



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

6:00 PM

1) Call to Order

President Markham called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

2) Roll Call of Members

Council Members Present: Sam Marcellino, Jen Robinson, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Matt Klingler, Jessica Saad

3) Pledge of Allegiance

None.

4) Presentations/Special Guests

A) Proclamation for Bexley High School Cross Country Team

Mayor Kessler presented a proclamation to the Bexley High School Cross Country teams and the coaches spoke briefly in recognition of the athletes, families, and community.

B) Proclamation for Barb Greiner

Mayor Kessler presented a proclamation to Ms. Greiner for her service to the City and proclaimed March 22, 2022 as Barb Greiner Day in Bexley. Ms. Greiner spoke about the importance of our parks and our programs to people's emotional wellbeing and encouraged Council to continue to support the Recreation and Parks Department.

5) Public Comments (Speaker Slip Required)

No public comments.

6) President's Report

Mr. Markham met with School Board President Victoria Powers and reported on the recent loss of their Deputy Superintendent. Mr. Markham also met with Ben Heckman, Library Director, and reported an upcoming program providing information on tree planting, which includes circulating shovels, and also spoke about the upcoming Memory Lab service.

7) City Attorney Report

Mr. Fishel reported on House Bill 563, prohibiting local municipalities from restricting short term rentals. He's keeping an eye on this and may recommend a City Council resolution or letter opposing this bill.

8) Auditor's Report

Mr. McPeck has no report this month.

9) Administrative Update:

A) Service Department Update - Andy Bashore

Mr. Bashore had nothing to add to her written report. Mr. Bashore did briefly discuss the Drexel Avenue construction and asked for patience. Mr. Kessler asked if they would be out of the CSG area prior to the school's return from Spring Break and Mr. Bashore confirmed this is the plan. Mr. Klingler asked if they are working on the sewer and water at the same time, and Mr. Bashore answered this. Ms. Saad asked about progress on the dog park and Mr. Bashore and Mr. Kessler provided an update on this, and offered to show a rough estimate of the area and plan to Council if interested.

B) Police Department Update - Interim Chief Gough

Chief Gough has nothing to add to his report tonight, but said he will likely bring a statement regarding the new Concealed Carry Law and Mr. Kessler mentioned this may be a point of discussion at an upcoming COMMA meeting.

C) Recreation and Parks Update - Mike Price

Mr. Price provided a brief overview of his Recreation Report, including a mention of hiring challenges and the need to hire at higher than anticipated pay rates. Mr. Price is also evaluating the pay for preschool teachers. Ms. Feibel asked if there has been any discussion about potentially charging more for preschool, and Mr. Price confirmed there was a recent increase in cost, but it isn't quite enough to offset these expenses. Mr. Marcellino asked if they are having issues filling positions and Mr. Price answered this, stating that yes, there have been challenges when using previous pay ranges. Ms. Lampke asked about flexibility in ratios, which Mr. Price answered. She also asked about Mr. Price's timeline and about retention, both of which Mr. Price answered. Mr. Price also reported on some recently received grant funds. Ms. Saad asked if it was on the Blast, and Mr. Kessler confirmed we should give this another push.

D) Finance Department Update - Beecher Hale

Mr. Hale provided a brief overview of the February 2022 financial report.

E) Mayor's Update

Mayor Kessler provided an overview of upcoming events and spoke about some of the work he's been focused on in the past two weeks and discussed upcoming activities for Earth Month and Arbor Day Month. Ms. Saad asked about Gahanna's Feet on the Street program and how many residents were included, which Mr. Kessler answered. Mr. Klingler asked about the payroll position and Mr. Kessler confirmed there is an ordinance tonight regarding this. Mr. Klingler also asked about the Columbia Gas station request, which Mr. Kessler answered.

10) Consent Agenda: (No Speaker Slip Required)

A) Meeting Minutes - 03/08/22 City Council Meeting

Mr. Fishel read the item on the consent on the consent agenda.

Mr. Klingler moved to approve the items on the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Feibel seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 7-0.

11) Third Readings: (No Speaker Slip Required)

A) Ordinance 5-22 to protect the rights of individuals to wear Face Coverings in Places of Public Accommodation introduced by Sam Marcellino on February 22, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read this ordinance and Mr. Marcellino provided an update on this ordinance which was presented on the Bexley This Week news and was also presented to the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Marcellino reported not receiving much input from businesses which Mr. Kessler confirmed.

Mr. Richard Sharp of 845 College Avenue spoke in opposition to this ordinance.

Mr. Marcellino moved to pass Ordinance #5-22

Ms. Robinson seconded.

All in Favor: Sam Marcellino, Jen Robinson, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke

Opposed: Jessica Saad, Matt Klingler

Motion passed 5-2

B) Ordinance 4-22 to certify special assessments for the repair of sidewalks where the work was not done by the owner after being ordered by the City in accordance with Bexley Code Section 1490.15(b)(4)A or Bexley Code Section 1492.04(b)(1) and it was necessary to do the work and assess the owner; to assess the owner of properties with unpaid alarm fees in accordance with Bexley Code Section 643.03; to certify a special assessment in accordance with Bexley Code Section 1490.18 (Environmental Contamination); and to certify special assessments for code violation abatements where work was not done by the owner after being ordered by the City in accordance with Bexley Code Section 1490 and it was necessary to do the work and assess the owner introduced by Monique Lampke on February 22, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke and Mr. Kessler provided some additional information on this ordinance.

Ms. Lampke moved to amend Ordinance 4-22 as proposed.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Lample moved to adopt amended Ordinance 4-22.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 7-0.

12) Second Readings: (Speaker Slip Required)

A) Ordinance 7-21 to amend 618.22 (Disposal of Animal Fecal Matter Required), to eliminate the requirement to carry equipment. Introduced by Troy Markham.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Markham provided information about the small changes that were made. and asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Markham moved to amend Ordinance 7-22 as shown.

Ms. Lampke seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 7-0.

This ordinance will be moved to the Consent Agenda at the next meeting.

B) Resolution 1-22, confirming the Mayor's appointments of members to the Architectural Review Board; the Citizens Review Board; the Recreation Board; and the Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning, introduced by Jen Robinson on March 8, 2022

Mr. Fishel read this ordinance and Ms. Robinson reminded Council these appointees would be at the next meeting.

13) First Readings: (Speaker Slip Required)

A) Ordinance 8-22 to Approve the Collective Bargaining Agreements between the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc. and the City of Bexley introduced by Monique Lampke on March 22, 2022

Mr. Fishel read this ordinance and Ms. Lampke asked Mr. Fishel to summarize the negotiations that led to these proposed agreements, which he did. Hearing no questions or comments, Mr. Markham moved on.

B) Ordinance 9-22 to establish the part time position of Finance and Personnel Coordinator and to establish the pay range at \$24.84 per hour to \$35.87 per hour introduced by Monique Lampke on March 22, 2022

Mr. Fishel read this ordinance and Ms. Lampke asked Mr. Kessler to provide some detail on the ordinance and the job description which he did. Ms. Lampke asked if this would create some uniformity across departments on the financial realm, which Mr. Kessler answered. Ms. Lampke asked if the pay structure would be sufficient for this role, which Mr. Kessler and Mr. McPeek answered. Mr. Hale also agreed with these items.

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)

No action on Tabled Ordinances at this time.

15) Safety and Health Committee - Sam Marcellino, Chair

Mr. Marcellino had no report tonight.

16) Zoning and Development Committee - Matt Klingler, Chair

Mr. Klingler mentioned the upcoming BZAP meeting and also mentioned that if anyone has seen the large mound of dirt near St. Charles this is due to the beginning of their build of their new convocation center.

17) Recreation and Parks Committee - Jessica Saad, Chair

Ms. Saad welcomed new Recreation and Parks employee Marshall Drury, and also invited everyone to attend this Saturday's Bravo event, which includes an online auction as well. Ms. Saad also mentioned the BMPA online auction from March 19-26. Ms. Saad also mentioned the upcoming Bexley March Madness Mulch sale.

18) Strategic Committee - Jen Robinson, Chair

Ms. Robinson has no report, but is hoping to have an update soon on the communications plan discussed at the City Council retreat.

19) Service and Environmental Committee - Lori Ann Feibel, Chair

Ms. Feibel reported that the Tree and Garden Commission is meeting tomorrow at 4pm.

20) Finance Committee - Monique Lampke, Chair

Ms. Lampke brought everyone's attention to the Bexley Community Foundation Lead the Way Cares invitation for May 20. Ms. Lampke also reported a Chamber of Commerce Women in Business event on March 30.

21) Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)

No comment at this time.

22) Executive Session pursuant to 223.03 (a) To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee or official

Mr. Markham moved to enter Executive Session according to 223.03(a)

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 7-0.

City Council entered executive session at 7:22 pm.

Mr. Markham moved to exit Executive Session.

Mr. Klingler seconded

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 7-0.

Council exited executive session at 7:40 pm.

23) Adjourn

Ms. Feibel moved to Adjourn.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 7-0.

Council President Markham adjourned the meeting at 7:41 pm.