



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

6:00 PM

1) Call to Order

Council President Troy Markham called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

2) Roll Call of Members

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

Mr. Markham moved to excuse Ms. Lampke's absence.

Mr. McPeek seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0.

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Special Guests and/or Presentations

A) Elizabeth Ellman to Present Feet on the Street Program

Ms. Ellman spoke about the Feet on the Street recycling auditing program, including the planned items, including the audit, the education messaging to education, and a general timeline of the program. Ms. Ellman also invited anyone to visit the Feet on the Street page.

Several Council members asked general questions about the program and specific questions about items and whether they are recyclable.

5) Ordinances/Resolutions with visiting presenters

6) Public Comments (Speaker Slip Required)

Erica McIntyre of 172 S. Columbia spoke in opposition to expansion of the carriage house as the

intent of use will change from a residence for a nanny or staff member to a permanent resident and she doesn't feel that use is in agreement with the initially granted variance.

7) President's Report

Mr. Markham reminded everyone of this weekend's Smoke and Fire Festival at Jazz in the Park, which starts on Sunday at 8pm. Ms. Saad asked about the parking, which Mr. Kessler addressed.

8) City Attorney Report

Mr. Fishel reported on the recent decision on 2300 Livingston Avenue, which ruled in favor of the appellant. Mr. Fishel also spoke about tomorrow's hearing on 81 N. Drexel Avenue and reminded Council members of their specific responsibilities.

9) Auditor's Report

Mr. McPeek mentioned that Beecher will provide an update on finances and Mr. McPeek also reported on some calls with our investment company to ensure confidence in the strategy given the current nature of the audit right now. Mr. McPeek also discussed the ongoing work toward an HR audit.

10) Administrative Update:

A) Finance Department Update - Beecher Hale

Mr. Hale reported on the finances, specifically on the health of the general fund, which is well above budget primarily due to income tax. Mr. Hale also spoke to some of the other highlights of his report.

B) Police Department Update - Interim Chief Gough

Interim Chief Gough had nothing to his report. Mr. Marcellino asked about an increase in vehicle theft and asked if it was related to Kia and Hyundai, and interim chief confirmed this is accurate, though there are increased car thefts across other makes and models as well. Ms. Saad asked if we'd reported this through the Blast, and it was not included, but Ms. Feibel will follow up on this.

Mr. Markham thanked Interim Chief Gough for stepping up to lead our Police Department and expressed his gratitude for his service and expressed enjoyment. Mr. Kessler also thanked him for his service which turned into a larger endeavor and that he steered the department well.

Interim Chief Gough expressed his compliments to Chief Lewis and his confidence in Council's selection.

C) Recreation and Parks Update - Mike Price

Mr. Price was not online for the meeting, but Mr. Kessler briefly highlighted some of the items on Mr. Price's report including the success of Splish, Splash, and Dash and the Paws in the Pools. Ms. Feibel thanked all of the volunteers, specifically calling out Paramount Church and the Cross Country team at Bexley High School both of whom provided tremendous support.

D) Service Update: Andy Bashore- Service Director

Mr. Bashore had no additions to his report. Mr. Kessler asked about Drexel reopening soon for normal traffic, and Mr. Bashore confirmed this is accurate and also provided a report. Ms. Saad asked about vehicles and where they are placed in the evenings, as it seems like they are clustered in a way that's creating issues for residents' visibility. Mr. Bashore will be meeting with the City Engineer this week so he'll look into this. Mr. Marcellino asked a question about alleys and any projects we might not be aware of, which Mr. Bashore answered, explaining there are no large-scale formal projects, but he is working on small drainage issues. Mr. McPeck asked about the heavy rainfall last weekend and asked about reports on water intrusion in basements, which Mr. Bashore confirmed have not recently increased.

E) Mayor's Update

Mr. Kessler provided highlights of his report, calling attention to the Rapid 5 Litter Cleanup, and also spoke about Smoke and Fire Festival and the Labor Day block party. Mr. Kessler also reported on the work of our intern, Marcus. Mr. Kessler also spoke about a swearing-in ceremony for Chief Lewis. Mr. Kessler also spoke about the Kitchen of Life program and facility in Bexley which he recently toured. Mr. Kessler also spoke about Alley of the future and some of the recent work on Livingston.

Mr. Klingler asked about the speed car, and Mr. Kessler reported the need for an ordinance which will be worked on soon. Mr. Marcellino asked for a brief description of the speed car, which Mr. Kessler provided.

11) Consent Agenda: (No Speaker Slip Required)

A) Meeting Minutes from August 9, 2022 City Council Meeting.

Mr. Markham moved to approve minutes from August 9, 2022 meeting.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0.

12) Third Readings: (No Speaker Slip Required)

13) Second Readings: (Speaker Slip Required)

A) Resolution 6-22 adopting the 2022 recommendations of the Bexley Tax Incentive Review Council regarding tax-abated properties in the City of Bexley, introduced by Monique Lampke on August 9, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Markham invited Mr. Kessler to provide a brief overview of the TIRC resolution, which he did. The ordinance will be on the consent agenda at the next meeting.

- B) Ordinance 29-22 to appropriate \$10,000 from the water fund and \$10,000 from the sewer fund to pay overtime for the remainder of 2022, introduced by Monique Lampke on August 9, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Markham invited Mr. Kessler to provide an overview of the background of this ordinance which Mr. Kessler did.

14) First Readings: (Speaker Slip Required)

- A) Ordinance 31-22 to establish a special fund designated the Stanbery Avenue and Chelsea Avenue Improvements Fund to record all revenue and expenses associated with the Stanbery and Chelsea improvements project, to appropriate \$5,178,342 from this fund to pay for the cost of the project, to authorize transfers from the Water, Sewer and Road and Alley Funds of \$137,330, \$60,742 and \$66,024 respectively to the Stanbery and Chelsea Project Fund. Introduced by Monique Lampke on August 23, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Markham invited Mr. Kessler to provide some background on this ordinance which he did.

- B) Ordinance 33-22 to authorize supplemental appropriations for calendar year 2022 introduced by Monique Lampke on August 23, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read this ordinance and Mr. Kessler provided some information regarding the rationale for this ordinance which is needed due to the unanticipated increase in gasoline prices, increases in permits and related fees, and a shift in budgeting strategy to ensure end of year invoices can be paid with that year's funds.

- C) Ordinance 32-22 to certify special assessments for the repair of sidewalks, and or other required work, where the work was not done by the owner after being ordered by the City in accordance with Bexley Code Section 1490.15(b)(4)A or Bexley Code Section 1492.04(b)(1) and it was necessary to do the work and assess the owner, introduced by Monique Lampke on August 23, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read ordinance 32-22 and Mr. Markham invited Mr. Kessler to provide some additional background.

- D) Ordinance 34-22 to amend the use variance at 216 South Columbia Avenue, to allow for expansion of the existing carriage house introduced by Matt Klingler on August 23, 2022

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Klingler provided some background and rationale behind this ordinance and Mr. Kessler added some additional detail on the background and provided some information on the plan. Mr. Kessler confirmed that additional individuals will be there. Mr. Fishel provided some background as to why this is seen by Council (Matt Klingler at 7:09pm) Mr. Marcellino asked some questions about a former ordinance, Mr. Klingler also asked for a clarification on what Council is responsible for approving. Several Council Members continued to ask questions and discuss the specific c

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 at this time.

- 16) Executive Session to consider the purchase of property (both real and personal, tangible or intangible), or to consider the sale of property (either real or personal) by competitive bid if disclosure of the information would give a competitive advantage to the other side by division (G)(2) of section 121.22 of the Revised Code; and Conferences with the public body's attorney concerning pending or imminent court action by division (G)(3) of section 121.22 of the Revised Code. Court action is "pending" if a suit has been commenced; court action is "imminent" if it is on the point of happening or impending.**

Mr. Markham moved.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0.

City Council entered executive session at 7:21 pm.

Mr. Markham moved to exit Executive Session.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0.

City Council concluded executive session at 8:13pm

Mr. Markham moved to introduce Ordinance 30-22 to approve the purchase of property located at 2838-2840 Delmar Drive, Bexley, Ohio; to appropriate \$105,000 from the Capital Fund for expenses associated with the purchase of said property; and to declare an emergency.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Fishel then read Ordinance 30-22 and Mr. Markham invited Mr. Kessler and Mr. Bashore to provide some background and rationale behind the proposed purchase, which they did. Ms. Feibel applauded Mr. Bashore for his work on this initiative. Hearing no other questions, Mr. Markham moved on.

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

Ms. Robinson shared information about an upcoming library program with the Bexley Historical Society on August 25th at 2pm.

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

A) Sustainable September

Ms. Feibel discussed some of the upcoming events in Sustainable September and presented the flyer, encouraging Council members to find at least one event they could participate in.

19) Finance Committee - Monique Lampke, Chair

Not present.

20) Safety and Health Committee - Sam Marcellino, Chair

Mr. Marcellino thanked the police department for their hard work to keep everyone safe, especially through the start of the new school year.

Mr. Kessler added some comments recently received from parents with students regarding school crossings at Broad Street.

21) Zoning and Development Committee - Matt Klingler, Chair

No update but Mr. Klingler wished Mr. McPeek a happy birthday.

22) Recreation and Parks Committee - Jessica Saad, Chair

Ms. Saad encouraged everyone to support athletic boosters.

23) Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)

Mr. Don Lewis of 663 Euclaire spoke about attending the event welcoming students and expressed disappointment at not seeing City officials in attendance.

24) Adjourn

Mr. Klingler moved to adjourn.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Markham adjourned the meeting at 8:18 pm.