



City Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, June 27, 2023

1) Call to Order

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

2) Roll Call of Members

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

Mr. Markham moved to excuse Ms. Feibel's absence.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Presentations/Special Guests

a) Amanda Prophet on Beat the Stigma

Ms. Prophet presented on Beat the Stigma, a program focused on increasing awareness and tolerance of mental health and addiction issues. Mr. Kessler and Ms. Saad asked some follow up questions, which Ms. Prophet answered.

b) Bexley Senior Center pilot program update/presentation

Ms. Schweitzer presented on the Senior Center Pilot Program and then responded to Council questions.

5) Ordinances with Special Guests

- a) **Ordinance 16-23** to approve the supplier for the City of Bexley Electric Aggregation Program; introduced by Lori Ann Feibel on May 23, 2023.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance. This is the Third Reading. Ms. Lampke provided some brief background and Mr. Kessler provided a background on aggregation and invited Mr. Thiebert of Aspen Energy to share rates and information. Mr. Thiebert presented on a proposed aggregation program and current rates.

Alex Silverman of 683 Vernon Road asked a question about communication about this program, which Jay from Aspen Energy answered.

Don Lewis of 663 Euclaire asked if residents will be able to opt in after the initial 21 day period and Jay confirmed that they could.

Ms. Lampke moved to amend Ordinance 16-23 as shown on the screen.

Ms. Saad seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Lampke moved to adopt amended Ordinance 16-23.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

6) Public Comments (Speaker Slip Required)

None.

7) President's Report

Mr. Markham noted that we changed the date of our first August meeting from August 8 to August 15. Mr. Markham also encouraged everyone to be sure to vote.

8) City Attorney Report

Mr. Fishel spoke about First Amendment Audits which are being conducted by self-appointed citizens who walk around with cameras and try to provoke reactions. While this is disruptive, it is legal for citizens to film in open, public spaces including public offices.

9) Auditor's Report

10) Administrative Update

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

Chief Lewis had nothing to add to his report. Mr. Klingler complimented Chief Lewis on the Law Enforcement Day at St. Charles. Ms. Saad echoed this compliment and also mentioned a hire of a new officer, who will be sworn in on July 13 and then will head to the academy. Ms. Robinson thanked the Police Department for their presence at the Juneteenth event.

b) Recreation Department Update – Mike Price

Mr. Price expressed his excitement for the upcoming Fourth of July festivities. Ms. Saad asked if all the Price family members would watch the parade from the same location.

c) Service Department Update – Andy Bashore

Mr. Bashore had nothing to add to his report but did mention the crews have been quite busy getting ready for the Fourth. Mr. Kessler asked about the Columbia Gas project and plans for clean up prior to the Fourth. Mr. Bashore did confirm they'll be out of the area but will have some steel plates around.

d) Finance Department Update – Beecher Hale

Mr. Hale has nothing to add to his written report, but did cover some of the basic highlights from his report.

e) Mayor's Update

Mr. Kessler encouraged everyone to be patient in viewing the construction on Drexel, which is underway and as with all construction projects will look quite different when completed. Mr. Kessler also spoke about the success of the Juneteenth Celebration and thanked the leaders and planners of this event including Mr. Silverman, who was present, and Ms. Robinson. Mr.

Markham and Mr. Marcellino both complimented and thanked Ms. Robinson on her work to move into this.

11) Consent Agenda (No Speaker Slip Required)

- a) Meeting Minutes from June 13, 2023

Mr. Markham moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

12) Third Readings (No Speaker Slip Required)

- a) **Resolution 3-23** confirming the Mayor's appointments of members to the Architectural Review Board; the Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning; the Recreation and Parks Board; the Tree and Public Gardens Commission; the Board of Health; the Civil Service Commission; the Citizen Review Board; and the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee; introduced by Jen Robinson on May 23, 2023.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Robinson and Mr. Kessler provided some brief background.

Ms. Robinson moves to pass Resolution 3-23.

Mr. Markham seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

- b) **Ordinance 17-23** to approve and authorize the Mayor and the City Auditor to sign the Bexley Office Incentive Agreement and Tax Increment Financing Agreement between the City of Bexley and CSD Bexley LLC (COHatch); to provide incentives available for public infrastructure improvements in the Main Street Incentive District; and to establish the CSD Bexley LLC Account; introduced by Matt Klingler on May 23, 2023.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Klingler provided some background and also thanked Ms. Lampke for setting up a tour. Mr. Klingler also mentioned a typo he located in the ordinance. Ms. Lampke also spoke in favor of this ordinance and praised the concept and organization.

Mr. Klingler moved to amend Ordinance 17-23 as shown on the screen.

Ms. Saad seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Klinger moves to approve Amended Ordinance 17-23.

Ms. Robinson seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr Kessler also thanked Mr. Davis of COHatch for being present.

13) Second Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

None.

14) First Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

- a) **Ordinance 18-23** to authorize the Mayor and Auditor to enter into a contract between the City of Bexley and Franklin County Public Health; introduced by Sam Marcellino on June 27, 2023.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Marcellino provided some brief background on this ordinance.

Mr. Marcellino moved to amend Ordinance 18-23 to include the emergency language changes as discussed.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Markham moved to suspend three reading rule on Ordinance 18-23.

Ms. Lampke seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Marcellino moved to adopt Amended Ordinance 18-23.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

- b) **Ordinance 19-23** declaring the improvements to the former Trinity Seminary apartments site to be a public purpose; declaring such improvements to be exempt from real property taxation; requiring the owners thereof to make service payments in lieu of taxes; designating the public infrastructure improvements to be made that will directly benefit the real property; establishing a public improvement tax increment equivalent fund for the deposit of service payments; authorizing a revenue sharing agreement with the Bexley City School District; and authorizing a tax increment financing and redevelopment agreement with the developer of the site introduced by Matt Klingler on June 27, 2023.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Klingler provided some background and rationale behind this ordinance. Mr. Kessler clarified that more details and information, including hopefully a development proposal, will be provided at the first August meeting.

- c) **Ordinance 20-23** to establish the Mandatory Drug Fine Fund pursuant to the applicable sections of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) introduced by Monique Lampke on June 27, 2023.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke provided some background on this ordinance and invited Mr. Kessler to provide more detail. Mr. Kessler requested Mr. Fishel provide this detail and the rationale behind the time constraints on this legislation.

Ms. Lampke moved to suspend three reading rule on Ordinance 20-23.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Lampke moved to adopt Amended Ordinance 20-23.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

- d) **Ordinance 21-23** to reestablish the Law Enforcement Trust Fund (Fund 18) pursuant to the applicable sections of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) introduced by Monique Lampke on June 27, 2023.

Ms. Lampke moved to suspend three reading rule on Ordinance 21-23.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Lampke moved to adopt Amended Ordinance 21-23.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

- e) **Ordinance 22-23** to reestablish DUI Enforcement and Education Fund (Fund 24) pursuant to the applicable sections of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) introduced by Monique Lampke on June 27, 2023.

Ms. Lampke moved to suspend three reading rule on Ordinance 20-23.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Lampke moved to adopt Amended Ordinance 20-23.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

15) Tabled Ordinances

16) Recreation and Parks Committee – Jessica Saad, Chair

Ms. Saad spoke about her upcoming library program with Auditor Stinziano regarding property tax reassessments.

17) Finance Committee – Monique Lampke, Chair

No report.

18) Safety and Health Committee – Sam Marcellino, Chair

Mr. Marcellino spoke in opposition to Issue 1 which will be on the ballot on August 8.

19) Strategic Committee – Jen Robinson, Chair

Ms. Robinson reminded Council members to take some time to review the Strategic Plan over the recess period.

20) Zoning and Development Committee – Matt Klingler, Chair

Mr. Klingler reminded everyone of the upcoming Land Use Strategy meeting.

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

No report.

22) Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)

Alex Silverman spoke but the microphone was not turned on and his comments were not audible in the meeting recording.

23) Executive Session to confer with an attorney for the public body concerning matters involving the public body which are or may become the subject of litigation;

Mr. Markham moved to enter Executive Session.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Council entered Executive Session at 8:10 pm.

Council exited Executive Session at 8:25 pm.

24) Adjourn

Mr. Markham moved to adjourn.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

President Markham adjourned the meeting at 8:26 pm.

APPROVED: August 15, 2023



Matt McPeek, Auditor



Troy Markham, President of Council

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