



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

6:00 PM

1) Call to Order

President Markham called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm and stated that Council's thoughts are with the people of Ukraine.

President Markham then asked Council to join him in a moment of silence to honor the victims of today's Texas school shooting.

2) Roll Call of Members

Council Members in Attendance: Jennifer Robinson, Sam Marcellino, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Jessica Saad

Mr. Markham moved to excuse Mr. Klingler's absence.

Ms. Lampke seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Presentations/Special Guests

A) Lee Nathans and the Bexley Citizens Police Academy and Alumni Association Scholarship Award Ceremony

Mr. Nathans presented scholarship awards to four children of officers serving in the Bexley Police Department on behalf of the Bexley Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association.

Mr. Kessler thanked Mr. Nathans and Sergeant Overly for their work putting this great program together.

5) Public Comments (Speaker Slip Required)

No speaker slips at this time.

6) President's Report

Mr. Markham reminded everyone that it will be three weeks before the next Council meeting.

Mr. Markham also reported on his recent meeting with Bexley Public Library Director, Ben Heckman. Mr. Markham then read an email that was sent to Mr. Heckman regarding the video. Mr. Markham then complimented the library on their work.

7) City Attorney Report

Mr. Fishel spoke about two pieces of proposed legislation which he will keep City Council updated on.

Mr. Fishel also expressed his feelings about the recent shooting in Uvalde.

8) Auditor's Report

Mr. McPeek has no formal report but did remind Council that we are searching for a part time payroll and benefits specialist.

9) Administrative Update:

A) Service Department Update - Andy Bashore

Mr. Bashore has no additional information for his report. Ms. Lampke mentioned her pleasure that the preliminary work on Drexel is complete. She asked about an estimated timeline of when the sewer and water work will be completed. Mr. Bashore answered that we are on schedule for late summer, but weather delays could create an extension to very early spring.

Mr. Markham complimented the bike repair stations popping up around town and his excitement about the progress on the dog park and the new street sweeper. Ms. Robinson thanked Mr. Bashore for making sure crosswalks were open.

B) Police Department Update - Interim Chief Gough

Interim Chief Gough has nothing to add to his report. Ms. Feibel thanked him for the reminders on drinking and parties and mentioned she's asked Sam to include this in the past. Ms. Saad concurred with Ms. Feibel's opinion.

Mr. Kessler asked about the robbery statistics for 2022, which Chief Gough answered. Ms. Lampke complimented the officers work on a recent action that removed drugs from Bexley streets.

Chief Gough also mentioned tomorrow morning's interview panel with three officer candidates.

C) Recreation and Parks Update - Mike Price

Mr. Price publicly thanked Mr. Bashore and his team for the assistance and work in getting the parks ready for the summer. Mr. Price also wanted to add that Commonwealth Park has been a touch delayed due to weather, but progress has started today.

Mr. Kessler complimented the inclusion of the Jeffrey Mansion information and the Senior Center information in the report. Ms. Saad asked when the Bexley Pool opens, and Mr. Price

confirmed it's this Saturday.

Ms. Lampke asked Council if they had any questions on the upcoming first reading ordinance regarding unappropriating funds for the pool, and Council did not.

D) Finance Department Update - Beecher Hale

Mr Hale highlighted some of the content of his report.

E) Mayor's Update

Mr. Kessler expressed his thoughts on the recent school shooting in Uvalde.

Mr. Kessler then highlighted some of the numerous summer events coming up quickly, and highlighted updates to the proposed mixed income housing project along with several other projects in progress. Ms. Saad also complimented the Mayor's Cup Recipients Mia Diffley and Robby Meyer.

10) Consent Agenda: (No Speaker Slip Required)

A) Meeting Minutes - 05/10/22 City Council Meeting

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 items on the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Saad moved to adopt the items on the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0

11) Third Readings: (No Speaker Slip Required)

No third readings.

12) Second Readings: (Speaker Slip Required)

A) Ordinance 19-22 to amend 1226.19 Appeals to Council, in order to specify an appeals timeline based upon the date of receipt of a written decision and posting of written decision to website; to provide for City Council's ability to decline jurisdiction based upon conflicts of interest or for other cause; to provide for the suspension of active permits pertaining to those parts of an application that are under appeal; and to accommodate additional procedural improvements. Introduced by Matt Klingler on May 10, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance. Mr. Klingler is not present, so Mr. Kessler provided an update on this. Mr. Marcellino asked if there was any conflict of interest with the Board of Zoning and Appeals Planning, which Mr. Kessler and Mr. Markham answered.

B) Ordinance 20-22 to approve the proposed Joint Livingston Avenue Plan introduced by Jen

Robinson on May 10, 2022.

Mr Fishel read this ordinance and Ms. Robinson provided an update on this. A presentation will be made at the next Council meeting. Mr. Kessler also mentioned this will be presented to BZAP as it relates to a change in zoning code.

13) First Readings: (Speaker Slip Required)

A) Ordinance 21-22 to unappropriate \$75,000 from the Pool Management Account (14-550-51190), and to remove \$75,000 from the Swimming Pool Fund Concession Stand Revenue line item introduced by Monique Lampke on May 24, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read this ordinance and Ms. Lampke provided background on this ordinance.

B) Ordinance 22-22 to amend Section 1226.19(a), to allow alcohol at specific community events conditional upon approval by Council introduced by Troy Markham on May 24, 2022

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Markham provided background and rationale behind this. Ms. Saad asked a clarifying question which Mr. Markham answered. Mr. Marcellino asked if we have any concerns with this slowing down the planning process. Mr. Markham and Mr. Kessler responded to this. Mr. Markham also mentioned Mr Silverman will be present at the next meeting.

C) Ordinance 23-22 to repeal Section 452.21, Skateboards and Roller Skates Prohibited in parking lots introduced by Sam Marcellino on May 24, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Marcellino provided background and rationale behind this ordinance. Mr. Kessler also added that business owners retain the right to prohibit skateboards or other such devices from their property. Ms. Robinson expressed her support of this ordinance.

D) Resolution 4-22 to adopt the tax budget for calendar year 2023 attached hereto as Exhibit A introduced by Monique Lampke on May 24, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke provided some background on this ordinance.

14) Tabled Ordinances:

A) 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

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)

C) 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. Mr. Markham reminded Council that Ordinance 24-21 will roll off prior to the next Council Meeting but Council is welcome to re-introduce this at any time.

15) Safety and Health Committee - Sam Marcellino, Chair

Mr. Marcellino had nothing to report, but reiterated Chief Gough's comments on safety

16) Zoning and Development Committee - Matt Klingler, Chair

No report at this time.

17) Recreation and Parks Committee - Jessica Saad, Chair

Ms. Saad reported some retirements and new additions to the Bexley Education Foundation.

Ms. Saad also acknowledged Mr. Kessler and Mr. Bashore for their work on street closings to accommodate the tennis tournament.

18) Strategic Committee - Jen Robinson, Chair

Ms. Robinson does not have a report, but did echo Mr. Marcellino on his urge to citizens for safety. Ms. Robinson also extended her best wishes and congratulations to the Class of 2022.

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

Ms. Feibel discussed the ongoing issues with water and at times sewage in basements, and spoke about backflow valves and the potential of residents participating in this grant for a second time.

Ms. Feibel also shared statistics about how long it takes a head of lettuce to decompose in the dump. Mr. Kessler shared that the Ohio EPA granted Bexley has been granted Feet on the Street for educating residents on green practices.

20) Finance Committee - Monique Lampke, Chair

Ms. Lampke reminded Council that Sunday, June 5 from 10-4 is the Bexley Home and Gardens Tour, which this year will include home interiors again.

21) Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)

No public comment at this time.

22) Adjourn

Ms. Lampke moved to adjourn.

Mr. Markham seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0

Mr. Markham adjourned the meeting at 7:15pm.