



## **City Council Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, November 15, 2022**

**6:00 PM**

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**1) Call to Order**

Council President Markham called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

**2) Roll Call of Members**

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

**3) Pledge of Allegiance**

**4) Presentations/Special Guests**

A) Bexley Citizen's Police Academy Graduation

Sergeant Overly presented the police academy graduates and congratulated them on their work. Mr. Drewry, who is a graduate, thanked Sergeant Overly for her service and leadership throughout the class.

**5) Public Comments (Speaker Slip Required)**

None.

**6) President's Report**

President Markham spoke favorably about the police academy class and recommended others to consider taking part.

**7) City Attorney Report**

No report.

**8) Ordinances/Resolutions with visiting presenters**

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. (This is the 3rd Reading)

i) Eric Acton - Proposed Appointment to Recreation Board

Mr. Acton introduced himself and spoke about his background and interest in the Board. Ms. Saad thanked Mr. Acton for his willingness to serve and her excitement to work with him as the Recreation Board Council liaison. Mr. Price thanked Mr. Action for his willingness to serve and complimented his help with athlete volunteers at Splish, Splash, and Dash every year.

ii) Lisa Kelley - Proposed Appointment to Citizen Review Board

Ms. Kelley introduced herself and provided some details on her professional background and her interest in the role and also spoke of her excitement to serve. Mr. Markham spoke about the importance of the Citizen Review Board and expressed his gratitude for her service. Mr. Kessler also spoke about his appreciation for Ms. Kelley's service and willingness to serve.

Ms. Robinson moved to adopt Resolution 9-22.

Ms. Feibel seconded.

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

Opposed: None

**Motion passed 7-0.**

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.

i) Jim Wilson to Discuss Naming and Renaming Policy

Mr. Wilson spoke about the background and logic behind the creation of this policy. Ms. Saad and Ms. Lampke asked about the scope of this policy, which Mr. Wilson and Mr. Markham answered.

Ms. Robinson moved to accept Ordinance 42-22.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion Passed 7-0.

C) 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 (This is the 2nd Reading)

Mr. Kessler spoke briefly of the budget ordinance. We're having technical issues with the 3rd version of the budget but this will be available online. Mr. Kessler then invited Mr. Price to walk Council through his budget.

i) Recreation and Parks Presentation

Mr. Price walked Council members through his 2023 budget and responded to multiple questions. The presentation and discussion on the Recreation and Parks Budget continued until approximately 8:10 pm.

After Administrative updates from Chief Lewis, Mr. Bashore, and Mr. Price, Mr. Kessler invited Mr. Hale to present the Auditor's budget. Hearing no questions, Mr. Kessler then proceeded through his budget presentation.

During the Year of the Parks presentation, Ben Heckman, the Library Director, spoke about potential uses and benefits relating to the pocket park adjacent to the library. Mr. Heckman answered some questions relating to the pocket park adjacent to the library. After his departure, Mr. Kessler continued with the Year of the Parks presentation.

Ms. Robinson departed the meeting at 8:58 pm which President Markham noted was communicated ahead of time.

Mr. Kessler then continued to present other City Hall budgets including Technology, Building and Zoning, and discussed the Capital Improvement funds.

Constance Lewis of 663 Euclaire asked about the four-season shelterhouse and also asked about Commonwealth Park restrooms. Mr. Kessler responded to both questions. Ms. Lewis spoke in support of free membership to the Bexley Pool.

Ms. Lampke moved to Table Ordinance 41-22.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0.

**9) Auditor's Report**

No report.

**10) Administrative Update:**

A) Police Department Update - Chief Lewis

Chief Lewis highlighted some recent work with CSG and spoke positively about this partnership and process. Mr. Marcellino asked if we could receive updates on upcoming officer swearing-in ceremonies.

B) Recreation and Parks Update - Mike Price

Mr. Bashore provided his report first.

Mr. Price provided an overview of the items on his staff report.

C) Service Update: Andy Bashore- Service Director

Mr. Bashore provided an update about leaves, and discussed the particular challenges of all of

the leaves falling at once.

D) Finance Department Update - Beecher Hale

No report.

E) Mayor's Update

Mr. Kessler had no additions to his written report.

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

A) Meeting Minutes from November 8, 2022 City Council Meeting.

Mr. Fishel read the Consent Agenda,

Mr. Klingler moved to accept the items on the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Opposed: None

**Motion passed 6-0.**

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

No third readings beyond those ordinances included in the Visiting Presenters section.

**13) Second Readings: (Speaker Slip Required)**

A) Ordinance 43-22 to Establish the Water, Sewer, and Refuse Rates charged by the City of Bexley introduced by Monique Lampke on November 8, 2022

Mr. Kessler spoke regarding the Water, Sewer rates and provided some clarity on this ordinance.

Ms. Lampke and Mr. Fishel asked clarifying questions, which Mr. Kessler answered.

B) Ordinance 44-22 Amending Chapter 291 of the City of Bexley Codified Ordinances to add section 291.02 authorizing certain City officials to issue subpoenas in furtherance of investigations of misdemeanor crimes introduced by Jen Robinson on November 8, 2022

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and in Ms. Robinson's absence, Mr. Fishel provided some additional information on pending cases that would move forward if this ordinance is suspended and adopted. Mr. Fishel also reported that Ms. Robinson is comfortable with both the proposed amendment and the suspension of the three reading requirement.

Mr. Markham moved to amend Ordinance 44-22 as shown.

Ms. Lampke seconded.

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

Opposed: None

**Motion passed 6-0.**

Mr. Markham moved to suspend the three reading rule for Ordinance 44-22.

Ms. Feibel seconded.

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

Opposed: None

**Motion passed 6-0.**

Mr. Markham moved to adopt Ordinance 44-22.

Ms. Saad seconded.

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

Opposed: None

**Motion passed 6-0.**

C) Ordinance 45-22 to establish the salary for the office of Bexley Mayor for the years 2024-2027, introduced by Monique Lampke on November 8, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke discussed some additional information and some proposed amendments, including the addition of 2026 and 2027 and the codification of the salary.

Ms. Lampke moved to amend Ordinance 45-22 as shown.

Ms. Saad seconded.

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

Opposed: None

**Motion passed 6-0.**

D) Ordinance 46-22 to create Chapter 220.04, Compensation, and to establish the salary for the office of City Council Member for the years 2024 and beyond introduced by Monique Lampke on November 8, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke provided some background on this ordinance. Ms. Lampke asked if there were any additional comments. Ms. Feibel did ask about some potential language to ensure this is regularly revisited. Mr. Fishel will work with Council members for some proposed language for the third reading. Mr. Markham echoed Ms. Feibel's thoughts and then Mr. Marcellino stated his interest in removing 2030 and 2032 so that we're not looking too far into the future and are rather providing opportunities for revisitation. Ms. Saad added a concern regarding the larger jump and timing, which Mr. Kessler answered.

E) Ordinance 47-22 to establish compensation for non-bargaining unit employees of the City of Bexley, effective as of January 1, 2023 introduced by Monique Lampke on November 8, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke invited the Mayor to provide brief highlights on

this ordinance. Mr. Kessler has nothing further to add.

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

- A) Ordinance 48-22 to create Chapter 837, Tobacco Retail License and Regulations and to remove Chapter 636.16 of the Codified Ordinances, Illegal distribution of cigarettes, other tobacco products or alternate nicotine products introduced by Sam Marcellino on November 15, 2022.

Mr. Fishel briefly left chambers, so Mr. McPeck read the ordinance and Mr. Marcellino provided some background and rationale behind this ordinance as well as highlight the intended purpose.

- B) Resolution 10-22 to schedule the Bexley City Council meeting dates and times for the year 2023 introduced by Troy Markham on November 15, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Markham provided some additional information.

Mr. Marcellino mentioned election day. After a brief discussion, Council members agreed that an amendment to this should be considered.

**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

No action on tabled ordinances.

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

Not present.

**17) Service and Environmental Committee - Lori Ann Feibel, Chair**

Ms. Feibel spoke about National Recycling Date.

**18) Finance Committee - Monique Lampke, Chair**

Ms. Lampke expressed her gratitude and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**19) Safety and Health Committee - Sam Marcellino, Chair**

Mr. Marcellino reminded everyone of the upcoming officer swearing in ceremony and the pancake breakfast. He then wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving,.

**20) Zoning and Development Committee - Matt Klingler, Chair**

No report.

**21) Recreation and Parks Committee - Jessica Saad, Chair**

Ms. Saad encouraged everyone to volunteer for the Jeffrey Mansion Pancake Breakfast and

wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

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

None.

**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.**

Mr. Markham moved to enter executive session.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Opposed: None

**Motion passed 6-0.**

Council entered Executive Session at 10:11 pm.

Mr. Markahm moved to exit Executive Session.

Ms. Feibel seconded.

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

Opposed: None

**Motion passed 6-0.**

Council exited Executive Session at 10:20 pm.

**24) Adjourn**

Mr. Klingler moved to adjourn.

Ms. Lampke seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0.

President Markham adjourned the meeting at 10:22 pm.