



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

6:00 PM

1) Call to Order

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

2) Roll Call of Members

City 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) Kathleen Gravelle, Board of Health nominee

Ms. Gravelle introduced herself to Council and spoke briefly about her background. She then responded to questions and comments from multiple Council Members.

5) Public Comments (Speaker Slip Required)

No public comment at this time.

6) President's Report

Mr. Markham spoke about the Heritage Tree judging which took place Monday, April 25 and showed some photos taken during the judging of that event. Mr. Markham also announced that winners will be unveiled on Friday. Mr. Markham also noted that Councilman Klingler nominated a tree.

A) Photos for President's Report

7) City Attorney Report

No report at this time.

8) Auditor's Report

No report at this time.

9) Administrative Update:

A) Service Department Update - Andy Bashore

Mr. Bashore had no updates in addition to his written report. Ms. Saad asked if the Drexel project included an opportunity to leave the right of way open from construction vehicles on Fair and Drexel as it is used by children for school crossing. Mr. Bashore will look into that. Mr. Markham also complimented the trees that have been planted along Charles.

B) Police Department Update - Interim Chief Gough

Chief Gough had nothing in addition to his written report. Ms. Robinson asked about the Whitehall/Bexley Rotary Club Grant for the community vehicle wrap, and Chief Gough explained this will be a car wrapped with graphics specific to community outreach. Ms. Robinson congratulated Sergeant Overly and the PD for this project. Mr. Marcellino asked about a section in the report regarding body cam replacements in the report. Chief Gough answered, explaining the need for replacement due to equipment failure and to have backup. Ms. Feibel reported that Officer Fleming is headed to basic training, but reported he is thankfully not leaving the department. Mr. Marcellino, Ms. Lampke, and Ms. Saad asked related questions about potential vacancies and recruitment, which Chief Gough answered.

C) Recreation and Parks Update - Mike Price

Mr. Price provided some highlights from his report and Ms. Lampke complimented Mr. Price and his team on doubling registrations. Ms. Saad also spoke to the success of the brochure.

D) Finance Department Update - Beecher Hale

Mr. Hale summarized some of the items in his report, including a new section of notes which will highlight items that may warrant comment.

E) Mayor's Update

Mr. Kessler summarized some of the highlights of his report, including covering upcoming events. Mr. Kessler also highlighted updates on the Livingston Avenue Plan, College Avenue safety concerns and plans for addressing these. An update was also provided on the Youth Interaction Policy and the Capital University community survey.

Mr. Markham added a comment regarding the interesting and helpful data captured in the Capital Community Surveys.

10) Consent Agenda: (No Speaker Slip Required)

A) Meeting Minutes - 04/12/22 City Council Meeting

B) 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 items on the Consent Agenda. There were no questions.

Mr. Markham moved to adopt the items on the Consent Agenda

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion Passed: 7-0

11) Third Readings: (No Speaker Slip Required)

A) 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 invited Mr. Kessler or Mr. McPeek to provide more information on this position. Mr. McPeek expressed the importance of having some better oversight and internal control, especially in a smaller environment. Mr. Markham expressed appreciation for Mr. McPeek's knowledge and experience on this. Mr. Marcellino also thanked Mr. McPeek for providing some clarity for the importance of this role.

Ms. Lampke moved to adopt Ordinance 9-22

Ms. Robinson seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

12) Second Readings: (Speaker Slip Required)

A) 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 provided some brief background. This ordinance will be moved to the consent agenda.

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

Mr. Fishel read this ordinance and Mr. Marcellino had nothing to add, but stated we have some additional information and visuals. Mr. Kessler provided a map for review and some information on the area indicated in this ordinance. Ms. Robinson asked about residential area near this area, which Mr. Kessler answered. Ms. Robinson asked if perhaps moving this slightly farther way from residential areas would be good to consider. Ms. Feibel echoed some of these concerns especially with older residents who might have mobility issues. Ms. Saad asked about the off-leash area and expressed some concerns that echo Ms. Feibel and Ms. Robinson. Mr Kessler spoke briefly about these concerns as well. Mr. Markham asked for clarification on the area and signage. Mr. Klingler asked about the potential for a gate that creates a boundary for dogs without leashes. Ms. Lampke also mentioned concerns about seclusion and encouraged consideration of cameras. Ms. Saad also expressed interest in Mr. Klingler's suggestion of a gate.

C) 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 provided some additional background and

information on this BZAP. Mr. Kessler provided some background statistics on past appeals. Ms. Lampke thanked the Mayor for putting the statistics together, and expressed her concerns for removing right of appeal, but is committed to looking into it further. Mr. Kessler asked Mr. Fishel to offer some input on existing rights to appeal, which he did. Council members and Mayor Kessler discussed this ordinance and situation further.

- D) 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 the ordinance and Mr. Klingler provided some brief background and rationale behind this ordinance. Ms. Saad asked about the setback requirements for accessory structures, which Mr. Kessler answered. Mr. Marcellino asked if we remove the Architectural Review approval would remove any rights of appeal, which Mr. Kessler and Mr. Fishel addressed. Mr. Markham asked Mr. Kessler for clarification on the purpose of this ordinance, which Mr. Kessler explained. Mr. Markham asked Mr. Klingler to report back on BZAP comments on this ordinance and also asked about what the process would look like if this ordinance passed, which Mr. Kessler addressed.

- E) 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 introduced by Sam Marcellino on April 12, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Marcellino briefly summarized the rationale behind this ordinance. Ms. Saad asked a clarifying question on language involving bikes and crosswalks. Ms. Saad asked about the section on locking on the bike and registration of bicycles. This ordinance will be moved to the Consent Agenda for the next meeting.

- F) Resolution 3-22 confirming the Mayor's appointment of Kathleen Gravelle to the Board of Health introduced by Jen Robinson on April 12, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Robinson provided some background. We will move this ordinance to the Consent Agenda item.

13) First Readings: (Speaker Slip Required)

- A) Ordinance 16-22 to Approve Changes to the Bexley Civil Service Rules, introduced by Jen Robinson on April 26, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Robinson provided some background and rationale behind this ordinance. Ms. Saad wanted to know which municipalities have this requirement and which don't. Mr. Kessler added his concerns with having the master's degree, which would limit the pool of candidates we can review. Mr. Fishel and Ms. Robinson also discussed the potential need for suspension and adoption and Council discussed this ordinance at some length.

Mr. Robinson moved to Suspend the Three Reading Requirement.

Mr. Markham seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Robinson moved to Adopt Ordinance 16-22.

Mr. Markham seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

B) Ordinance 17-22 to amend Section 824.03 License Fee; Effective Period, in order to eliminate Garage and Yard Sale license fees, introduced by Monique Lampke on April 26, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke provided the background on this ordinance. Mr. Marcellino asked about the initial purpose of this ordinance, which Mr. Kessler answered.

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) Service and Environmental Committee - Lori Ann Feibel, Chair

Ms. Feibel thanked Mr. Markham for the opportunity to be on the Service chair as it has provided exceptional opportunities to learn and talked about recent opportunities to learn about trees and recycling this week and talked about how to properly recycle items.

16) Finance Committee - Monique Lampke, Chair

Mr. Lampke has no report.

17) Safety and Health Committee - Sam Marcellino, Chair

Mr. Marcellino has no report.

18) Zoning and Development Committee - Matt Klingler, Chair

Mr. Klingler mentioned upcoming BZAP and ARB meetings and also complimented Bexley City Schools on being ranked highly in the state and nation.

19) Recreation and Parks Committee - Jessica Saad, Chair

Mr. Saad complimented Ohio State Bank and the BExley Co the senior banners and (7:58pm)

20) Strategic Committee - Jen Robinson, Chair

Ms. Robinson provided an update from the Juneteenth planning committee which will be celebrated Friday, June 17 and will be planned in partnership with Bexley Public Library.

21) Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)

No public comment at this time.

22) Adjourn

Ms. Feibel moved.

Ms. Lample seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Markham adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.