



**Bexley City Council Minutes
May 11, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

City Council Members:

President Lori Ann Feibel, Matt Klingler, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Jen Robinson, Jessica Saad, and Richard Sharp

Elected Officials:

Mayor Ben Kessler

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1) Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by President Feibel at 6:00 p.m.

2) Rollcall

Members Present:

President Lori Ann Feibel, Matt Klingler, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Jen Robinson, Jessica Saad, and Richard Sharp

Members Absent:

None

3) Pledge of Allegiance - 6:02 p.m.

4) Discussion of City Council Appeal Case #21-21

Motion made by President Feibel that the Bexley City Council recuses itself from hearing the appeal of the Decision of the Board of Zoning and Planning in Case 20-48 upon appeal to council in appeal Case No. 21-1 due to the actual or perceived conflicts of interest of a majority of the members of council and the appearance of impropriety in a quasi-judicial

proceeding. Motion seconded by Ms. Robinson. Mr. Sharp, Ms. Lampke, and Ms. Saad discuss. **Vote 7 – 0 PASSED**

5) Presentations/Special Guests

a) Ms. Gaston from ULI Columbus shared a presentation on the Rapid5 project, a regional vision to create one park network along the region’s waterways. President Feibel and Mayor Kessler expressed gratitude and excitement.

6) Public Comments

President Feibel said this period is for public comment to be made for items not on the agenda. She asked if anyone had comments, to please state their name and address prior to speaking.

- a) **Marc Abramson, 243 S. Stanwood** - Shared document signed by 115 residents and visitors in appreciation of the Bexley Police Department.
- b) **Laurie Katz, 299 S. Roosevelt** - Discussed her experience and beliefs about Section 8 Housing.

7) President's Report - President Feibel reminded Council to complete their financial statements. She and Mayor Kessler are planning a quarterly roundtable with community leaders. She applauded the Mansion construction.

8) City Attorney Report - Mr. Fishel reminded Council that the appeal of the Decision of the Board of Zoning and Planning is still subject to pending litigation and thus Council must refrain from any public conversation concerning the development; he and President Feibel discussed this.

9) Administrative Update:

- a) Finance Department Update - Beecher Hale indicated there is no report.
- b) Police Department Update - Chief Rinehart said he had no report other than his written report. Per Mr. Kessler’s request, Chief Rinehart gave an update on the internal review process of the May 1 incident.
- c) Service Department Update - Mr. Bashore discussed the Backflow Prevention Program and the finalization of DORA signs. Mr. Sharp and Mayor Kessler discussed the Backflow Program and the Right of Way Planting ordinance.
- d) Recreation Director Update - Mr. Price said he had nothing to add to his written report. He and Mayor Kessler presented the pool concept for this year, with Council questions and comments.
- e) Mayor’s Report - Mayor Kessler provided highlights from his written report.

10) Consent Agenda:

- a) April 27, 2021 City Council Minutes – Ms. Saad asked that minutes from the most recent Council meeting correctly spell “Koppes.”

Motion for adoption of the Consent Agenda by Mr. Markham, seconded by Ms. Lampke Vote 7-0 PASSED

11) Ordinances/Resolutions with visiting presenters:

12) Third Readings:

a) Resolution 04-21 approving the 2021 Havenwood Park Landscape Plan, introduced by Mr. Klingler (Introduced on 4-13-21)

Mr. Klingler shared amendments, and Council discussed.

Motion to amend of Resolution 04-21 made by Mr. Klinger. Motion seconded by Mr. Sharp. President Feibel asked for further comments from Council and the public. Amy Weiner, 908 S. Roosevelt thanked Council for their time working on this. Vote 7-0 AMENDED

Motion to pass Amended Resolution 04-21 made by Mr. Klinger. Motion seconded by Ms. Robinson. Vote 7-0 PASSED

b) Ordinance 16-21 to amend the Capital Stadium Lights Planning Approval Conditions in light of pandemic-based changes to Capital University's athletics schedule, in order to allow for two night-time licenses in 2021 to operate stadium lighting in which the lights are on past the hour of 9:30 pm but off prior to the hour of 11:00 pm, introduced by Ms. Saad (Introduced on April 13, 2021)

Motion to approve Ordinance 16-21 made by Ms. Saad. Motion seconded by Mr. Klingler. Vote 7-0 PASSED

c) Ordinance 17-21 to amend Chapter 1476, Unsafe Buildings, to include provisions for unsafe sites, introduced by Ms. Saad (Introduced on 4-13-21)

Mayor Kessler explained amendments. Council discussed.

Motion to amend Ordinance 17-21 made by Ms. Saad. Motion seconded by Ms. Robinson. Mr. Sharp, Mr. Fishel, and Mayor Kessler discussed reasonable cause and notice. Vote 7-0 AMENDED

Motion to adopt Ordinance 17-21 made by Ms. Saad. Motion seconded by Ms. Lampke. Mr. Sharp indicated a grammatical change. Vote 7-0 PASSED

13) Second Readings:

- a) Ordinance 18-21, to appropriate \$50,000 from the General Fund for the purpose of paying legal fees in 2021, introduced by Mr. Markham (introduced on April 27, 2021)

This item was placed on the Consent Agenda.

14) First Readings:

- a) Ordinance 19-21: An ordinance to amend 262.02 (c)(13), Tuition Reimbursement, in order to allow for tuition reimbursement for employees hired after January 1, 2012 (introduced by Mr. Markham on May 11, 2021)

Mayor Kessler discussed this ordinance.

- b) Ordinance 20-21: An ordinance to appropriate \$175,000 from the General Fund into the Grants Account for the purpose of paying for reimbursable costs associated with the Livingston Avenue Plan and Jeffrey Mansion HVAC upgrades (introduced by Mr. Markham on May 11, 2021)

Mr. Markham and Mayor Kessler explained this ordinance and Council discussed.

- c) Ordinance 21-21: An ordinance authorizing participation in the ODOT road salt contracts awarded in 2021 (introduced by Troy Markham on May 11, 2021)

- d) Ordinance 22-21: An ordinance to place proposed amendments to the City of Bexley Charter for voter approval on the November 2021 ballot (introduced by Ms. Lampke on May 11, 2021)

- i) Charter Review Commission Recommendations
- ii) April 27th Memo to Council
- iii) April 27th Powerpoint Presentation

Council and Mr. Fishel discussed these items and appropriate methods of discussion regarding this matter.

- e) Ordinance 23-21: An Ordinance accepting the donation of an Access Easement, Conservation Easement and 1.175 acres of real property adjacent to and east of Alum Creek to the City of Bexley (introduced by Mr. Klingler on May 11, 2021)

Mayor Kessler explained this ordinance and Council discussed.

- f) Resolution 05-21: A Resolution approving the 2021 Bicycle Friendly Bexley Plan (introduced by Richard Sharp on May 11, 2021)

This resolution was displayed on the screen and will be discussed at the next meeting. Mr. Kessler and Ms. Saad explained potential revisions to the document.

g) Resolution 06-21: A resolution to adopt the tax budget for calendar year 2022 attached hereto as "Exhibit A" (introduced by Mr. Markham on May 11, 2021)

This was discussed among Council members.

15) Tabled Ordinances:

a) Ordinance 12-21, to adopt and approve the City of Bexley Electric Aggregation Plan of Operation and Governance, and to declare an emergency, introduced by Mr. Sharp (introduced on March 9, 2021).

No action was taken on this ordinance.

b) Amended Ordinance 14-21, to re-appropriate \$180,000 from the Recreation Fund, and to appropriate \$350,000 from the Unencumbered General Fund and an additional \$150,000 from the Recreation Fund to pay for expenses related to the Jeffrey Mansion Expansion (introduced by Mr. Markham on March 30, 2021)

Motion to remove Ordinance 14-21 from the table made by Mr. Markham. Motion seconded by Mr. Klingler. Vote 7-0 REMOVED FROM TABLE

Council discussed this ordinance with Mr. Price.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 14-21 made by Mr. Markham. Motion seconded by Mr. Klingler. Vote 7-0 PASSED

16) Finance Committee Reading of Ordinances & Meetings - Troy Markham, Chair
Per Section 223.03 (d) of the City Ordinances, Mr. Fishel requested a motion to adjourn into executive session

223.03 (d) To prepare for, conduct or review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment;

Motion for adjournment into executive session by Mr. Markham, seconded by Ms. Lampke 7-0 ADJOURNED

Motion for adjournment from executive session by Mr. Klingler, seconded by Mr. Sharp 7-0 ADJOURNED

17) Safety and Health Committee Reading of Ordinances & Meetings- Jen Robinson, Chair

- a) Old Business
- b) New Business
- c) Safety Committee Report – The second part of the programming leading up to Juneteenth is on May 19th and AAPI Heritage event is Friday, May 21.

18) Zoning and Development Committee Reading of Ordinances & Meeting – Jessica Saad, Chair

Zoning and Development Committee Report – The CIC met yesterday and voted into a new property management agreement with Gilbert Square at Bexley Square. The Ferndale Properties have been demolished, leveled, and seeded, and a fence is expected to go up shortly. The City closed on the 420 North Cassady building and the CIC now owns it. Finally, the Bexley Education Foundation will hold its first post-pandemic, in person meeting on Thursday, May 20.

19) Recreation and Parks Committee Reading of Ordinances & Meeting – Matt Klingler, Chair

There is nothing to report.

20) Judiciary and Strategic Committee Reading of Ordinances & Meetings – Monique Lampke, Chair

Judiciary and Strategic Committee Report – The Bexley Community Foundation has provided \$78,000 in grants to the community. The Chamber of Commerce’s food truck festival will be at Havenwood Park on May 31st.

21) Service and Environmental Committee Reading of Ordinances & Meeting - Richard Sharp, Chair


Service and Environmental Committee Report – The ESAC and Tree and Public Gardens Committee will meet next week. The historical society working on ideas. Mayor Kessler talked about AEP aggregation and explained the Board of Control voted to recommend the aggregation with some modifications to Council and then ask Council to modify.

22) Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)

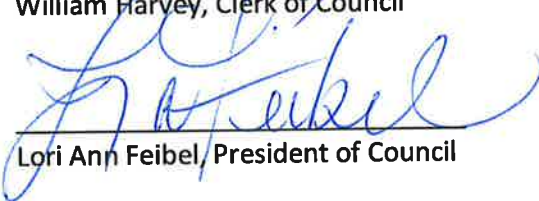
**23) Adjourn – Motion made by Mr. Klingler, seconded by Ms. Lampke. Vote 7 – 0
ADJOURNED**

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Minutes Approved: JUNE 8, 2021

Attest: 

William Harvey, Clerk of Council



Lori Ann Feibel, President of Council

