

# **City Council Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, October 11, 2022 6:00 PM

### 1) Call to Order

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

#### 2) Roll Call of Members

City Council Members in Attendance: Sam Marcellino, Jessica Saad, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Matt Klingler

City Council Members Absent: Jen Robinson

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

Mr. Markham seconded.

All in Favor: Sam Marcellino, Jess Saad, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Matt

Klingler

Opposed: None Motion passed 6-0.

### 3) Pledge of Allegiance

### 4) Special Guests and/or Presentations

No special guests.

### 5) Ordinances/Resolutions with visiting presenters

None.

# 6) Public Comments (Speaker Slip Required)

Mr. Jason Dolin spoke in support of the poll workers protection ordinance and provided some information relevant to this ordinance and Council members thanked him for his time.

#### 7) President's Report

Mr. Markham spoke favorably about experiences he's had with students of many ages engaging in the democratic process in their community.

### 8) City Attorney Report

Mr. Fishel has no report.

# 9) Auditor's Report

Mr. McPeek reported a notice from the Board of Liquor Control regarding a continuation of the liquor license for Kittie's Cakes and Cafe.

#### 10) Administrative Update:

A) Service Update: Andy Bashore- Service Director

Mr. Bashore did not have any additions to his report. Ms. Saad asked about leaf pickup and Mr. Bashore answered that it will begin on October 24. Mayor Kessler reminded residents to keep leaves on the tree lawn and not in the street. Mr. Marcellino asked if this would be included in the upcoming Blast and Mayor Kessler confirmed it will.

B) Finance Department Update - Beecher Hale No report or questions.

#### C) Police Department Update - Chief Lewis

Chief Lewis did not have any additions. Ms. Lampke asked about the feedback from business owners on the new officer business checks. Chief Lewis reported that many business owners have provided positive feedback and this initiative has been productive and positive. Ms. Feibel also reported a positive comment she'd heard. Mr. Markham complimented the police alumni academy and shared some of the things he's learned. Ms. Saad asked for an update on recent car thefts. Chief Lewis discussed some common sense methods including the steering wheel locks and locking doors and not leaving valuables.

D) Recreation and Parks Update - Mike Price

Mr. Price provided an update on Commonwealth East and the completion date. Ms. Saad asked Mr. Price to share about the middle school committee Mr. Price is working with for feedback which Mr. Price did. Mr. Klingler asked if they still had tickets open for the Halloween Bash. Mr. Price said yes and they are taking registrations through the end of next week. Ms. Feibel asked about the kids on the waitlist on the youth basketball league, which Mr. Price answered.

E) Mayor's Update

Mayor Kessler covered some of the highlights of his report, including an update on Alley of the Future, Feet on the Street, Dog Park Construction, and the Mixed Income Housing.

# 11) Consent Agenda: (No Speaker Slip Required)

- A) Meeting Minutes from September 27, 2022 City Council Meeting.
- B) 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. Klingler moved to approve the items on the consent agenda.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Opposed: None **Motion passed 6-0.** 

### 12) Third Readings: (No Speaker Slip Required)

A) 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.

Ms. Feibel provided some rationale and background behind this ordinance. Mr. Kessler spoke about the pricing model, which is still working it's way through proper channels and in the meantime it will need to be tabled. Mr. Markham stated his support of this ordinance.

Ms. Feibel moved to table Ordinance 35-22.

Mr. Markham seconded.

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

Opposed: None Motion passed 6-0.

B) 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 the ordinance and Mr. Kessler provided the images included in the plaques addressed by this ordinance.

Mr. Klingler moved to adopt Ordinance 36-22.

Ms. Lampke seconded.

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

Matt Klingler Opposed: None **Motion passed 6-0.** 

#### 13) Second 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 Ms. Lampke provided some rationale and purpose behind this ordinance and invited Mr. Kessler to provide any additional information, which he did.

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 provided some background and rationale behind this ordinance and spoke about the importance of poll workers to the democratic process

and the importance of keeping them safe. Ms. Lampke mentioned a typographical change and asked about a possible fine component to the punishment section.

### 14) First Readings: (Speaker Slip Required)

A) Resolution 8-22 authorizing the City of Bexley to submit an Ohio Department of Natural Resources Forestry Division Urban Canopy Restoration Grant application for \$25,000 introduced by Monique Lampke on October 11, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke provided some information and asked the Mayor for more detail which he did. We will need a suspension and adoption due to grant application timing.

Ms. Lampke moved to suspend the three reading requirement for Resolution 8-22.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

All in Favor: Sam Marcellino, Jess Saad, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Matt

Klingler

Opposed: None **Motion passed 6-0.** 

Ms. Lampke moved to approve Resolution 8-22.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

All in Favor: Sam Marcellino, Jess Saad, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Matt

Klingler

Opposed: None **Motion passed 6-0.** 

B) Ordinance 39-22 to authorize a supplemental appropriation for Jeffrey Preschool and Recreation Programs for calendar year 2022 introduced by Monique Lampke on October 11, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke provided some information and invited Mr. Price to provided additional input, which he did. Mr. Marcellino asked about language on possible COVID relief funds being used for some of these expenses, which Mr. Price explained, covering some COVID relief funds received specific to preschool.

C) Ordinance 40-22 to amend 2022 pay rates for Part Time Dispatchers and retroactively apply said pay rates, in order to be consistent with increases negotiated as part of the dispatcher's collective bargaining agreement effective January 1, 2022, introduced by Monique Lampke on October 11, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke asked Mr. Kessler and Mr. Fishel to provide some additional information on the background of this ordinance. Mr. Markham asked how much it would cost and Mr. Kessler said roughly \$2000, though this number isn't exact. Mr. Klingler asked how many part time dispatchers we have, which Mr. Kessler answered, stating we have five part-time dispatchers.

### **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.

Mr. Markham seconded.

All in Favor: Sam Marcellino, Jess Saad, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Matt

Klingler

Opposed: None **Motion passed 6-0.** 

Mr. Kessler and Mr. McPeek talked about the input and proposed changes from BZAP and ARB. Ms. Saad asked about the height limit changes to this ordinance and wondered if they could be in line with the fencing height limit. Council members and the mayor discussed the merits and downfalls of this possibility along with process questions about solar panels.

Mr. Markham invited comments or questions from the public.

Constance Lewis of 663 Euclaire spoke in opposition to the ten foot allowance for ground mounted solar panels and would like to see the City move more slowly on approving these, especially at that height.

Ms. Lampke moved to table Ordinance 14-22

Ms. Saad seconded.

All in Favor: Sam Marcellino, Jess Saad, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Matt

Klingler

Opposed: None **Motion passed 6-0.** 

#### 16) Safety and Health Committee - Sam Marcellino, Chair

Mr. Marcellino reminded everyone there is a Board of Health meeting on October 18 at City Hall.

### 17) Zoning and Development Committee - Matt Klingler, Chair

No report at this time.

### 18) Recreation and Parks Committee - Jessica Saad, Chair

Ms. Saad spoke about the Govern 2.0 Symposium which she attended with Mr. Kessler and felt was very helpful and beneficial. Ms. Saad also spoke about the Day of the Girl installation and upcoming October events.

### 19) Strategic Committee - Jen Robinson, Chair

Mr. Kessler reported that Ms. Robinson reviewed the Strategic Plan with Mr. Kessler today and this revision should be provided to Council soon.

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

Ms. Feibel invited Ms. Camille Seals from Columbus School for Girls on November 8 and asked Ms. Vawter to note this. Ms. Feibel also spoke about Source of Income legislation. Ms. Feibel also provided some information on food waste.

#### 21) Finance Committee - Monique Lampke, Chair

Ms. Lample talked about the upcoming budget process and reported on the Big Table discussion at the Bexley Public Library and complimented the program. Ms. Lampke also reminded everyone that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Ms. Lampke thanked Mr. Marcellino's

firm for sponsoring this event.

## 22) Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)

Ms. Constance Lewis of 663 Euclaire announced that the South Bexley Neighborhood Association voted to purchase two additional benches for Havenwood Park.

Mr. Don Lewis of 663 Euclaire spoke about a stranger meeting at the door and asked questions about the poll workers protection ordinance, which Mr. Fishel and Mr. Marcellino addressed. Mr. Lewis asked about whether long-term debt is addressed in the budget, which Mr. McPeek and Mr. Kessler answered.

23) Executive Session 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, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing by division (G)(1) of section 121.22 of the Revised Code; and, 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.

Mr. Fishel read the item.

Mr. Markham moved to enter Executive Session.

Mr.Klingler seconded.

All in Favor: Sam Marcellino, Jess Saad, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Matt

Klingler

Opposed: None Motion passed 6-0.

Council entered executive session at 7:43 pm.

Ms. Feibel moved to exit executive session

Ms. Lampke seconded

All in Favor: Sam Marcellino, Jess Saad, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Matt

Klingler

Opposed: None Motion passed 6-0.

Council exited executive session at 8:28 pm

#### 24) Adjourn

Ms. Feibel moved to adjourn.

Ms. Lampke seconded.

All in Favor: Sam Marcellino, Jess Saad, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Matt

Klingler

Opposed: None Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Markham adjourned the meeting at 8:28 pm.