

City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 6:00 PM

1) Call to Order

President Markham called the meeting to order at 6:01pm and spoke of the tragic death, injury, and devastation encountered by Ukranian people with the ongoing conflict that has been endured by Ukraine, and now the people of Sudan, for more than 110 days.

2) Roll Call of Members

Council Members Present: Jennifer Robinson, Sam Marcellino, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Matt Klingler, and Jessica Saad

Council Members Excused: Monique Lampke*

Note: Ms. Lampke's absence was excused by vote during the President's report.

- 3) Pledge of Allegiance
- 4) Presentations/Special Guests
- 5) Ordinances/Resolutions with visiting presenters
 - A) 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. This is the Second Reading of this resolution.
 - Patrick King Candidate for Board of Zoning and Appeals Planning
 Mr. King spoke briefly about his background and experience and the Mayor and other Council members expressed appreciation for his service.

Mr. Fishel read the Resolution.

Ms. Robinson moved to suspend the third reading rule for Resolution 5-22.

Ms. Feibel seconded.

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

Motion passes 6-0.

Ms. Robinson moved to accept Resolution 5-22.

Ms. Feibel seconded.

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

Motion passes 6-0.

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. This is the Third Reading of this ordinance.

i) Alex Silverman of Smoke X Fire Festival

Mr. Markham spoke about the Smoke X Fire Festival and Mr. Markham invited Mr. Silverman to speak about the idea of the Smoke X Fire Festival. Mr. Silverman spoke about his background in food service, barbecue, and related festivals. Mr. Silverman then spoke about the upcoming festival. Council members discussed the festival and asked questions, which Mr. Silverman answered.

Mr. Fishel read Ordinance 22-22 and Mr. Markham provided some additional intent and background to the ordinance, specifically related to this festival, and other Jazz in the Parks event, and asked for Mr. Kessler to cover some of the adjustments to the language of the Ordinance as requested by the Recreation Board. Mr Kessler did so.

Mr. Markham moved to amend Ordinance 22-22 as noted in the attachment.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passes 6-0.

Mr. Markham moved to adopt Ordinance 22-22.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passes 6-0.

6) Public Comments (Speaker Slip Required)

No public comments at this time.

7) President's Report

A) Council Visit to Bexley Community Foundation

Mr. Markham spoke about a recent visit of Council Members with the Bexley Community Foundation.

Mr. Markham requested a voice vote to excuse Ms. Lampke's absence - she may be here later. Hearing no opposed, Ms. Lampke's absence is excused.

Mr. Markham also noted Council's July break.

8) City Attorney Report

A) Council Discussion of 81 N. Drexel Appeal

Mr. Fishel spoke about the appeal that will be heard on 81 N. Drexel Appeal which Mr. Klingler will lead us through with the support of Ms. Cunningham and Mr. Fishel. He also spoke about the need to schedule this soon.

9) Auditor's Report

A) Auditor's Report - June 28, 2022

Mr. McPeek spoke about the newly hired payroll and personnel coordinator who will be starting soon. Mr. McPeek then covered the highlights of his report.

10) Administrative Update:

A) Finance Department Update - Beecher Hale

Mr. Hale had nothing to add and Council had no question.

B) Service Department Update - Andy Bashore

Mr. Bashore had nothing to add to his report. Mr. Kessler commented briefly on the upcoming Fourth, thanking Andy and his team for their work.

C) Police Department Update - Interim Chief Gough

Interim Chief Gough highlighted some of the content of his report, including a section on the operation of golf carts.

D) Recreation and Parks Update - Mike Price

No additional comments or questions, but Mr. Kessler did thank Mike and his team for all their work on the lifeguard issue.

E) Mayor's Update

Mr. Kessler highlighted some of the content of his report, specifically information on the Chief search process, an upcoming Trailtown event, and the dog park.

11) Consent Agenda: (No Speaker Slip Required)

- A) Meeting Minutes 06/14/22 City Council Meeting
- B) 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.
- 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.
- 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 items on the Consent Agenda. Hearing no questions from Council or public, Mr. Markham asked for action on the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Klingler moved to pass the items on the consent agenda.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passes 6-0.

12) Third Readings: (No Speaker Slip Required)

13) Second Readings: (Speaker Slip Required)

A) 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 Mr. Kessler discussed some of the proposed changes to this ordinance. Mr. Markham asked if there were any questions, hearing none they moved on.

B) 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 asked if there were any questions about this. Mr. Klingler asked Mayor Kessler if there was a change that needed to be made. Mr. Kessler did mention that there would need to be an amendment to remove the second Wheras recital.

Mr. Klingler moved to suspend the three reading rule for Ordinance 26-22.

Mr. Markham seconded.

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

Motion passes 6-0.

Mr. Klingler moved to approve Ordinance 26-22.

Mr. Markham seconded.

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

Motion passes 6-0.

C) 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 Mayor Kessler provided some background. Mr. Kessler did request a suspension and adoption on this.

Mr. Markham moved to suspend the three reading rule for Ordinance 27-22.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passes 6-0.

Mr. Markham moved to adopt Ordinance 27-22.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passes 6-0.

14) First Readings: (Speaker Slip Required)

15) Tabled Ordinances:

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

Ms. Robinson moved to remove Ordinance 20-22 for discussion.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Jessica Saad

Motion passes 6-0.

Ms Robinson asked Mr. Kessler to provide an update on this plan. Mr. Kessler provided this update and Ms. Feibel expressed her excitement about this plan proceeding and complimented the team effort and Mayor Kessler's leadership. Mr. Markham echoed that, speaking of both the difficulty and importance of this project. Ms. Robinson echoed these comments.

Ms. Robinson moved to adopt Ordinance 20-22.

Ms. Saad seconded.

Mr. Kessler thanked everyone for their kind words but expressed that he is eager for the challenge of moving this plan into action. Mr. Kessler thanked the residents for their support and enthusiasm for this project.

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

Motion passes 6-0.

B) 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

No action at this time.

C) 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 at this time.

16) Zoning and Development Committee - Matt Klingler, Chair

No report at this time.

17) Recreation and Parks Committee - Jessica Saad, Chair

Ms. Saad said she'd be missing everyone for a dance competition on the Fourth of July.

18) Strategic Committee - Jen Robinson, Chair

A) Discussion of noise ordinance

Ms. Robinson is also missing the Fourth of July and also updated everyone on the tremendous success of the Juneteenth celebration and stated that they'll be continuing this at the Library in the future at Mr. Heckman's invitation and spoke about some positive comments from some new families who visited our city.

Ms. Robinson then discussed a potential upcoming noise ordinance, which Mr. Kessler, Mr. Markham, and Mr. Fishel and discussed with Council Members.

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

Ms. Feibel reminded Council that Plastic Free July is coming, and spoke about the impact of plastic on the community.

20) Finance Committee - Monique Lampke, Chair

Ms. Lampke provided an update through Mayor Kessler that the July 29, 2022 Main Event will also be the Pizza and Ice Cream Festival.

21) Safety and Health Committee - Sam Marcellino, Chair

Mr. Marcellino reminded everyone to stay safe and to not use fireworks during the Fourth of July.

22) Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)

None.

23) 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 pursuant to 223.03 as listed.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passes 6-0.

Council entered Executive Session at 7:35 pm

Mr. Klingler moved to exit Executive Session.

Ms. Robinson seconded.

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

Motion passes 6-0.

Council exited Executive Session at 7:54 pm

24) Adjourn

Mr. Klingler moved to adjourn.

Ms. Feibel seconded.

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

Motion passes 6-0.

President Markham adjourned the meeting at 7:56 pm.