



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

1) Call to Order

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

2) Roll Call of Members

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

Council Members Absent: Matt Klingler

Mr. Markham moved to excuse Mr. Klingler's absence.

Ms. Saad seconded.

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

Motion passes 6-0.

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Presentations/Special Guests

a) Swearing In Ceremony

a. Officer Winnegrad

b. Officer Schwarz

Mayor Kessler and Chief Lewis both spoke about the two new officers and the three newly promoted sergeants.

Mayor Kessler then led Officers Schwarz and Winnegrad through their oath of office, followed by leading Sergeants Fleming, Glick, and Tumblison. Photographs with families and City officials followed.

b) Land Use Strategy Commission Appointees

a. Josh Sikich

Mr. Sikich spoke briefly about his background and interest in the role. Ms. Saad thanked him for his willingness to serve.

c) Jordan Whitney – Intern with Senator Sherrod Brown’s Office

Mr. Whitney is interning with Senator Sherrod Brown’s Office this semester and is excited to be present to see the proceedings this evening. Mr. Whitney clarified he was present in a personal capacity, not on official Senator business.

5) Public Comments (Speaker Slip Required)

None.

6) President’s Report

Mr. Markham mentioned the first meeting of the Naming Rights Committee and also spoke about a compliment he received about Bexley’s park spaces.

7) City Attorney Report

No report.

8) Auditor’s Report

Mr. McPeck reported the satisfactory results of his monthly audit of invoices over \$5,000.

10) Administrative Update

a) Finance Department Update – Beecher Hale

No report and no questions.

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

Chief Lewis had no additions to his written report. Ms. Lampke thanked Chief Lewis and Lieutenant Overly for attending the Bexley Women’s Club event. Ms. Saad asked Chief Lewis to highlight Super Saturday, which he did.

c) Recreation Department Update – Mike Price

Mr. Price had no additional items to report. Ms. Feibel mentioned how many students came to Jeffrey Mansion for prom pictures and how exciting that is. Mr. Marcellino also added it's a good marketing opportunity. Ms. Lampke complimented the pool membership numbers and Ms. Saad relayed a story of a lifeguard working in the community this year.

Mr. Kessler then invited Mr. Price to talk about the prototype signs on display in the lobby for park signage.

d) Service Department Update – Andy Bashore

Mr. Bashore didn't have any additional information to add to his report. Mr. Bashore did answer a question about the work on Drexel, which is proceeding according to plan. The Mayor highlighted an upcoming project from Columbia Gas.

e) Mayor's Update

Mr. Kessler presented a Year of the Parks construction hat to Mr. Fishel. Mr. Kessler then covered some highlights from his report, including the upcoming groundbreaking at Commonwealth Park and an update on the strategic plan refresh and an upcoming MORPC grant opportunity for EV chargers. Mr. Kessler then mentioned a couple of upcoming opportunities to barbecue, including an upcoming event for Bexley Police retirees.

11) Consent Agenda (No Speaker Slip Required)

a) Meeting Minutes from April 25, 2023

Mr. Markham moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Lampke seconded.

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

Motion passes 6-0.

12) Third Readings (No 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 additional information and background on this ordinance.

Ms. Lampke moved to adopt Ordinance 13-23.

Ms. Robinson seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

13) Second Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

- a) Ordinance 14-23 authorizing the Mayor to accept the donation of real property from the Columbia Place Association and providing for the amendment of the Columbia Place PUR, conditional upon the completion of certain repairs and upgrades under the conditions outlined herein introduced by Lori Ann Feibel on April 25, 2023.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Feibel discussed the background and rationale behind this ordinance. Mr. Kessler highlighted some of the specific changes to this ordinance. Council members discussed this and asked questions before moving on.

- b) Ordinance 15-23 to Amend 618.15, Dogs on City Park and Recreational Property, introduced by Jessica Saad on April 25, 2023.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad discussed the background and logic behind this ordinance.

14) First Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

- a) Resolution 2-23 to adopt the Tax Budget for calendar year attached hereto as Exhibit A, introduced by Monique Lampke on May 9, 2023.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke provided some background on this ordinance. Council members discussed some minor typographical changes needed on this ordinance.

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.

Mr. Markham moved to remove Ordinance 35-22 from the table for discussion.

Ms. Robinson seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Feibel provided a status update on this ordinance and some other updates. Mr. Kessler provided some additional information.

Mr. Markham moved to table Ordinance 35-22.

Ms. Saad seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

- b) 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. Markham moved to remove Ordinance 11-23 from the table.

Ms. Robinson seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Lampke expressed his excitement about the Land Use Strategy refresh.

Mr. Markham moved to adopt Ordinance 11-23.

Ms. Feibel seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Kessler also expressed his excitement about this project.

- c) 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. Markham moved to remove Ordinance 12-23 from the table.

Ms. Feibel seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion (7:22 pm) Donnie asks a question, etc.

Constance Lewis of 663 Euclaire asked if this had any impact, bearing or affect on the current lawsuit regarding a development on

Mr. Markham moved to amend Ordinance 12-23 as shown.

Ms. Feibel seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Markham moved to adopt Ordinance 12-23.

Ms. Feibel seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

16) Strategic Committee – Jen Robinson, Chair

Ms. Robinson spoke about the One Bexley Public Workshop at Capital University.

17) Zoning and Development Committee – Matt Klingler, Chair

Not present.

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

Ms. Feibel spoke about committing time and effort at the Bexley Bloomers and encouraged Council members to serve on City Council Open Office hours and also spoke about ways to be involved with the Bexley Celebrations and Events committee.

19) Recreation and Parks Committee – Jessica Saad, Chair

Ms. Saad reminded everyone that this Friday night is Bexley Recreation's first teen night, which will be held at the Senior Center and spoke about what a great thing this is. Ms. Saad also spoke about the yard sale and freecycle weekend.

20) Finance Committee – Monique Lampke, Chair

No report.

21) Safety and Health Committee – Sam Marcellino, Chair

Mr. Marcellino mentioned a recent conversation on the Board of Health about a potential ordinance to force those spraying mosquitos to inform neighbors, but no formal action there yet. Mr. Marcellino also encouraged elected officials to sign up for open office hours.

22) Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)

Ms. Constance Lewis on 663 Euclaire spoke about the success of the Yard Sale day.

23) Executive Session to consider the purchase of property (both real and personal, tangible or intangible), or to consider the sale of property (either real or personal) by competitive bid if disclosure of the information would give a competitive advantage to the other side by division (G)(2) of section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

Mr. Markham moved to enter executive session for the reason listed above.

Ms. Saad seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Council Members entered Executive Session at 7:39 pm

Council Members exited Executive Session at 7:49 pm

24) Adjourn

Ms. Feibel moved to adjourn.

Ms. Lampke seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Markham adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.