



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

6:00 PM

1) Call to Order

Council President Markham called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

2) Roll Call of Members

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

President Markham remarked that Councilwoman Feibel did notify him of her absence this evening and asked for a motion.

President Markham moved to excuse Ms. Feibel's absence.

Ms. Lampke seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion Passed 6-0.

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Presentations/Special Guests

A) BCE Parade Route Discussion

Mr. Kessler provided an overview of the Bexley Celebrations and Events Committee that plans the parade and route. Mr. Kessler also discussed the reasoning behind last year's route change.

Marguerite Hernandez who lives at 728 S. Remington spoke in support of a shorter parade route, expressing concerns about the timing and distribution of the survey for the parade and issues with the survey itself as well as a history of the Bexley parade and safety concerns of a longer route.

Ronnie Ramito who lives at 728 S. Remington spoke in support of a deliberate process for the parade route decisions and spoke in favor of the shorter route followed in 2019.

Anna Wernicke of 733 Vernon Road spoke in support of the old parade route and spoke in regard to a long delay in the parade in South Bexley during the 2021 parade with the longer route.

Phoebe Kellerman of 977 South Remington Road spoke in favor of a shorter route but also in favor of more opportunity for community participation in deciding the route.

Lynda Sowers of 866 Grandon Avenue spoke in favor of the new, longer route and spoke about the challenges of seeing the parade in South Bexley and spoke in support of sharing the privilege of the parade route with new residents.

Debbie Clary of 752 South Roosevelt spoke in favor of the new extended route and mentioned the advantages of the width of the tree lawns on Roosevelt which allow viewers to spread out. Ms. Clary also read some comments from social media.

Dawn Freese of 886 South Roosevelt spoke about the process of the parade planning and factors for the decision. Dawn also invited community members to join the planning process.

Council President Markham remarked on the positive aspects of residents being involved and attending City Council meetings for input like this.

Mayor Kessler then spoke about next steps, stating that the Bexley Celebrations and Events Committee has indicated it is too late in the process to change the parade route for 2022; however, the mayor extended his thanks for the thoughtful feedback and expressed his commitment to ensuring the parade route discussion is opened to the public with more lead time for consideration of route changes.

5) Public Comments (Speaker Slip Required)

Richard Sharp spoke about Maslow's hierarchy of needs and encouraged Council to consider this and to consider biases of all types when considering matters in the City on housing and other topics, being careful to consider the differing needs of our residents and property owners.

6) President's Report

Mr. Markham has no report at this time.

7) City Attorney Report

Mr. Fishel provided an update on legislation regarding rental units and his opinion that our ordinance on Source of Income isn't impacted by this legislation.

8) Auditor's Report

No report at this time.

9) Ordinances/Resolutions with visiting presenters

A) Ordinance 20-22 to approve the proposed Joint Livingston Avenue Plan introduced by Jen Robinson on May 10, 2022.

B) Presentation by Sayee Mudholkar and Kim Way of NBBJ

Mr. Way of NBBJ provided an overview of the Livingston Avenue Plan presentation.

Ms. Saad thanked everyone for being part of the process and stated she's looking forward to the presentation.

Mr. Marcellino also expressed his excitement about the project, but also asked about the definition of long term which Mr. Way answered is somewhat up in the air, but could be 1-2 years or even 3-5 years. Mr. Marcellino asked a related question which Mr. Kessler answered.

Ms. Lampke thanked NBBJ for being there and for holding multiple workshops and making adjustments in response to residents' safety concerns.

Mr. Klingler asked about next steps in the process, especially on the City of Columbus's side.

Ms. Robinson asked about the process of resurfacing and what that might look like.

Mr. Markham talked about living and raising children near Livingston Avenue and his enthusiasm for this project.

Mr. Klingler asked an additional technical question.

Mr. Kessler provided more updates related to this and discussed some of the safety concerns and issues that have happened in the past in relation to accidents and such.

Hearing no more questions, Mr. Markham asked if anyone would like to take action.

Ms. Robinson acknowledged Ms. Lampke who served on the committee through the bulk of this project.

Ms. Robinson moved to table Ordinance 20-22.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

Mr. Kessler reminded Council that BZAP will need to review and approve this first due to the change to Zoning code.

Ms. Robinson withdrew her motion.

Mr. Klingler agreed to withdraw his second.

Hearing no disagreement from Council, Mr. Markham invited audience members to speak or ask questions if desired.

Mr. Richard Sharp of 845 College asked a question about traffic routes on similar projects and also asked about results of other traffic calming options, which Drew from Carpenter Marty answered.

Alex Silverman of 683 Vernon Road spoke of growing up in Berwick and asked about potential for future developments and spoke in support of the improvements and his belief that this is the time to invest in this corridor.

Ms. Robinson moved to Table Ordinance 20-22.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0

Mayor Kessler provided more detail on the tabling of this ordinance and the rationale behind it.

10) Administrative Update:

A) Service Department Update - Andy Bashore

Mr. Kessler asked for an update on the Drexel project, which Mr. Bashore provided. Council members commented and asked questions about this project with Mr. Bashore and Mr. Kessler answered.

Ms. Saad expressed her appreciation for Mr. Bashore's support in a recent community event.

B) Police Department Update - Interim Chief Gough

Interim Chief Gough had to depart unexpectedly. Mr. Kessler did speak about Ohio's new concealed carry law. The universal police script will now include asking if any individual in an interaction has a weapon due to the passage of Ohio's new concealed carry law.

C) Recreation and Parks Update - Mike Price

Mr. Price provided an overview of his report and a potential need for reduction of hours at the pool due to staffing issues with lifeguards. Ms. Saad and Mr. Kessler both spoke on this issue.

Mr. McPeek asked if there had been any outreach for lifeguards to the community and the potential of reduced hours which Mr. Price answered. Mr. McPeek also asked if there would be any evening hours.

Mr. Klingler asked if there are any specific hours that are problematic and Council and Mr. Price continued to discuss this topic.

D) Finance Department Update - Beecher Hale

Mr. Hale requested a motion for an invoice for Julian Grubbe (below) and then provided an overview of his report.

QUESTION??? (7:53pm) Mr. McPeek also mentioned that he would be providing an Auditor's Report at the next meeting. Mr. McPeek also asked if we can change up the Directors order for the future.

i) Motion to Approve Julian Grubbe Invoice Payment

Mr. Hale requested a motion for an invoice for Julian Grubbe due to a processing error with the opening of this PO and requested a motion to pay the attached invoice.

Ms. Lampke moved to approve payment of this invoice as shown.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

E) Mayor's Update

Mr. Kessler provided an overview of his report including some great upcoming programs and highlighted some recent conversations on crossing guards specifically at Broad and Cassingham.

i) Motion to approve travel of Building and Zoning Director to American Planning Association conference in Louisville in late September.

Mr. Kessler asked for a motion to travel for a conference.

Mr. Marcellino asked about the cost, which Mr. Kessler answered.

Mr. Marcellino moved to approve this.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Markham announced a brief recess at 8:02pm.

Mr. Markham resumed the meeting at 8:08pm.

11) Consent Agenda: (No Speaker Slip Required)

A) Meeting Minutes - 05/24/22 City Council Meeting

Mr. Fishel read the item on the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Markham moved to approve payment of this invoice as shown.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

12) Third Readings: (No 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 and Mr. Klingler and Mr. Kessler provided some background and information on the proposed amendments.

Mr. Klingler moved to amend Ordinance 19-22 as shown.

Ms. Robinson seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Klingler moved to pass Amended Ordinance 19-22.

Mr. Saad seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

13) Second 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 the ordinance and Ms. Lampke provided a brief reminder on the rationale of this ordinance. This ordinance will be moved to the consent agenda for the next meeting.

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 this ordinance and Mr. Markham said we did receive some feedback from the Recreation Board and amendments will be introduced at the next meeting reflecting these recommendations, which will exclude the requirement for Council to approve Commonwealth or Jeffrey Park. Mr. Markham asked a clarifying question regarding the potential amendment. Mr. McPeek asked why there is inconsistency and who manages different parks.

Mr. Markham also provided a very brief Smoke and Fire Festival update at this time.

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 an overview of this ordinance and the rationale behind it. This ordinance will be moved to the consent agenda for the next meeting.

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 this ordinance and Ms. Lampke provided some background and rationale behind this ordinance. This ordinance will be moved to the consent agenda.

14) First Readings: (Speaker Slip Required)

A) Ordinance 24-22 to change the status of the Finance and Personnel Coordinator from part

time to full time with a pay range of \$24.84/hr. to 35.87/hr. and to transfer appropriations in the amount of \$39,282 from Other Expenditures to Personal Services within the department of the Auditor's Office introduced by Monique Lampke on June 14, 2022

Mr. Fishel read this ordinance and Ms. Lampke provided some information and rationale behind this ordinance and invited Mr. McPeek to provide more detail for the change. Mr. McPeek provided an update on the recruitment process and why this transition is required in reference to hours.

Mr. Klingler asked about any added scopes or responsibilities involved in the change from part time to full time which Mr. McPeek answered. Ms. Lampke also reminded Council that the goal with this ordinance is a suspension and adoption.

Ms. Lampke moved to suspend the three reading rule for Ordinance 24-22.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Lampke moved to adopt Ordinance 24-22

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

B) Ordinance 25-22 to Amend Section 262.02(c)(3) to include Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve as holidays, and to Authorize the Mayor to Grant up to Four Additional Hours of Time Off Immediately Preceding Holidays for Non-Bargaining Unit Employees introduced by Monique Lampke on June 14, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke invited Mr. Kessler and Mr. Fishel to provide some additional information on this. Mr. Kessler provided an update on the background of the tradition around this ordinance.

Mr. Marcellino asked about due dates, especially for Mayor's Court, which Mr. Kessler answered.

Ms. Lampke also requested some details on Section F, which Mr. Kessler clarified.

C) Ordinance 26-22 to amend Chapter 1476, Unsafe Buildings, to amend provisions for unsafe sites introduced by Matt Klingler on June 14, 2022

Mr. Fishel read this ordinance and Mr. Klingler provided some background and rationale behind this ordinance. Mr. Kessler also provided an update that there will be some additional tweaks to this based on recommendations from environmental counsel.

D) Ordinance 27-22 to authorize appropriations of \$200,000 from the General Fund into the Grants Account, in order to accommodate additional appropriations for the Grant Reimbursed Expenditures line item and the State Capital Grant line item of the Grants Account, for the purpose of funding additional grant programs based upon recently awarded grants. introduced by Monique Lampke on June 14, 2022

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

- E) Resolution 5-22 confirming the Mayor's appointments of members to the Architectural Review Board; the Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning; the Recreation and Parks Board; the Tree and Public Gardens Commission; the Board of Health; the Civil Service Commission; and the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council introduced by Jen Robinson on June 14, 2022

Mr. Fishel read this ordinance and Ms. Robinson invited Mr. Kessler to provide some background.

15) 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)

No action on tabled ordinances at this time.

16) Safety and Health Committee - Sam Marcellino, Chair

No report at this time.

17) Zoning and Development Committee - Matt Klingler, Chair

Mr. Klingler noted the excessive heat warning in place until tomorrow evening.

18) Recreation and Parks Committee - Jessica Saad, Chair

No report at this time.

19) Strategic Committee - Jen Robinson, Chair

Ms. Robinson reported the Juneteenth celebration this Friday from 5:00-7:00 pm in the library parking lot with food, music, vendors, and dance performances

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

No report at this time.

21) Finance Committee - Monique Lampke, Chair

Ms. Lampke announced that June 17th at 10am City Council has been invited to the Grand Opening of Tropical Smoothie.

22) Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)

Ben Heckman of 2411 East Main Street complimented the Council members and said he hoped to see everyone on Friday,

23) Adjourn

Mr. Klingler moved to adjourn
Ms. Robinson seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Markham adjourned the meeting at 8:48 pm.