilman Schley	aye
Councilman Vest	aye
Vice Mayor Black	aye
Mayor Wandrei	aye

**Department Reports:**

Mr. Hale gave an update on streets and drainage projects; KBBC Spring Cleanup is scheduled for April 8; and Town Spring Cleanup is scheduled for April 3 through April 7.

Ms. Jammes reviewed a report on behalf of the Public Works Director regarding curbside recycling program data. Ms. Jammes explained the cost to bring the program back: annual expense \$6,840; start up cost \$430,281.

Ms. Jammes spoke about the following: the FY2017 preliminary audit is scheduled for May 17-19 and the full comprehensive audit will take place the week of August 21; reports completed in the past month.

Chief Foreman reviewed the following: the 3 on 3 basketball event is scheduled for April 22; Lunch Buddy program; citizen contact cards; athletic league.

Mr. Warner spoke about the following: the Comprehensive Plan; final working draft of the RFP for a pay and classification study has been completed.

Mr. Wagner reviewed items discussed at the recent Electric Committee meeting: status of speed increaser – it will be completed and ready for shipment at the end of the month; the solar project is moving ahead; there is a possibility of another solar facility when the

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landfill closes; possibly change the Town's power supply portfolio to take advantage of current market rates; Peaks Street accident on March 25 that sheared a pole – the crews worked there about sixteen hours.

Brad Creasy, Fire Chief, spoke about the following: gave Council members copies of a section of the Town Code that explains the position of the Fire Chief and spoke about other localities that are similar in size and population to Bedford that have compensated part-time or full-time fire chiefs who oversee volunteer departments; gave updates on capital improvement projects; EMS volunteers; and vehicles.

Mayor Wandrei adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.