



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

6:00 PM

1) Call to Order

Council President Markham called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

2) Roll Call of Members

Council Members Present: Lori Ann Feibel, Jen Robinson, Sam Marcellino, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Jessica Saad, Matt Klingler

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Presentations/Special Guests

A) Proclamation for Amiya Bowles, 2022 Bexley High School Girls State Tennis Champion
Mr. Kessler read the Proclamation for Amiya Bowles, congratulating her on her accomplishments.

5) Public Comments (Speaker Slip Required)

None.

6) President's Report

No report this evening.

7) City Attorney Report

No report this evening.

8) Auditor's Report

No report this evening.

9) Administrative Update:

A) Finance Department Update - Beecher Hale

Mr. Hale summarized the highlights of his report. Mr. McPeck asked a question which Mr. Hale answered.

Mr. Hale then spoke about a motion needed for an invoice that pre-dated the PO that had been opened.

Ms. Lampke moved to approve payment of the invoice from Squire Patton Boggs.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Opposed: None

B) Police Department Update - Chief Lewis

No additions to the chief's report.

Ms. Robinson wished Chief Lewis a happy birthday.

Mr. Kessler thanked Chief Lewis for working the Harvest Fest and Chief Lewis stated that he's following the mayor's example and believes in the importance in leading by example.

Ms. Feibel thanked Chief Lewis for speaking at the library and complimented him on this event.

Ms. Lampke asked about Officer Davis's departure and how we're handling hiring and replacement. Chief Lewis spoke about the national trend of officers leaving the industry, and spoke about the plan for recruitment moving forward.

C) Recreation and Parks Update - Mike Price

Mr. Price covered some of the financial issues, and specifically inflationary wage increases, impacting affecting summer camp in particular. He's been in discussion with the Recreation Board about this issue and is working through potential plans and options to address this moving forward. Mr. Price also talked about some upcoming events.

Ms. Lampke complimented the Recreation Department on an amazing Harvest Festival. Mr. Klingler asked about the attendance numbers for the summer camp attendance, which Mr. Price confirmed. Ms. Price complimented the Recreation and Parks staff for their extension of time on the Trail of Enchantment path.

D) Service Update: Andy Bashore- Service Director

Mr. Bashore didn't have any additions to his written report. Mr. Klingler asked about the dog park and Mr. Bashore provided an update and confirmed it's likely next Spring.

Mr. Marcellino received some complaints about trees hanging down over signs and asked about the monitoring process, and Mr. Bashore explained the process and also answered a follow up question about street sign visibility.

Mr. McPeek then asked about how AEP evaluates burying lines versus pole replacement which Mr. Bashore and Mr. Kessler answered.

Ms. Saad asked about the workers on Drexel and what project they're focused on and Mr. Bashore explained that current work is mostly related to an AEP project to move the poles along with the Drexel curb change plans.

Mr. Klingler asked if they are considering any better equipment or strategies for leaf collection, and Mr. Bashore responded this is currently the best available option.

E) Mayor's Update

Mr. Kessler covered some of the highlights of his report and upcoming events. Hearing no questions, Mr. Makham moved the meeting on.

10) Ordinances/Resolutions with visiting presenters

A) Ordinance 41-22 authorizing appropriations for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2023; to confirm the appointment of Marc Fishel as City Attorney; and to authorize 2022 transfers to the Economic Bond Development Retirement Fund, the Capital Improvements Fund; and the Infrastructure Development Fund, of \$694,328, \$500,000 and \$500,000 respectively, introduced by Monique Lampke on October 25, 2022

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke invited Mr. Bashore to discuss the Service budget and Mr. Kessler to discuss some of his budget lines. Ms. Lampke also covered some upcoming budget sections that will be covered in future budget.

Mr. Kessler provided a broad overview of the proposed budget, including larger concepts like Year of the Parks, sidewalk repairs, a strategy for the community pool.

Mr. Kessler walked Council through some City Hall specific portions of the 2023 budget and answered Council questions as they arose.

Mr. Bashore then walked Council through the Service Department proposed budget for 2023 and answered Council questions as they arose.

11) Consent Agenda: (No Speaker Slip Required)

A) Meeting Minutes from October 11, 2022 City Council Meeting.

Mr. Fishel read the item on the consent agenda.

Mr. Markham moved to approve the items on the Consent Agenda

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

12) Third Readings: (No 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 background information.

Ms. Lampke moved to adopt Ordinance 37-22

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

- 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 the ordinance and Mr. Marcellino provided some rationale and background along with some current news related to the concerns generating this ordinance. Mr. Fishel also spoke about the penalty provision as it relates to fees.

Mr. Marcellino moved to approve Ordinance 38-22.

Ms. Robinson seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

13) Second Readings: (Speaker Slip Required)

- A) 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 and Mr. Kessler discussed some proposed amendments that will be presented at the next meeting. Mr. Klingler asked a question which Mr. Kessler answered.

- B) 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 provided some background on this ordinance. This will be on the consent agenda at the next meeting.

14) First Readings: (Speaker Slip Required)

- A) Resolution 9-22 confirming the Mayor's appointment of members to the Recreation Board, the Tree and Public Gardens Commission, the Citizen Review Board, and the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee Executive Board, introduced by Jen Robinson on October 25, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Robinson provided some explanation on this ordinance

and invited Mr. Kessler to provide more detail, which he did.

- B) Ordinance 42-22 to create Section 265, Naming and Renaming Policy, and to adopt the Naming and Renaming Policy attached as Exhibit A, introduced by Jen Robinson on October 25, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Robinson and Mr. Kessler provided some additional detail.

15) Tabled Ordinances:

- 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.

- 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

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

Ms. Lampke seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Saad said after researching this further, she'd like to see amendments to lower the ground mounted solar panels. Ms. Feibel asked about the exemptions and Council members and Mayor Kessler discussed concerns along with potential options for amendment. Mr. Kessler will be bringing these proposed amendments back to the Building and Zoning experts on staff to revisit the language.

Constance Lewis of 663 Euclaire spoke in opposition to ground mounted solar panels and in favor of a community solar farm.

Mr. Klingler moved to table Ordinance 14-22.

Ms. Robinson seconded

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

Motion passed 7-0.

16) Zoning and Development Committee - Matt Klingler, Chair

Mr. Klingler has no report.

17) Recreation and Parks Committee - Jessica Saad, Chair

Ms. Saad reminded everyone to try to make it to a Be a Champion interactive forums for the Bexley City Schools and encouraged Council Members to encourage other community members to attend.

18) Strategic Committee - Jen Robinson, Chair

Ms. Robinson reminded everyone to be careful next Monday during Trick of Treat and reminded everyone of the upcoming CIC meeting.

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

Ms. Feibel has no report.

20) Finance Committee - Monique Lampke, Chair

Ms. Feibel reminded everyone of election day.

21) Safety and Health Committee - Sam Marcellino, Chair

Mr. Marcellino provided an update on the Board of Health.

22) Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)

Ms. Constance Lewis of 663 Euclaire spoke about roads and alleys and asked for details about resurfacing on Francis and Mr. Kessler answered this question.

23) Adjourn

Mr. Klingler moved.

Ms. Robinson seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Markham adjourned the meeting at 8:46 pm.