



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

6:00 PM

1) Call to Order

City Council President, Lori Ann Feibel, called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

2) Roll Call of Members

Council Members in Attendance: Matt Klingler, Monique Lampke, Richard Sharp, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Marcum, Jessica Saad, Jennifer Robinson

Council Members Absent: None

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Special Guests

- A) Peter Bardwell to Receive Proclamation for Service on the Bexley Architectural Review Board

Mayor Kessler presented this proclamation.

5) Ordinances/Resolutions with Visiting Presenters

- A) Ordinance 24-21 (Tabled), to award the Bexley Electricity Aggregation Program contract to AEP Energy, based upon the terms and conditions provided for in their RFP, as modified by the Board of Control, introduced by Mr. Sharp. (Introduced on May 25, 2021)
- B) Ordinance 12-21 (Tabled), 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).

Mr. Sharp moved to take Ordinance 24-21 and Ordinance 12-21 off the table for the purpose of discussion.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

All in Favor: Matt Klingler, Monique Lampke, Richard Sharp, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Jessica Saad, and Jennifer Robinson

Motion passed 7-0.

C) Special Presenter: Chris Bailey with AEP

Mr. Chris Bailey of American Electric Power presented the Renewable Aggregation Update. Mayor Kessler provided some additional comments on the topic and a discussion followed with multiple questions and comments from Council Members regarding this topic. Mr. Bailey answered many of the questions and offered to follow up on some items. Mr. Bailey will also provide the presentation to Council members.

Council President Feibel thanked Mr. Bailey for his time and encouraged Council members with additional questions to send them to her by September 8th. Ms. Feibel also encouraged the public to bring questions up at the end of the meeting during Public Comment time.

Mr. Sharp moved to table Ordinance 12-21 and Ordinance 24-21.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

All in Favor: Matt Klingler, Monique Lampke, Richard Sharp, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Jessica Saad, and Jennifer Robinson

Motion passed 7-0.

6) Presentations

7) Public Comments

8) President's Report

Council President Feibel congratulated the Recreation Department on the success of Splish, Splash, and Dash and thanked Council Members who assisted for this event. Ms. Feibel also invited everyone to attend the Free Jazz Concert at Havenwood Park. Ms. Feibel acknowledged the work of the Bexley Celebrations and Events committee and encouraged everyone to attend these events. Ms. Feibel also talked about the Labor Day Block Party, which she knows Mr. Price and Mr. Kessler will address in their reports. Ms. Feibel also wished all students a very happy school year.

Ms. Robinson asked if there was an announcement of winners for the Splish, Splash, and Dash event. Ms. Feibel believes this information is posted, but said Mr. Price can speak to this during his report.

9) City Attorney Report

Mr. Fishel reminded us that this Fall the City will be negotiating contracts for service employees, and dispatchers and animal control officers.

10) Administrative Update:

A) Service Department- Service Director, Andy Bashore

Mr. Bashore does not have anything to add to his report. Ms. Saad asked Mr. Bashore a question about the placement of LED lights around the City which Mr. Bashore answered. Mr. Bashore will also send a list to Ms. Saad.

B) Police Department Update- Chief Rinehart

Chief Rinehart is out of the office this week. Mr. Kessler did note that the ever active Police Alumni group carried out the Fill a Cruiser supply drive despite significant rain.

C) Recreation and Parks Update- Mike Price

Mr. Price has nothing to add to his report, but thanked Council Members who volunteered for Splish, Splash, and Dash. Mr. Price thanked Ms. Feibel in particular for her efforts in coordinating volunteers.

D) Finance Department Update- Bill Harvey

Mr. Harvey highlighted some items in the July 2021 Finance Report, and also stated that we've received over \$700,000, which is the first payment of the American Recovery Plan. Mr. Klingler asked a question regarding the Grants line, which Mr. Harvey answered.

E) Mayor's Update

Mayor Kessler provided some highlights of his report, including upcoming City events, progress on the Drexel Avenue Engineering Update, the Dog Park Project, the timeline for the update to the City of Bexley Strategic Plan, Livingston Avenue Plan Update, a COVID-19 update wherein he invited any interested Council member to attend a Bexley COVID Task Force Meeting. Ms. Feibel added some additional information on this topic. Mr. Kessler also provided an update on the CARES Act Fund Expenditures. Ms. Lampke asked about the status of City Hall and whether City Hall employees are in person or working remotely, which Mr. Kessler answered, stating that City Hall is open during normal hours and employees are working in person, with CDC-recommended mask wearing practices.

Mr. Markham recognized DARN and other organizations who worked hard to ensure that residents impacted by COVID-19 were supported through household impact grants funded from CARES Act funds, Ms. Feibel, Mr. Kessler, and Mr. Harvey added their acknowledgement and gratitude for this work.

Mr. Sharp asked Mayor Kessler a question about the Jewish Center Coordinator, which Mr. Kessler answered.

Mr. Sharp also commented on the Administrative Reports as a whole, and encouraged Council to consider in the future the potential of allowing public comments and questions at some point during these discussions.

11) Consent Agenda:

- A) Ordinance 29– 21 to amend 618.15 (Dogs on City Park and Recreational Property), to regulate the admittance of service animals in city parks (introduced by Mr. Markham on June 22, 2021)
- B) Ordinance 30 – 21 to create the position of “Chief Executive Assistant” (introduced by Mr. Markham on June 22, 2021)
- C) Ordinance 31 – 21 to create section 262.02 (c)(14)(A)(4), Vacation Accrual for New Employees, and to amend Section 262.02(c)(14)(D), Credit for Prior Service, to provide for credit for prior service to employees (introduced by Mr. Markham on June 22, 2021)
- D) Minutes from the August 10, 2021 City Council Meeting

Mr. Fishel read the items on the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Markham moved to pass the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

All in Favor: Matt Klingler, Monique Lampke, Richard Sharp, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Jessica Saad, and Jennifer Robinson

Motion passed 7-0.

12) Third Readings:

- A) Ordinance 28– 21 to amend section 262.02 (c)(3) to provide for Juneteenth as a holiday for employees (introduced by Ms. Robinson on June 22, 2021)

Ms. Robinson spoke about this Ordinance 28-21 and briefly discussed the importance of this ordinance.

Ms. Robinson moved to pass Ordinance 28-21.

Ms. Lampke seconded.

All in Favor: Matt Klingler, Monique Lampke, Richard Sharp, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Jessica Saad, and Jennifer Robinson

Motion passed 7-0.

13) Second Readings:

- A) Resolution 09-21 To authorize the Mayor to seek financial assistance from the Ohio Public Works Commission for funding of various capital infrastructure improvement projects associated with the proposed North Columbia Avenue and South Remington Road Comprehensive Improvements Project. (Introduced by Mr. Troy Markham on August 10, 2021)

Mr. Markham summarized this Ordinance.

Mr. Markham moved to suspend the Three Reading rule

Mr. Klingler seconded.

All in Favor: Matt Klingler, Monique Lampke, Richard Sharp, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Jessica Saad, and Jennifer Robinson

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Markham moved to adopt Resolution #09-21

Mr. Klingler seconded.

All in Favor: Matt Klingler, Monique Lampke, Richard Sharp, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Jessica Saad, and Jennifer Robinson

Motion passed 7-0.

- B) Resolution 10-21 granting area variances with conditions from the minimum lot requirements for the property located at 407 Northview Drive zoned R-3 residential, to allow two non-conforming contiguous lots in single ownership being used in combination and considered an undivided parcel under the Bexley City Code to be split to permit two independent lots and parcels that would not meet existing R-3 minimum lot requirements. (Introduced by Jessica Saad on August 10, 2021)

Ms. Saad presented this ordinance. Ms. Feibel reminded Council members that there is a public hearing on this matter on September 21. Ms. Robinson asked a question which Mr. Kessler answered.

- C) Ordinance 34-21 to appropriate \$2,700 from the Friends of Jeffrey Preschool Fund to pay preschool related expenses in 2021. (Introduced by Mr. Troy Markham on August 10, 2021)

Mr. Markham presented this ordinance. Mr. Sharp asked a question which Mr. Price answered. Mr. Markham requested this Ordinance to be moved to the Consent Agenda for the next meeting.

14) First Readings:

- A) Ordinance #35-21 to enter agreement with ODOT for Urban Paving project along US 40 including resurfacing and partial pavement repair along with other associated work in accordance with Preliminary Participatory Legislation RC 5521.01 (Introduced by Mr.

Markham on August 24, 2021)

Mr. Markham presented this ordinance. Mr. Sharp asked a question regarding the project this ordinance involved which Mr. Kessler answered.

- B) Ordinance #36-21 to establish the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund and to appropriate \$1,442,422.10 from the ARPA Fund. (Introduced by Mr. Markham on August 24, 2021)

Mr. Markham presented this ordinance.

- C) Resolution #11-21 confirming the Mayor's appointment of Rachel Laing to the Civil Service Commission (Introduced by Ms. Lampke on August 24, 2021)

Ms. Lampke presented this ordinance and asked Mr. Kessler to bring Council up to date. Mr. Kessler provided additional information about this appointment.

15) Tabled Ordinances:

- A) Ordinance 27-21 to appropriate \$281,500 from the Capital Fund and \$240,000 from the Refuse Fund for the purpose of funding mid-2021 Capital Projects (introduced by Mr. Markham on June 8, 2021) (Tabled on August 10, 2021)

Mr. Markham moved to remove Ordinance #27-21 from the table for discussion.

Ms. Lampke seconded.

All in Favor: Matt Klingler, Monique Lampke, Richard Sharp, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Jessica Saad, and Jennifer Robinson

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Markham asked Mr. Kessler to present updated information. Mr. Kessler discussed his research on the electric sweetsweeper. Mr. Kessler then invited Mr. Price to present more information on the Commonwealth Field project. Mr. Price provided additional information regarding this project. Ms. Feibel asked if doing both fields at the same time would impact programming and Mr. Price acknowledged it would be difficult and would prefer to not have both fields down at the same time. Mr. Sharp added a comment in agreement with doing one section at a time. Mr. Sharp asked for additional information about the retention pond plan, but stated he's agreeable to proceeding with a vote so long as Mayor Kessler can meet with Mr. Sharp to review that plan. Mr. Kessler will forward the plan to Mr. Sharp for future discussion.

Mr. Klingler asked a question about potential location of the speed reduction vehicle, which Mr. Kessler answered. Mr. Harvey also asked a question about the speed reduction vehicle, which Mr. Kessler answered.

Mr. Markham moved to approve the amended ordinance

Ms. Robinson seconded

All in Favor: Matt Klingler, Monique Lampke, Richard Sharp, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Jessica Saad, and Jennifer Robinson

Motion passed 7-0.

16) Service and Environmental Committee - Richard Sharp, Chair

Mr. Sharp acknowledged the increase in homicides in the Central Ohio area and recognized Mr. William Harris for his life and extended his condolences to the Harris family. Mr. Sharp encouraged Council members to work with leaders of both parties to evaluate and discuss this issue in efforts to work toward a solution. (Around 8:00 pm mark)

17) Finance Committee - Troy Markham, Chair

A) Motion to approve payment of invoices payable associated with the Broad Street Median Grant

Mr. Markham invited Mr. Kessler to speak regarding the request for this Motion. Mr. Kessler presented the invoices and some supporting information to the situations.

Mr. Markham moved to approve the payment of invoices presented

Mr. Sharp seconded.

All in Favor: Matt Klingler, Monique Lampke, Richard Sharp, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Jessica Saad, and Jennifer Robinson

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Markham also provided an update on last week's CIC meeting where the mural project was discussed. Mr. Markham also reported the Pilates studio is open and the CIC viewed a Bexley trash enclosure.

18) Safety and Health Committee - Jen Robinson, Chair

Ms. Robinson has nothing to report but encouraged everyone to stay safe and wear masks inside.

19) Zoning and Development Committee - Jessica Saad, Chair

Ms. Saad reported some upcoming meetings including:

BZAP which will meet at 6:00 pm on Thursday, August 26.

ARB will meet at 6:00 pm on September 9.

CIC will meet at 6:00 pm on September 22nd.

Ms. Saad also reported she had the pleasure of serving with the Bexley Education Foundation to serve coffee and meet families on the first day of school. She thanked the Bexley Education Foundation for providing this event to Bexley families.

Ms. Saad also reminded everyone that the Bexley Chamber of Commerce Taste of Bexley will be outdoors on Thursday, September 23 from 5-8pm at Clifton Meadows. Ms. Feibel also added the Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers for that event, and encouraged anyone interested to reach out to Elaine Pelz at the Chamber.

20) Recreation and Parks Committee - Matt Klingler, Chair

Mr. Klingler reported the work on Broad near Saint Charles is related to the installation of a new storm sewer. Mr. Klingler also mentioned the Trash to Treasure sale on September 11 from 10am-5pm and Sunday, September 12, 12-5pm. Donations for this sale can be made at the old Art with Anna location on Cassady Avenue on Tuesday, August 31st from 10am to 12pm or at Jeffrey Mansion the week before the sale, Tuesday to Thursday from 10am to 3pm. Mr. Klingler acknowledged the Bexley Brewfest which will take place on Labor Day Block Party and reported good feedback on DORA.

21) Judiciary and Strategic Committee - Monique Lampke, Chair

Ms. Lampke stated she starts the FBI Citizen Academy next week.

22) Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)

Constance Lewis 663 Euclaire spoke briefly regarding the welcoming of new Capital University students.

23) Adjourn

Mr. Klingler moved to adjourn the meeting.

Ms. Robinson seconded.

All in Favor: Matt Klingler, Monique Lampke, Richard Sharp, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Jessica Saad, and Jennifer Robinson

Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Feibel adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.