



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

1) Call to Order

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, Jessica Saad, Monique Lampke, Matt Klingler

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Presentations/Special Guests

a) St. Albans regarding Turkey Trot

St. Albans representatives presented a check to City Council celebrating the funds raised for the Mid-Ohio Food Collective through the 2022 Turkey Trot. The 2022 Turkey Trot raised \$16,655 this year, which is the highest food

b) Mr. Andrew Rosenthal, a long-time architect and the designer of the City Hall space, who will be appointed for the Land Use Strategy Refresh Committee, introduced himself and spoke briefly about his background.

5) Public Comments (Speaker Slip Required)

None.

6) President's Report

Mr. Markham received an email regarding the City of Solon's recent passing of an Anti-Semitism resolution, following in the City of Bexley's example.

Ms. Feibel shared some information about a resident in the City of Bexley who is a Ukrainian refugee in our community.

7) City Attorney Report

No report.

8) Auditor's Report

No report.

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

Mr. Markham invited Mr. Klingler to take lead for the hearing on these ordinances.

Mr. Klingler spoke briefly about the background.

Mr. Klingler moved to remove Ordinances 6-23 and 7-23 from the table.

Ms. Robinson seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Richard Sharp of 845 College Avenue asked about the height limit on the South Gateway parcels in consideration of the potential tax revenue that could be a result of a building with increased height. Mr. Kessler responded to this, citing 1254.14.

Ms. Lampke asked about potential developments on the parking lot on Gateway South and updates on the condition of that lot. Mr. Kessler provided that update.

Mr. Marcellino asked about some of the background of this lot, which Mr. Kessler provided.

Mr. Klingler moved to pass Ordinance 6-23.

Ms. Lampke seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Klingler moved to remove Ordinances 7-23 from the table.

Ms. Feibel seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Klingler moved to approve Ordinance 7-23.

Ms. Feibel seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

10) Administrative Update

a) Service Department Update – Andy Bashore

Mr. Klingler commended the crews for their organization and work on Drexel. Mr. Kessler also confirmed there is a water leak being currently repaired at Bexley Park and Remington. Mr. Bashore also noted some of the 2023 Street Projects.

b) Finance Department Update – Beecher Hale

Mr. Hale had no report and no questions.

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

Chief Lewis is driving back from an event. Mr. Marcellino asked for some additional information on a lateral transfer officer, which Mr. Kessler provided.

d) Recreation Department Update – Mike Price

Mr. Price thanked everyone who helped with the Egg Dash on Saturday. Ms. Saad asked about lifeguard hiring, which Mr. Price answered. Mr. Marcellino thanked Mr. Price for the Egg Dash and asked if they could speak later about some potential ideas.

Ms. Robinson departed the meeting at 6:33 pm.

e) Mayor's Update

Mr. Kessler provided some of the highlights of his report, including BWC award winners, columns at the Schneider Park trailhead, and spoke about how much he enjoyed the Arbor Month Author Visit with Council President Markham. Ms. Saad asked for some additional information on the Cassingham Calm Corridor Public Workshop, which Mr. Kessler provided.

11) Consent Agenda (No Speaker Slip Required)

a) Meeting Minutes from March 28, 2023

Mr. Markham

Mr. Sharp of 845 College spoke about the Trinity Apartments site and expressed his hope that this would be an exciting development with creative options, specifically mentioning the possibility of a rooftop park or preschool or other ideas. Mr. Sharp also spoke about egress concerns.

Mr. Markham moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
Mr. Klingler seconded.

All in Favor: Sam Marcellino, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Jessica Saad, Monique Lampke, Matt Klingler
Motion passed 6-0.

12) Third Readings (No 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 asked if we were reviewing the amendments.

Ms. Lampke moved to amend Ordinance 8-23.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Lampke moved to approve amended Ordinance 8-23.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

13) Second 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 invited Mr. Kessler to provide some background, which he did. Ms. Feibel asked for some additional clarification which Mr. Kessler and Mr. McPeck answered, but will need to revisit at the next meeting.

- 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 spoke about some of the positive environmental impact of this ordinance. Mr. Marcellino asked about this ordinance and potential delays in pick up of bulk items that no one opts to take and Mr. Kessler answered this.

- 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 information on this, with Mr. Kessler adding some information.

- 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 provided some background and rationale. Council briefly discussed the need for more information and education on this. Mr. Kessler provided some more in depth background and relevant information on abatements and related history specific to Bexley.

14) First Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

- a) Ordinance 13-23 to provide for an advance to the Main Street Streetscape TIF Fund from the general fund, repayable over a ten-year period commencing in 2024, in order to provide funding for TIF-eligible public space improvements, introduced by Monique Lampke on April 11, 2023.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke provided some background, but invited Mr. Kessler to provide some additional information. Mr. Kessler did and walked Council through his attached presentation. Mr. Kessler also answered some additional 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.
- b) 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.
- c) 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.

Action on 6-23 and 7-23 occurred during the hearing earlier in the meeting.

16) Finance Committee – Monique Lampke, Chair

Ms. Lampke provided a brief update

17) Safety and Health Committee – Sam Marcellino, Chair

Mr. Marcellino announced an upcoming series of Open Office Hours for City Council members at City Hall starting on Friday, April 21 at 1:00 pm. He will send additional information out about this soon and encouraged all Council members to participate.

18) Strategic Committee – Jen Robinson, Chair

19) Zoning and Development Committee – Matt Klingler, Chair

No Report.

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

Ms. Feibel shared some updates about Food Waste Prevention week and other Earth and Arbor day events and encouraged Council to visit Green Bexley and to find opportunities to participate.

21) Recreation and Parks Committee – Jessica Saad, Chair

Ms. Saad reminded Council of upcoming Diversity and Equity Inclusion training and of the April 12 Recreation Board Meeting.

22) Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)

None.

23) Adjourn

Matt Klingler moved.

Lori Ann Feibel seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm.