



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

1) Call to Order

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

2) Roll Call of Members

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

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Presentations/Special Guests

a) Stephanie Matthews with A Tribe for Jazz for Jazz Appreciation Month

Ms. Matthews spoke about Jazz Appreciation Month and some of the upcoming events at the library.

5) Public Comments (Speaker Slip Required)

None.

6) President's Report

Mr. Markham spoke about the recent tragic school shooting in Nashville and stated that Council Members speak about this and think about this often. He encouraged concerned residents to reach out not just to local government, but also to state and national government representatives. He also complimented Chief Lewis on this topic and shared that during his interviews he offered a thoughtful and comprehensive plan. Mr. Markham also spoke positively about how helpful and constructive the meeting with multiple Board chairs and vice chairs was and encouraged Council members to attend one of these meetings if possible.



7) City Attorney Report

Mr. Fishel had no report.

8) Auditor's Report

Mr. McPeek spoke about some of the research he's done into funding options for the Year of the Parks projects, including some options for financing this externally or borrowing the money from ourselves with plans to pay back these funds through TIF revenue. Mr. McPeek discussed this matter with Council Members and Mayor Kessler.

9) Hearing on Ordinance 6-23 and Ordinance 7-23

Mr. Markham then turned the meeting over to the leadership of the Zoning Committee Chair, Matt Klingler.

Mr. Klingler provided some brief background on both ordinances, first covering 06-23 which proposed changing the zoning designation of the gravel lot area across from Rusty Bucket on Main Street to Mixed Use Commercial. It is currently Campus Planning District which should be updated. Ms. Lampke asked if there were any downsides that Mr. Klingler could see. Mr. Klingler, Mr. Fishel, and Mr. Kessler briefly explained why they feel this is a positive change.

Jack Reynolds with Smith and Hale represents the owner of the property. He offered some background on this proposed change and expressed his client's appreciation for the City reaching out to plan more appropriately for the future.

Don Lewis of 663 Euclaire spoke in support of this zoning. He asked if there is a time limit for a developer to complete a development, which Mr. Hale and Mr. Kessler answered.

James Gross of 500 South Parkview stated he is not opposed to this ordinance but asked a technical question about a couple of the parcels included, which Mr. Kessler answered.



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Mr. Kessler also mentioned there will be a second public hearing on this to comply with a public hearing occurring seven or more days after BZAP provides a recommendation to Council. BZAP did recommend both of these ordinances for approval, but the meeting in which this occurred was four days ago, so these ordinances will be up for a second public hearing on April 11.

Mr. Klingler then briefly covered the intent and background of Ordinance 7-23.

10) Administrative Update

a) Recreation Department Update – Mike Price

Mr. Price has nothing to add to his written report. Mr. Kessler asked about how many proposals we've received on the skate park RFP. Ms. Saad asked for some updated on the egg dash, which Mr. Price provided. Ms. Robinson asked about pool memberships, and Mr. Price confirmed there are roughly 600.

b) Service Update – Andy Bashore

Mr. Bashore did add that next week we'll see more work beginning on Drexel and shared that letters for notice went out to these residents today. Mr. McPeck asked about how many trees we lost in the recent storm, and Mr. Bashore confirmed we lost 14 trees. Ms. Feibel complimented the great work of the Service Department on this effort.

c) Finance Department Update – Beecher Hale

Mr. Hale directed everyone to the report and shared that we are still performing better than budget for February. Mr. Hale also invited anyone to ask questions if they find anything they're curious about. Mr. Hale also highlighted some of the new charts that have been included. Ms. Lampke asked about grants, which Mr.



Hale and Mr. McPeck answered. Mr. Kessler also provided some additional information about grants this year. Mr. Klingler expressed his appreciation for graphs and for historical data.

d) Police Department Update – Chief Gary D. Lewis, Jr.

Chief Lewis is at a conference in Las Vegas. Mr. Kessler clarified that we approved that trip though the Chief is paying for that personally. He is clarifying that the Chief will need that Council approval for a Chief of Police conference in San Diego in October, which will need a Council vote. Ms. Saad complimented the Emergency response page.

Mr. Kessler requested a voice vote to approve the conference in San Diego.

Mr. Markham moved to approve this training in San Diego.

Ms. Feibel seconded.

This motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

e) Mayor's Update

- Fourth of July Parade Route Update

Mr. Kessler provided a recommendation about the parade to return it to the former route. Council had no updates.

Ms. Constance Lewis of 663 Euclaire stated that she's in support of whatever route works best, but did mention that candy often runs out before South Bexley and asked if perhaps some years the parade could start in South Bexley.

Ms. Robinson did state her disappointment that the additional families couldn't be included but she expressed complete understanding and support of keeping parade participants safe. Ms. Saad also expressed the need to keep everyone safe, and thus spoke in support of the return to the former route. Mr. Markham spoke in support of the change, but did ask that Council consider perhaps in the future making an adjustment to include more families in the South without lengthening the route.



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Mr. Kessler concluded this portion of the meeting and covered the highlights of his report.

Mr. Kessler asked Council to consider an inquiry we're receiving regarding flower beds in the front yard and provided some background to this situation including some efforts from the Tree Commission. Mr. Markham asked if we could get a report on this and Ms. Feibel urged Council to be cautious and mindful about this as people's opinions vary widely. Mr. Kessler spoke a little more on this.

Mr. Kessler also covered the Trinity Site briefing he provided to potential developers.

Mr. Markham pointed out the good work that's being done in partnering with the City of Columbus on safety issues on Cassady and Livingston both.

11) Consent Agenda (No Speaker Slip Required)

- a) Meeting Minutes from March 7, 2023

Mr. Markham moved to adopt the consent agenda.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion Passed 7-0.

12) Third Readings (No Speaker Slip Required)

- a) Ordinance 6-23 to amend the zoning of certain parcels in the City, in order to zone the property at the southwest corner of Sheridan Avenue and Main Street, herein further described, as Mixed-Use Commercial (MUC) with a Main Street District (MS) overlay, and to amend and replace the Official Zoning Map of the City of Bexley. Introduced by Matt Klingler on February 21, 2023.

Mr. Klingler moved to table Ordinance 6-23.



Mr. Markham seconded.

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

Motion Passed 7-0.

- b) Ordinance 7-23 to amend the zoning of certain parcels in the City, in order to zone all property located within Schneider Park as Open Space (OS), and to amend and replace the Official Zoning Map of the City of Bexley. Introduced by Matt Klingler on February 21, 2023.

Mr. Klingler moved to table Ordinance 7-23.

Mr. Markham seconded.

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

Motion Passed 7-0.

13) Second Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

- a) Ordinance 8-23 to appropriate \$7,982 from the unencumbered General Fund to the Building Department and \$6,428 from the Water Fund to the Water Administration Department for the purpose of paying back Medicare taxes for 2020-2022. Introduced by Monique Lampke on March 7, 2023.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke provided some background and asked Mr. Kessler to walk Council members through the proposed amendments which he did, but he recommended not amending until we understand the amendments further.

14) First Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

- a) Ordinance 9-23 to establish the rate of pay for the Police Department Communications Technician at \$31.86 per hour effective January 1, 2023. Introduced by Monique Lampke on March 28, 2023.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke provided some background on this ordinance.



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- b) Ordinance 10-23 to amend Chapter 1060.09, in order to expand the ability of residents to recirculate household items. Introduced by Lori Ann Feibel on March 28, 2023.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Feibel provided some background and rationale behind the ordinance, which she feels is timely given the month and supports our efforts to reuse and rehome versus sending items to the landfill. Mr. Kessler provided some additional information.

- c) Ordinance 11-23 to amend Chapter 289, Land Use Strategy Commission, and to appoint members to the Land Use Strategy Commission. Introduced by Matt Klingler on March 28, 2023.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Klingler provided some background on this ordinance. Mr. Kessler also walked Council through some of the ordinance language and the proposed members.
appointed members.

- d) Ordinance 12-23 to amend Section 886 of the Bexley Codified Ordinances, in order to amend the Bexley Community Reinvestment Area program. Introduced by Matt Klingler on March 28, 2023.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Klingler asked Mr. Kessler to walk Council through the language and rationale behind this ordinance, which he did. Mr. Markham asked a clarifying question. Mr. Klingler asked a follow up question which Mr. Kessler answered. Council discussed this and asked questions.

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.

No action on tabled ordinances.

16) **Recreation and Parks Committee – Jessica Saad, Chair**



Ms. Saad asked Council to fill out the Doodle poll for some DEI training she's working on. Ms. Saad also reminded everyone that the BRAVO Fundraiser is on April 22.

17) Finance Committee – Monique Lampke, Chair

Ms. Lampke shared with everyone that the BWC Awards ceremony will be held on Thursday.

18) Safety and Health Committee – Sam Marcellino, Chair

None.

19) Strategic Committee – Jen Robinson, Chair

Ms. Robinson wished everyone who celebrates a wonderful and meaningful Passover.

20) Zoning and Development Committee – Matt Klingler, Chair

Mr. Klingler reported on some great work Lee Nathans is doing on AED and AED Awareness, and urged Council to support him in this effort.

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

Ms. Feibel wished everyone a Happy Spring, Happy Passover, and Happy Easter. She also urged everyone to sign up for the Ecochallenge.

22) Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)

None.

23. Adjourn



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Ms. Feibel moved

Mr. Makham seconded.

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

Motion Passed 7-0.

Council President Markham adjourned the meeting at 7:48 pm.