



## City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

6:00 PM

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**1) Call to Order**

President Troy Markham called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. Mr. Markham welcomed everyone and thanked them for their service.

**2) Roll Call of Members**

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

**3) Pledge of Allegiance**

**4) Presentations/Special Guests**

A) Special Guest Presentation: Cole Klingler and Taylor Klingler

Mr. Markham had Council members show their bracelets being worn in support of Ukraine. He then invited Cole and Taylor Klingler who spoke to Council about the bracelets they made to honor Ukraine, with sales proceeds benefiting UNICEF and the people of Ukraine.

B) Introduction of Tim Bezbatchesko, Candidate for Appointment to Recreation Board

Mr. Kessler introduced Mr. Bezbatchesko who spoke briefly about his background. Council members had no questions but thanked him for his willingness to serve the community.

C) Introduction of Aly DeAngelo, candidate for appointment to Recreation Board

Mayor Kessler introduced Ms. DeAngelo who briefly summarized her background. Council members had no questions but thanked her for his willingness to serve the community.

D) Introduction of Michael Steele, candidate for appointment as Alternate to Architectural Review Board

Mayor Kessler introduced Mr. Steele and his background and Mr. Steele spoke briefly about his background. Council members had no questions but thanked him for his willingness to serve the community.

**5) Public Comments (Speaker Slip Required)**

No public comment at this time.

**6) President's Report**

Mr. Markham thanked Mr. Kessler for the tour of the upcoming dog park and spoke briefly about the park area and future plans. Mr. Markham also thanked Mr. Kessler for the State of the Community address and expressed excitement about some of the great things coming up in the City. Mr. Markham also spoke about the upcoming Smoke X Fire Festival and about the return of the Landmark Tree program in Bexley, and also briefly highlighted the library program visit with the author of The Arbornaut.

**7) City Attorney Report**

Mr. Fishel has no report but expressed interest in being part of the Smoke X Fire festival.

**8) Auditor's Report**

A) City Auditor Report for April 12, 2022 Council Meeting

Mr. McPeek presented his Auditor's report and expressed his logic behind this report. Mr. McPeek also shared an update regarding a Liquor License application by Macelleria.

**9) Administrative Update:**

A) Service Department Update - Andy Bashore

Mr. Bashore has no additions to his written report. Mayor Kessler shared compliments on the path and work on Schneider Park from the tour this afternoon. Mayor Kessler also mentioned the street project bids and food waste recycling projects that will be addressed at the Board of Control Meeting.

B) Police Department Update - Interim Chief Gough

Interim Chief Gough is on vacation. Ms. Feibel asked what a true bill of the crime is. Mr. Fishel and Mr. Marcellino confirmed this means they've received an enditement from the Grand Jury.

C) Recreation and Parks Update - Mike Price

Mr. Price provide a summary of the highlights of his report including a highlight of the Bexley Bloomers association, an organization that focuses on landscape improvements primarily around Jeffrey Mansion.

Ms. Saad asked about the welcome breakfast with Bexley Bloomers, which Mr. Price confirmed is on April 28.

D) Finance Department Update - Beecher Hale

Mr. Hale does not have a report, but he will have March numbers at the next meeting.

E) Mayor's Update

Mr. Kessler provided a summary of the items on his report, including upcoming events in Bexley. Mayor Kessler also provided an update on the Police Chief search process, including upcoming steps and a discussion of the interview committee. He then provided an update on the Bike Friendly Bexley plan and highlighted the Bexley Women's Club award which was presented to Rebecca Ness, along with the announcement of the installation of bicycle repair stations. Mr. Kessler also answered a question about the proposed location of the bike repair station at Cassingham.

**10) Consent Agenda: (No Speaker Slip Required)**

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B) 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 items on the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Markham asked if there were any questions or comments from Council or the audience.

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

Mr. Feibel seconded.

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

**Motion passed 7-0**

**11) Third Readings: (No Speaker Slip Required)**

A) 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

Ms. Robinson commented on Bexley's good fortune for the great candidates the changes to this or

Ms. Robinson moved to approve the proposed amendments to Resolution 1-22

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

**Motion passed 7-0.**

Ms. Robinson moved to approve Amended Resolution 1-22

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

**Motion passed 7-0.**

**12) Second 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 the ordinance and Ms. Lampke invited Mr. Fishel to provide a reminder of this ordinance. Mr. Fishel provided this as requested.

Ms. Lampke and Council agreed to moving this Consent Agenda for the next meeting. Hearing no questions on this matter, Mr. Markham asked to proceed.

- 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 the ordinance and Ms. Lampke asked Mayor Kessler to briefly explain this position. Mayor Kessler invited Mr. McPeek to elaborate on this position, which he did. Mr. Marcellino asked about the potential of a full-time Human Resources position and Mr. McPeek confirmed they are still looking into this, but feel it should be separate as a full time HR professional is more complex and not budget neutral. Ms. Lample mentioned this will create uniformity as well.

**13) First Readings: (Speaker Slip Required)**

- A) Resolution 2-22 to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) annual road salt bid in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 5513.01(B) and hereby agrees to all of the following terms and conditions in its participation of the ODOT road salt contract introduced by Monique Lampke on April 12, 2022

Mr. Fishel read this ordinance and Ms.Lampke invited Mr. Kessler to explain this ordinance, which he did.

Ms. Lampke moved to suspend the three reading requirement for Resolution 2-22

Mr. Markham seconded.

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

**Motion passed 7-0.**

Ms. Lampke moved to adopt Resolution 2-22

Mr. Markham seconded.

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

**Motion passed 7-0.**

- B) Ordinance 10-22 to establish the rate for the Police Administrative assistant at \$32.72 per Hour effective March 21, 2022 introduced by Monique Lampke on April 12, 2022

Mr. Fishel read this ordinance and Ms. Lampke invited Mr. Kessler to provide some background and rationale behind the ordinance.

- C) Ordinance 11-22 to provide for designated off-leash areas within Schneider Park introduced by Sam Marcellino on April 12, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Marcellino provided some background on the reasoning for this ordinance, which relates to the creation of the dog park, and highlighted some of the language. Mr. Kessler provided some additional information.

- D) Ordinance 12-22 to appropriate \$111,000 to the Pool Management Account (14-550-

51190) to cover the additional costs associated with an increase in pay rates for staff, an increase in chemical costs, and to take on the costs associated with running the pool concession stand, and to add a Swimming Pool Fund Concession Stand Revenue in the amount of \$75,000 introduced by Monique Lampke on April 12, 2022

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke invited Mr. Price to provide some background on the need for this ordinance. Mr. Price provided some detail to some of the anticipated cost increases and Ms. Lampke also clarified that Mr. Price is requesting a Suspension of the three-reading requirement due to time constraints.

Ms. Saad mentioned the positive feedback about Poolside Grill and her disappointment that they won't be back. Ms. Saad urged Mr. Price and his team to research a vendor with similar healthy options.

Ms. Robinson asked if Mr. Price could speak to whether \$12.00 an hour would be the correct number, and Mr. Price said that the research from Swimsafe confirmed this as well. Mr. Price also confirmed that raising the salary has significantly increased the number of applications received.

Ms. Lample moved to suspend the three reading requirement for Ordinance 12-22

Mr. Markham seconded.

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

**Motion passed 7-0.**

Ms. Lampke moved to adopt Ordinance 12-22

Mr. Markham seconded.

Ms. Feibel complimented the Recreation Department on their resilience and flexibility.

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

**Motion passed 7-0.**

E) Ordinance 13-22 to amend 1226.18 Appeals to the Board of Zoning and Planning, in order to specify the applicant as the appellant in certain instances introduced by Matt Klingler on April 12, 2022

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Klingler invited Mayor Kessler to provide some background on the rationale for this ordinance. Ms. Lampke asked about what rights of appeals would be taken away by this ordinance. Mr. Fishel clarified that a neighbor with standing could no longer appeal aesthetic decisions made by the ARB. Ms. Robinson asked how often we've encountered an appeal that would be prevented by this, and Mr. Kessler would need to do a review to be sure which ones.

F) Ordinance 14-22 to Amend Section 1266.14 Solar Panels, in order to provide for consistent regulation and a streamlined approval process for solar panel projects introduced by Matt Klingler on April 12, 2022

Mr. Fishel read this ordinance and Mr. Klingler briefly summarized the rationale behind this ordinance, and Mr. Kessler elaborated on this some. Ms. Feibel asked about what would be included in accessory structures, which Mr. Kessler confirmed are garages, sheds, etc. Ms. Feibel asked when someone other than staff would need to be involved, which Mr. Kessler answered.

Ms. Lampke noted that from what she's reading, it looks like this would expedite the process of the solar panel appeal, which Mr. Kessler confirmed.

- G) Ordinance 15-22 to amend Sections 474.07 Safe Riding Regulations for Bicycles; Section 474.08 Parking; Locks; Section 474.12 Operation of Minibikes, Scooters, Etc. on Sidewalks, Park and School Grounds; and Section 474.13 Bicycle License Required.

Mr. Fishel read this ordinance and Mr. Marcellino provided some background and rationale behind it. A brief discussion followed.

- H) Resolution 3-22 confirming the Mayor's appointment of Kathleen Gravelle to the Board of Health

Mr. Fishel read the resolution and Ms. Robinson explained that this ordinance resulted from Kathleen's introduction to Council needing to wait under the April 26, 2022 meeting.

**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 this evening.

**15) Finance Committee - Monique Lampke, Chair**

Ms. Lampke reported that the BCF awarded a grant for Bexley Partnership Celebrations, including multiple festivals through the year.

**16) Safety and Health Committee - Sam Marcellino, Chair**

Mr. Marcellino spoke about the attempted attack on Columbus Torah Academy and expressed thanks to those who helped protect kids and families during that attack and Mr. Kessler reported that he has reached out to Columbus Torah Academy regarding a potential resource officer.

**17) Zoning and Development Committee - Matt Klingler, Chair**

Mr. Klingler has no report.

**18) Recreation and Parks Committee - Jessica Saad, Chair**

Ms. Saad confirmed that roughly six figures were raised by the BRAVO event and acknowledged how this community shows up when in need. Ms. Saad also congratulated the baseball team on a recent win.

**19) Strategic Committee - Jen Robinson, Chair**

Ms. Robinson reported attending her first Historical Society meeting.

**20) Service and Environmental Committee - Lori Ann Feibel, Chair**

Ms. Feibel shared an update from Ms. Ellman on Green Bexley initiatives and Ms. Ellman is looking for volunteers. Ms. Feibel will be sending an email with information. Ms. Feibel also encouraged Council to look into potential ways to join the Green team and encouraged Council

to plan on doing a lot of walking April 22-30.

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

No public comments at this time.

**22) Adjourn**

Ms. Robinson moved to adjourn.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

**Motion passed 7-0.**

Mr. Markham adjourned the meeting at 7:26 pm.