



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

6:00 PM

1) Call to Order

Ms. Feibel called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

2) Roll Call of Members

Council Members in Attendance: Matt Klingler, Monique Lampke, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Jessica Saad, Jen Robinson

Council Members Excused: Richard Sharp

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Presentations/Special Guests

A) Darris Blackford - Nationwide Children's Hospital Marathon

Mr. Blackford spoke about the NCH Marathon and expressed his appreciation for the community's support.

5) Public Comments

No public comments at this time.

6) President's Report

Ms. Feibel spoke briefly about the Bexley's Got Talent Main Event and the upcoming candidate night forums around Bexley.

7) City Attorney Report

Mr. Fishel spoke about a recent email to council regarding First Amendment Rights and presenting at City Council meetings. Mr. Fishel summarized his recommendation to Council

regarding a recent request and briefly discussed his reasoning.

Mr. Kessler asked a question about speaking during Public Comment which Mr. Fishel answered.

Ms. Lampke asked if the charter language had been mailed to Bexley electors. Mr. Fishel and Ms. Vawter confirmed that the mailing is in the process of finalization and will be out in short order. Mr. Kessler added that the language is also on the website.

8) Administrative Update:

A) Service Department- Service Director, Andy Bashore

Mr. Bashore had no additions to his report. Ms. Saad complimented recent work and asked a question about the placement of new trees, which Mr. Bashore answered. Mr. Kessler also complimented the appearance of the entrance and exit ramps around the City.

B) Police Department Update- Chief Rinehart

Mr. Rinehart is not present but Mr. Kessler offered to answer any questions from Council. No questions were presented.

C) Recreation and Parks Update- Mike Price

Mr. Price had no additions to his written report. No questions were asked at this time.

D) Finance Department Update- Bill Harvey

Mr. Harvey briefly summarized the content of his report. No questions were asked at this time.

E) Mayor's Update

Mr. Kessler highlighted some of the items in his report, including the Livingston Avenue Workshop on October 13 at Christ the King church, and our Trick or Treat night on October 28. Mr. Kessler also provided some information regarding a recently approved Bexley Community Foundation approved grant to furnish the former Art with Anna building on North Cassady for use as a temporary senior/community center. Mr. Kessler also discussed the Aggregation program survey and provided a brief summary of Project Taillight.

9) Consent Agenda:

A) September 14, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes

B) 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)

- 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)

Mr. Fishel read the items on the consent agenda. Ms. Feibel asked for questions. Hearing none, she asked for a motion.

Mr. Klingler moved to pass the items on the consent agenda.

Ms. Robinson seconded.

All in Favor: Monique Lampke, Matt Klingler, Jessica Saad, Jen Robinson, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0.

10) Ordinances/Resolutions with visiting presenters

- A) Ordinance #39-21 to amend the Bed and Breakfast at 519 South Drexel Avenue in the City of Bexley, Ohio. (Introduced by Jessica Saad on September 14, 2021)

- B) Capital University Representative to discuss

Ms. Saad summarized the ordinance and invited our guest speaker, Mr William Mea of Capital University to speak.

Mr. Mea spoke about the Bexley Bed & Breakfast and their plans for the business. Ms. Saad asked Mr. Mea if they have a hospitality management program, and Mr. Mea answered.

11) Third Readings:

- A) 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. Fishel read the summary of Ordinance #36-21 and Mr. Markham summarized the purpose of this ordinance. Ms. Lampke asked a question about the American Rescue Plan funding use, which Mr. Harvey and Mr. Kessler answered.

Mr Markham moved to adopt Ordinance #36-21.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

All in Favor: Monique Lampke, Matt Klingler, Jessica Saad, Jen Robinson, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0.

12) Second Readings:

- A) Ordinance #37-21 accepting the donation of a Recreation Easement consisting of two sites

(0.981 acres and 1.471 acres respectively), adjacent to and west of Sheridan Avenue to the City of Bexley. (Introduced by Matt Klingler on September 14, 2021)

Mr. Fishel read the summary of Ordinance #37-21 and Mr. Klingler asked if anyone had questions. Mr. Klingler asked that this be moved to the Consent Agenda for the next meeting.

- B) Resolution #12-21 Accept tax amounts and and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. (Introduced by Troy Markham on September 14, 2021)

Mr. Fishel read the summary of Resolution #12-21. Mr. Markham requested that this be moved to the Consent Agenda for the next meeting.

- C) Resolution #13-21 to adopt the 2021 recommendations of the Bexley Tax Incentive Review Council regarding tax-abated properties in the City of Bexley. (Introduced by Troy Markham on September 14, 2021)

Mr. Fishel read the summary of Resolution #13-21. Mr. Markham pointed out that the TIRC report has been added and urged Council Members to review before the next meeting.

- D) Ordinance #38-21 to amend Chapter 1230.42, Impervious Cover definition, and Chapter 1230.49, Lot Coverage, Overall definition, in order to specify the treatment of artificial turf as impervious cover for the purposes of lot coverage calculations. (Introduced by Jessica Saad on September 14, 2021)

Mr. Fishel read the summary of Ordinance #38-21 and Ms. Saad provided some additional detail on this information. Mr. Klingler asked about the language in this ordinance that addresses instances when artificial turf is not considered impervious cover, which Mr. Kessler answered. Mr. Fishel and Mr. Markham asked additional questions, which Mr. Kessler answered.

13) First Readings:

- A) Ordinance 40-21 to specify overtime pay provisions for City employees who worked community events on July 4, 2021 and September 5, 2021 (Introduced by Troy Markham 9/28/21)

Mr. Fishel read the summary of Ordinance #40-21. Mr. Markham asked Mr. Kessler to provide information on the Ordinance, which he did. Ms. Robinson asked about the cost of this ordinance, and Mr. Kessler will provide that. Ms. Lampke asked for the source of code referred to in the ordinance (262.02(c)(3)(b)) and Mr. Kessler and Mr. Fishel replied that this is Bexley code. Ms. Lampke asked a question regarding whether potential permanent staffing if these needs will continue, which Mr. Kessler answered.

- B) Ordinance 41-21 accepting the proposed donation of the Columbia Place private street in the Columbia Place subdivision by the City of Bexley for a public street. (Introduced by Jessica Saad September 28, 2021)

Mr. Fishel read the summary of Ordinance 41-21. Ms. Saad introduced this ordinance and its purpose, to donate private streets. Ms. Feibel stated that the passage of this ordinance would create additional responsibility for the City to maintain this street. Mr. Kessler also provided some additional background information. Mayor Kessler also stated he will provide a cost estimate for maintenance and pavement replacement, etc. Mr. Harvey, Mr. Klingler, and Mr. Markham asked questions which Mr. Kessler answered. Someone will come to speak with us about this at a future reading.

14) Tabled Ordinances:

- A) 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 moved to remove Resolution #10-21 from the table.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

All in Favor: Monique Lampke, Matt Klingler, Jessica Saad, Jen Robinson, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Saad summarized the content of Resolution #10-21. Ms. Saad also introduced the Council's proposed decision and also read the conditions to the proposed approval. Mr. Liu, the property owner, and his attorney, requested clarification on some of the conditions, which various Council members answered.

Ms. Saad moves to approve the amendments to Resolution #10-21 to add conditions to the approval of the variance.

Ms. Robinson seconded.

All in Favor: Monique Lampke, Matt Klingler, Jessica Saad, Jen Robinson, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Saad moves to approve the amended Resolution #10-21.

Ms. Lampke seconded.

All in Favor: Monique Lampke, Matt Klingler, Jessica Saad, Jen Robinson, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0.

- B) 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)

- C) 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).

No action on other tabled ordinances at this time.

15) **Service and Environmental Committee - Richard Sharp, Chair**

No report at this time.

16) **Finance Committee - Troy Markham, Chair**

Mr. Markham had no updates to report.

17) **Safety and Health Committee - Jen Robinson, Chair**

Ms. Robinson reminded everyone to keep their eyes open for the Youth Interaction Group survey and urged community members to participate in this important opportunity for input.

18) **Zoning and Development Committee - Jessica Saad, Chair**

Ms. Saad reported that the next CIC meeting will be on Tuesday, November 2nd, Ms. Saad also reported some updated on the CIC.

Ms. Saad also expressed her excitement about the upcoming development at 420 North Cassady Ms. Saad also provided updates on some upcoming initiatives for the Bexley Education Foundation, including the alumni newsletter, and plans in store for the BRAVO program.

19) **Recreation and Parks Committee - Matt Klingler, Chair**

Mr. Klingler has nothing to report.

20) **Judiciary and Strategic Committee - Monique Lampke, Chair**

Ms. Lampke complimented the Taste of Bexley event, which was a wonderful success. She thanked the volunteers and businesses for participating.

She also reminded everyone October 8th there is a Hispanic Heritage Event at Bexley Public Library and acknowledged the work and vision of those involved in work on the community space on North Cassady.

21) **Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)**

No public comment at this time.

22) **Adjourn**

Mr. Klingler moved.

Ms. Robinson seconded.

All in Favor: Monique Lampke, Matt Klingler, Jessica Saad, Jen Robinson, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham

Opposed: None

Moion passed 6-0.

Council President Feibel adjourned the meeting at 7:33 pm.

MINUTES APPROVAL DATE: 10-12-21

ATTEST:


William Harvey, Clerk of Council


Lori Ann Feibel, President of Council