



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 6, 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: Jen Robinson, Sam Marcellino, Matt Klingler, Troy Markham, Jessica Saad, Lori Ann Feibel

Mr. Markham requested a motion to excuse Ms. Lampke's absence.

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

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0.

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Presentations/Special Guests

A) Bexley High School Boys Soccer Team - Proclamation

Mr. Kessler presented a proclamation honoring the Bexley High School Boys soccer team on their 2022 season.

5) Public Comments (Speaker Slip Required)

None.

6) Ordinances/Resolutions with visiting presenters

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.

i) Dr. Rob Crane will speak on this ordinance.

Dr. Rob Crane spoke in support of this ordinance and to discuss the dangers of tobacco and statistics specific to tobacco sales and use by minors in Ohio.

Ms. Amanda Turner also spoke in support of this ordinance, discussing some of the dangers of new e-cigarette products and related tobacco marketing practices.

Ms. Saad spoke in support of this ordinance and asked about the educational components and opportunities. Ms. Turner recommended reaching out to Columbus Public Health.

Ms. Feibel spoke in support of this ordinance and asked about the online sales component, which Ms. Turner answered.

Chief Lewis asked about state law enforcement organizations and their impact, which Ms. Turner and Dr. Crane answered.

Mr. Kessler spoke in support of this ordinance and especially the enforcement component which is outside of Bexley, since we don't have the staffing and resources to handle this and spoke about fairly strong regional support.

Ms. Robinson spoke in support of this ordinance and discussed how important she feels it is to pass this in Bexley.

Mr. Fishel asked about when Franklin County Public Health will be prepared to support enforcement and Ms. Turner confirmed they're ready now.

Mr. Markham spoke about his recent shift in thinking about tobacco ordinances and spoke in support of this ordinance.

Mr. Fishel read this ordinance following the presentation and resulting conversation.

B) 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 ordinance is Tabled - has had 3 readings)

Ms. Feibel moves to remove Ordinance 41-22 from the table.

Mr. Markham seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Feibel invited Mr. Kessler to provide an overview of discussion points. Mr. Kessler discussed some items on the Capital budget and then invited Council questions. Council members and the City Auditor asked questions which were answered by the corresponding department director, and at times, Mr. Kessler.

Ms. Feibel moved to table Ordinance 41-22.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Price then provided an update on the pool membership and some cost analysis for different membership cost options. Mr. Price answered Council questions about this matter.

7) President's Report

A) Resolution 12-22 unequivocally condemning the recent rise in antisemitic violence and harassment targeting Jewish people, and standing in solidarity with those affected by antisemitism, and for other purposes introduced by Troy Markham on December 6, 2022

Mr. Markham spoke on how upsetting recent upticks in antisemitic violence and harassment have been to him and how the important he feels a Council response is in light of these issues.

Ms. Grossman spoke about a bit of the process of creating this Resolution and her gratitude for Mr. Markham and Ms. Robinson's initiative and leadership on this.

Ms. Robinson spoke about the troubling uptick in this activity and also stated her gratitude for being involved in this important process.

Mr. Fishel then read the ordinance.

B) Resolution

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 nothing to add to his written report. Mr. Kessler acknowledged the terrific tree lighting event. Hearing no other question, Mr. Markham moved on.

B) Service Update: Andy Bashore- Service Director

Mr. Bashore had no additions to his report. Hearing no other questions, Mr. Markham moved on.

C) Finance Department Update - Beecher Hale

Mr. Hale had no report. Hearing no questions, Mr. Markham moved on.

D) Mayor's Update

Mr. Kessler covered some of the highlights of his report.

E) Police Department Update - Chief Lewis

Chief Lewis had no additions to his report. Ms. Saad asked Chief Lewis to elaborate on some holiday safety tips and also to provide more information about an upcoming art event for students. Chief Lewis responded to both questions.

11) Consent Agenda: (No Speaker Slip Required)

A) Meeting Minutes from November 15, 2022 City Council Meeting.

Mr. Fishel read the item on the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Feibel moves to approve the item on the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Robinson seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0.

12) Third Readings: (No 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. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Feibel asked Mr. Kessler to share and discuss these rates.

Ms. Feibel moves to amend Ordinance 43-22 as shown.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Feibel moved to approve Ordinance 43-22

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0.

B) 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.

Ms. Feibel moved to pass Ordinance 45-22.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0.

C) 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. Feibel provided some additional information on some proposed amendments to this ordinance to ensure more frequent review of this ordinance.

Ms. Feibel moves to amend Ordinance 46-22 as shown.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Feibel moves to approve amended Ordinance 46-22

Ms. Robinson seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0.

D) 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. Feibel spoke about this ordinance. Mr. Kessler provided some additional information, but this will be discussed in Executive Session.

Ms. Feibel moved to table Ordinance 47-22.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0.

13) Second Readings: (Speaker Slip Required)

A) 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 Council Members discussed some potential options.

Amendments will be voted on at the next meeting.

14) First Readings: (Speaker Slip Required)

A) Resolution 11-22 confirming the Mayor's appointments of members to the Bexley Community Improvement Corporation, introduced by Jen Robinson on December 6, 2022
Mr. Kessler asked to introduce this next week as he's had high interest in this. Council agreed with this request.

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 at this time.

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

Ms. Feibel spoke about some of the wrapping paper that's thrown away each year and spoke about other opportunities to be greener over the holidays.

17) Finance Committee - Monique Lampke, Chair

No report.

18) Safety and Health Committee - Sam Marcellino, Chair

No report.

19) Zoning and Development Committee - Matt Klingler, Chair

No report.

20) Recreation and Parks Committee - Jessica Saad, Chair

Ms. Saad reminded everyone of the pancake breakfast on Saturday. Ms. Saad also spoke about the St. Albans Turkey Trot, which was a big success. Mr. Marcellino asked about potential routes out of the Turkey Trot and Council and Mr. Kessler briefly discussed this matter.

21) Strategic Committee - Jen Robinson, Chair

Ms. Robinson encouraged folks to see White Christmas which features three Bexley students.

22) Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)

Mr. Markham recessed the meeting briefly as Chris Bournea wanted to briefly address Council off the record.

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 for the reason listed.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Council moved into Executive Session at 8:29 pm.

Mr. Markham moved to exit Executive Session.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Council exited Executive session at 9:02 pm.

24) Adjourn

Ms. Feibel moved to adjourn.

Ms. Robinson seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion passed 6-0.