



## **City Council Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, December 14, 2021**

**6:00 PM**

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**1) Call to Order**

Council President Lori Ann Feibel called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Ms. Feibel then acknowledged the tragic tornados in Kentucky and encouraged anyone to reach out with ideas on ways to help people impacted by this tragedy.

**2) Roll Call of Members**

Council Members Present: Lori Ann Feibel, Richard Sharp, Monique Lampke, Matt Klingler, Jessica Saad, Jen Robinson, and Troy Markham

Council Members Absent: None

**3) Pledge of Allegiance**

**4) Presentations/Special Guests**

There were no special guests.

**5) Public Comments**

Ms. Feibel asked if there were any speakers at this time.

Spencer Cahoon of 679 Vernon Road spoke on behalf of DEI, where he serves as an executive committee member, regarding the budget item relating to the housing assistance program to support police officers choosing to reside within Bexley. Spencer expressed thoughts on this program and on the broader scope fo police community engagement and police reform.

Mr. Kessler invited Mr. Cahoon to stay for a bit longer as he would be providing some related information later in the meeting.

**6) President's Report**

Ms. Feibel shared her final report as Council President and expressed that it has been an honor

and pleasure to serve. Ms. Feibel also expressed her gratitude for the different Council members and for the work of City staff, specifically addressing outgoing Council Member Richard Sharp and outgoing Auditor Bill Harvey.

Ms. Feibel then reminded everyone about upcoming events before concluding her report.

**7) City Attorney Report**

Mr. Fishel has no report at this time.

**8) Administrative Update:**

**A) Service Department- Service Director, Andy Bashore**

Mr. Bashore has nothing to add to his report, but he did provide an update on leaf pick up and requested patience. They are working hard and have added overtime and extra shifts to try to complete this process. Mr. Feibel expressed her gratitude for recent work on pipes. Ms. Saad also reminded residents that leaves can be bagged in the event that there are concerns about them blowing. She also reminded everyone to keep them on the tree lawn and out of the median.

**B) Police Department Update- Chief Rinehart**

Chief Rinehart had nothing to add to his report. Ms. Saad shared some of Chief Rinehart's words and thanked him for his service. Mr. Klingler, Ms. Lampke, and Ms. Robinson all expressed their appreciation and good wishes for the Chief. Ms. Feibel also expressed her appreciation. Mr. Kessler also expressed his appreciation and good wishes.

**C) Recreation and Parks Update- Mike Price**

Mr. Price had nothing to add to his report, but did express his appreciation for Chief Rinehart, Mr. Sharp, and Mr. Harvey and to Ms. Feibel for her leadership.

**D) Finance Department Update- Bill Harvey**

Mr. Harvey provided a brief overview of the November 2021 Financial report. Mr. Sharp asked a question about a decrease in interest, which Mr. Hale answered. Mr. Sharp asked an additional question about the road fund, which Mr. Kessler and Mr. Hale answered. Mr. Harvey expressed his gratitude for everyone and expressed that he's enjoyed his time of service.

**E) Mayor's Update**

Mr. Kessler reminded everyone that in relation to earlier comments regarding tornado victims, the American Red Cross mentioned the need for blood and encouraged everyone to look into the upcoming blood drive at Bexley Public Library.

Mr. Kessler then discussed the process for the upcoming police chief search. Ms. Lampke asked the Mayor to elaborate on the process to select the search consultant which Mr. Kessler did. Ms. Robinson thanked Mr. Kessler for the documentation, and asked Mr. Kessler a clarifying question, which Mr. Kessler answered. Ms. Saad and Ms. Feibel provided some thoughts.

Mr. Kessler then spoke in response to Mr. Cahoon's comments, providing some detail on some of the individuals he did consult in the creation of the budget line for police officer community housing allowance, and also clarified that the budget line does not include any details on the plan, and clarified that the first step is to secure funding and then to work on the many details

that would need to be included.

Mr. Kessler also brought Council's attention to a change in the City's social media strategy.

Mr. Markham asked about cell tower deployment, which Mr. Kessler answered. Mr. Sharp also commented on this topic. Mr. Klingler asked a question about the Bexley Blast, which Mr. Kessler answered.

9) **Consent Agenda:**

- A) December 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes
- B) Ordinance 52-2021 to Ban the Discharge, Ignition, or Explosion of Fireworks with the City of Bexley introduced by Jen Robinson on November 16, 2021.
- C) Resolution 16-21 Confirming the Mayor's appointment of members to the Bexley Community Improvement Corporation, introduced by Jessica Saad on November 16, 2021

Mr. Fishel read the items on the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Robinson moved to approve the items on the consent agenda.

Ms. Lampke seconded.

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

Opposed: None

**Motion passed 7-0.**

10) **Ordinances/Resolutions with visiting presenters**

None.

11) **Third Readings:**

- A) Ordinance 51-21 to Approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between AFSCME, Ohio Council 8, Local 3318 and the City of Bexley introduced by Troy Markham on November 16, 2021

Mr. Fishel read Ordinance #51-21. There were no questions.

Mr. Markham moved to adopt Ordinance #51-21.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Opposed: None

**Motion passed 7-0.**

- B) Ordinance 53-21 to authorize supplemental appropriations for calendar year 2021 introduced by Troy Markham on November 16, 2021.

Mr. Fishel read Ordinance #53-21. Mr. Markham asked to ensure there are no additional updates on this ordinance, and Mr. Harvey confirmed.

Mr. Markham moved to amend Ordinance #53-21.

Mr. Sharp seconded.

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

Opposed: None

**Motion passed 7-0.**

Mr. Markham moved to pass Amended Ordinance #53-21.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Opposed: None

**Motion passed 7-0.**

- C) Ordinance 54-21 to immediately rescind the City's "State of Emergency" first declared on March 15th, 2020 and as last amended on September 10th, 2021, and all Executive Orders issued relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, except for previously approved Temporary Signage at Commercially Zoned Properties, Temporary Expansions of Restaurant Patios, and Temporary Facilities for COVID-19 Testing and Vaccination, which will be extended until June 30th 2023. Introduced by Richard Sharp on November 16, 2021.

Mr. Fishel read Ordinance 54-21 and Mr. Sharp spoke on his intent and rationale behind this ordinance.

Council Members discussed their position on this ordinance and on the existing state of emergency. Mayor Kessler also provided his perspective on this situation. Mr. Sharp further discussed the ordinance and referenced historical situations. Mr. Fishel expressed disagreement with some of the comments made during this time.

Mr. Sharp moved to pass Ordinance #54-21.

Ms. Feibel asked for a second on Mr. Sharp's. Hearing none, Ms. Feibel then directed Council to proceed to the next item.

- D) Ordinance 55-21 to renew the "City of Bexley Housing Voucher Acceptance Program Grant" previously established by Third Amended Ordinance 43-20, for the purpose of encouraging Bexley rental property owners to accept and participate in various state/local government and "not for profit organization" housing voucher programs, introduced by Richard Sharp on November 16, 2021.

Mr. Fishel read Ordinance #55-21 and Mr. Sharp provided background and rationale behind this ordinance.

Ms. Feibel provided her thoughts on this ordinance and Ms. Lampke asked a question which Mr. Sharp answered.

Mr. Sharp moved to pass Ordinance #55-21

Mr. Markham seconded.

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

Opposed: None

**Motion passed 7-0.**

E) Ordinance 57-21 to establish rates for the Police Chief and Police Captain of the City of Bexley, effective as of January 1, 2022 and to approve the revised pay step schedule attached hereto as Exhibit A, introduced by Troy Markham on November 16, 2021.

Mr. Fishel read Ordinance 57-21 and Mr. Markham reviewed the amended ordinance which now includes Part Time pay. Council members briefly discussed the proposed amendment.

Mr. Markham moved to amend Ordinance #57-21.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Opposed: None

**Motion passed 7-0.**

Mr. Markham moved to adopt Amended Ordinance #57-21.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Opposed: None

**Motion passed 7-0.**

F) Ordinance 56-21 to authorize appropriations of \$55,000 from the General Fund into the Grants Account, for the purpose of funding the Kindness Park and Senior/Community Center projects, introduced by Troy Markham on November 16, 2021.

Mr. Fishel read Ordinance #56-21 and Mr. Markham briefly reminded Council of the circumstances surrounding this ordinance and asked if there was any additional information. Mr. Kessler confirmed there is not.

Mr. Markham moved to amend Ordinance #56-21.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Opposed: None

**Motion passed 7-0.**

**12) Second Readings:**

A) Ordinance 58-21 to revise Section 432.38 of the Bexley City Code to restore regulations relating to weaving and full time and attention while operating a motor vehicle or motorcycle that were inadvertently overwritten by Ordinance 27-16, introduced by Jen Robinson on December 7, 2021.

Mr. Fishel read Ordinance 58-21 and Ms. Robinson briefly provided some background and rationale behind this ordinance. Mr. Sharp asked if we could add language to make this emergency legislation so it could be passed this evening. Council members discussed this and felt that Suspending the three reading rule would accomplish the same purpose.

Ms. Robinson moved to suspend the three reading requirement for Ordinance #58-21

Mr. Markham seconded.

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

Opposed: None

**Motion passed 7-0.**

Ms. Robinson moved to adopt Ordinance #58-21

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Opposed: None

**Motion passed 7-0.**

**13) First Readings:**

**14) Tabled Ordinances:**

- A) 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)
- 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).

Ms. Feibel stated these ordinances do not require any action at this time.

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

Mr. Sharp reported that the ESAC is having a general discussion for ideas via email in lieu of a meeting.

Mr. Sharp provided some closing thoughts about his tenure as Council Member and thanked his fellow and former members of Council as well as many City employees. Mr. Sharp also provided his well wishes to new employees and to newly elected officials.



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

Mr. Markham shared his thoughts in acknowledgement and appreciation of Mr. Sharp's and Mr. Harvey's service.

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

Ms. Robinson expressed her gratitude for Mr. Sharp's and Mr. Harvey's service.

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

Ms. Saad reported that there is an Appeal Hearing on December 15 at 6pm regarding the appeal of the decision regarding 2300 East Livingston. Mr. Fishel clarified that it is unlikely that City Council will make a decision tomorrow evening, but that the decision will be made in a public meeting.

Ms. Saad then shared her thoughts and appreciations on both Mr. Harvey and Mr. Sharp.

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

Mr. Klingler expressed his thoughts and appreciation for Mr. Harvey and Mr. Sharp. Mr. Klingler also thanked Ms. Feibel for her leadership.

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

Mr. Lampke expressed her appreciation for Mr. Sharp's and Mr. Harvey's service. Ms. Lampke also expressed her appreciation for Ms. Feibel's leadership.

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

No public comments at this time.

**22) Adjourn**

Ms. Feibel provided her thoughts on both Mr. Harvey and Mr. Sharp and also briefly shared her thoughts on the culture that has been built with this Council.

Mr. Kessler shared his final thoughts on Ms. Feibel's leadership and also on Mr. Harvey and Mr. Sharp.

Hearing no other comments, Ms. Feibel asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Klingler moved to adjourn.

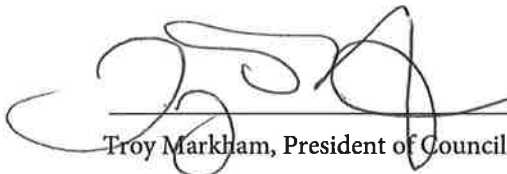
Mr. Sharp seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 7-0.

MINUTES APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Troy Markham, President of Council

  
Matt McPeek, Clerk of Council