



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

6:00 PM

1) Call to Order

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

2) Roll Call of Members

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

Council Members Absent: Monique Lampke

Ms. Feibel moved to excuse Ms. Lampke's absence. Ms. Robinson seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion Passed 6-0.

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Special Guests and/or Presentations

Ms. Nana Wilson spoke to Council about Issue 10, which relates to increased assistance and support for senior citizens and provided some materials to Council members.

Darris Blackford with the Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon spoke about the upcoming 42nd Columbus Marathon, including the route.

5) Ordinances/Resolutions with visiting presenters

6) Public Comments (Speaker Slip Required)

Mr. Kevin Acton of 894 S. Remington spoke in support of the Good Neighbor Ordinance and referenced a study being completed by the group. Mr. Markham requested a timeline for when this will be completed and presented to Council.

Mr. Korkeya Toney of 89 N. Remingston Road spoke in support of the Good Neighbor Ordinance and regarding concerns about policing in Bexley.

7) President's Report

Mr. Markham reported on the pre-budget finance committee meeting that occurred earlier today and thanked Ms. Feibel for supporting this in Ms. Lampke's absence.

8) City Attorney Report

No report.

9) Auditor's Report

No report.

10) Administrative Update:

A) Recreation and Parks Update - Mike Price

Mr. Price had no additions to his report. Ms. Feibel asked about the event on October 29, which Mr. Price confirmed is an adults only Halloween bash and provided some details about sign up. Ms. Saad also spoke about the successful community campout and expressed her gratitude for Mike's team and Troop 166 for campside assistance.

B) Service Update: Andy Bashore- Service Director

Mr. Bashore didn't have additions to his written report. Ms. Robinson asked about the Grandon water line street project and asked about the pricing and whether these type of projects might decrease in cost in the near future, which Mr. Bashore and Mr. Kessler both answered.

C) Finance Department Update - Beecher Hale

Mr. Hale said he doesn't have much to add to his written comments. We are well over our budgeted income and under our budgeted expenses. He did not our general fund balance is lower than last year, but that's primarily due to infrastructure and capital budget transfers. Mr. Klingler asked about the delay in collection of right of way fees, which Mr. Kessler answered. Mr. Bashore added some additional information and responded to a follow up question from Mr Klingler about 5G.

D) Police Department Update - Chief Lewis

Chief Lewis had nothing to add to his report. Mr. Marcellino asked about an increase in business checks, which Chief Lewis talked about as a process change. Mr. Marcellino also asked about the ordinance that was discussed earlier in Public Comments and asked if he'd received the data yet. Chief Lewis had not, but also expressed his commitment to looking into this further and that he'd taken notes. Ms. Feibel asked about a special duty officer at Giant Eagle, which Chief Lewis addressed and clarified that this is at the cost of the business. Chief Lewis also spoke about the railroad crossing on Cassady and some related work to address some of the traffic issues there. Chief Lewis and Mr. Kessler both spoke briefly about rodent. Ms. Saad asked if some of the animal control information could be included in the Blast.

E) Mayor's Update

Mr. Kessler provided an overview of some of the items on his report which is attached, including

a tentative summary of dates and scope of projects for Year of the Parks. Mr. Klingler asked about the presence at Cassingham and Broad with some of the changes there with police presence for school crossing support, which Chief Lewis addressed.

11) Consent Agenda: (No Speaker Slip Required)

A) Meeting Minutes from September 13, 2022 City Council Meeting.
Mr. Fishel read the item on the consent agenda.

Mr. Markham moved to adopt the items on the consent agenda.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0.

12) Third Readings: (No Speaker Slip Required)

A) 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 a brief overview of the ordinance and asked for clarification on why this is coming back to Council specifically. This request relates to use variance which can only be granted by Council. Mr. Kessler also clarified that the planned expansion to the carriage house will add square footage and while the existing carriage house already has a granted use variance for living space, but the expansion creates new square footage that would require a new use variance to be approved. Council members and the Mayor discussed this ordinance before opening the floor to public comment:

Mr. Nathan Sampson of Grandview spoke in support of this ordinance and spoke about the process of this proposed project thus far.

Council continued to discuss this ordinance and their thoughts about different considerations involved in this decision.

Mr. Klingler moved to approve Ordinance 34-22.

Ms. Feibel seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Kessler welcomed the new family to Bexley.

B) 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, introduced by Monique Lampke on August 23, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Feibel spoke about the potential of this property and some of the rationale behind this ordinance and spoke about a small change to the language that requires an appraisal prior to closing.

Ms. Feibel moved to amend Ordinance 30-22 as noted.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Feibel moved to approve Ordinance 30-22 as amended.

Ms. Robinson seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0.

- C) 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 Ordinance 31-22 and Ms. Feibel reiterated the purpose of this ordinance and Mr. Kessler provided some additional information.

Ms. Feibel moved to approve Ordinance 31-22.

Ms. Saad seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0.

- D) 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 Ms. Feibel discussed the rationale behind this ordinance and asked if there were any additional amendments.

Ms. Feibel moved to amend Ordinance 32-22 as noted.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Feibel moved to approve Ordinance 32-22 as noted.

Ms. Robinson seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0.

E) Ordinance 33-22 to authorize supplemental appropriations for calendar year 2022 introduced by Troy Markham on August 23, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Markham and Ms. Feibel provided some background and additional information and Mr. Kessler provided some additional detail and answered Council questions. Mr. Kessler also went through the more detailed budgeted document related to this ordinance to clarify specifics of these expenses.

Ms. Feibel moved to approve Ordinance 33-22 as noted.

Ms. Robinson seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0.

13) Second Readings: (Speaker Slip Required)

A) Resolution 7-22 accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor introduced by Monique Lampke on September 13, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Feibel briefly explained this ordinance. By Council agreement, this resolution will be moved to the Consent Agenda.

B) Ordinance 35-22 to amend Section 1060, in order to require recycling service to be provided at commercial, institutional, and multi-family properties within the City of Bexley, introduced by Lori Ann Feibel on September 13, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Feibel spoke about this ordinance. Mr. Marcellino offered some positive input from a community business member. Ms. Saad spoke about a recent experience at an out of town hockey tournaments. Mr. Kessler then spoke about the process involved in this ordinance. A representative from Rumpke was also present to speak to this as well.

C) Ordinance 36-22 authorizing the Mayor and Auditor to sign a Consent and Hold Harmless Agreement on behalf of the City of Bexley with the Bexley City Schools regarding improvements made upon and within the City owned street right-of-way adjacent to Stanwood Ave, introduced by Matt Klingler on September 13, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read this ordinance and Mr. Klingler asked about an example of the sign to be

considered here. Mr. Kessler will send this along.

14) First Readings: (Speaker Slip Required)

- A) Ordinance 37-22 authorizing the City of Bexley to submit a MORPC-Attributable Funds roadway improvement project applications to the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for consideration for funding within the Transportation Improvement Program and to declare an emergency introduced by Monique Lampke September 27, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Kessler spoke about the background and rationale behind this ordinance.

- B) Ordinance 38-22 to revise the Bexley Codified Ordinances for the protection of poll workers, and to declare an emergency, introduced by Sam Marcellino on September 27, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read this ordinance and Mr. Marcellino talked about the background and rationale behind this ordinance. Some Council members briefly discussed this.

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

Mr. Klingler moved to remove Ordinance 14-22 from the table.

Ms. Robinson seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Klingler and Mr. Kessler provided an update on some of the recent votes to recommend this ordinance to Council through BZAP and ARB. Several Council members discussed and asked for more time to review the proposed amendments.

Mr. Klingler moved to table Ordinance 14-22.

Mr. Markham seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0.

- 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)

16) Finance Committee - Monique Lampke, Chair

Ms. Feibel has no report.

17) Safety and Health Committee - Sam Marcellino, Chair

Mr. Marcellino recommended residents to get their COVID boosters.

18) Zoning and Development Committee - Matt Klingler, Chair

No report.

19) Recreation and Parks Committee - Jessica Saad, Chair

No report.

20) Strategic Committee - Jen Robinson, Chair

No report.

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

Ms. Feibel met with Ms. Seals of CSG and will be checking her calendar for a time to come visit. She then discussed the impact of the fashion industry on the economy.

22) Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)

None.

23) Adjourn

Mr. Marcellino moved to adjourn.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Markham adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm