



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

1) Call to Order

President Markham called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

2) Roll Call of Members

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

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Presentations/Special Guests

5) Ordinances with Special Guests

- a) **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. (This Ordinance is currently tabled)

- 1. Greg Daniels with Squire Paton Boggs

We will return to this after administrative reports.

We returned to this section at 6:40 pm. See notes below the Finance Committee section.

6) Public Comments (Speaker Slip Required)

7) President's Report

President Markham congratulated Mr. Hurley and Mr. Silverman on their election to office and shared that Mr. Klingler and Ms. Robinson will be departing Council this year and festivities will be planned to celebrate their accomplishments.

8) City Attorney Report

Mr. Fishel didn't have a report but shared that there will be an Ordinance later this evening related to the passage of Issue 2.

9) Auditor's Report

10) Administrative Update

a) Service Department Update – Andy Bashore

Mr. Grant was in due to Mr. Bashore's absence. He answered questions regarding the medians and repaving on Drexel, alleys in South Bexley, and holiday lighting. The Mayor also answered questions about light and reflective items on Drexel and on other medians around the City.

b) Finance Department Update – Beecher Hale

Mr. Hale did speak about the invoice requiring a motion.

Motion to approve invoice happened here.

Ms. Lampke moved to approve.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Council President Markham returned to the Ordinance with Visting Presenters Section of the Agenda at this time due to the arrival of Mr. Greg Daniels with Squire Paton Boggs.

Mr. Klingler moved to remove Ordinance 19-23 from the table.

Ms. Robinson seconded.

All in Favor: Jessica Saad, Matt Klingler, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Sam Marcellino, Lori Ann Feibel, Jen Robinson
Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Daniels spoke about the TIF Ordinance and answered questions from Council Members. At Council's request, Mayor Kessler provided a presentation on TIFs and how they impact income for the City. Council member Klingler also added some information to this presentation. Mr. Daniels, Mayor Kessler, and Mr. Klingler all responded to additional questions from Council Members.

Hearing no further questions or comments, Mr. Markham invited Mr. Klingler to take action on the ordinance.

Mr. Klingler moved to amend Ordinance 19-23 as shown.

Ms. Lampke seconded.

All in Favor: Jessica Saad, Matt Klingler, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Sam Marcellino, Lori Ann Feibel, Jen Robinson
Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Klingler moved to approve amended Ordinance 19-23.

Ms. Robinson seconded.

All in Favor: Jessica Saad, Matt Klingler, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Sam Marcellino, Lori Ann Feibel, Jen Robinson
Motion passed 7-0.

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

Chief Lewis answered a question from Ms. Saad about the recent Town Hall at Torat Emet. Ms. Feibel shared her appreciation for the recent meeting Mayor Kessler and Chief Lewis attended at COMMA discussing safety in the Jewish community around Central Ohio. Mr. Kessler asked Chief Lewis to share some of the ideas that resulted from that meeting, which he did. Chief Lewis answered additional questions from Mr. Marcellino, Mr. Klingler and Ms. Lampke. Chief Lewis also shared the recent appointment of Officer Winnegrad to be Bexley's representative on the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force.

d) Recreation Department Update – Mike Price

Mr. Price didn't have an update. Ms. Feibel complimented the Rec Department on the Halloween Bash, both for adults and middle schoolers.

e) Mayor's Update

Mayor Kessler provided some of the highlights of his report.

11) Consent Agenda (No Speaker Slip Required)

- a) Meeting Minutes from October 24, 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, Lori Ann Feibel, Jen Robinson

Motion passed 7-0.

12) Third Readings (No Speaker Slip Required)

None.

13) Second Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

None.

14) First Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

- a) **Ordinance 37-23** to authorize supplemental appropriations for calendar year 2023, introduced by Monique Lampke on November 14, 2023.

Ms. Lampke read the ordinance and invited Mr. Kessler to provide more background and information. Mr. Hale and Mr. Price provided some additional information.

- b) **Ordinance 38-23** to establish compensation for non-bargaining unit employees of the City of Bexley, effective as of January 1, 2024, introduced by Monique Lampke on November 14, 2023.

Mr. McPeck arrived at the meeting at the reading of Ordinance 38-23.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke invited Mr. Kessler to provide some detail on the budget. Mayor Kessler provided some background on the pay ordinance and some of the specific items that have been carefully reviewed.

- c) **Ordinance 39-23** authorizing appropriations for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2024; to reappropriate all unexpended OPWC project appropriations for 2024 and to confirm the appointment of Marc Fishel as City Attorney, introduced by Monique Lampke on November 14, 2023.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke invited Mayor Kessler to provide a presentation of the budget. Mayor Kessler shared this is an initial budget and more detail would be provided in the next two readings. He then covered overall budget goals and some of the items Council could anticipate being visited in upcoming budget presentations.

Mayor Kessler then invited Chief Lewis to cover the specifics of the Police Department budget for 2024. Chief Lewis presented on his portion of the budget and answered multiple questions from Council members.

- d) **Ordinance 40-23** to amend Chapter 1254, Commercial and Institutional District Regulations, in order further affirm the prohibition of uses involving any Adult Use Cannabis Operator; Adult Use Cultivator, and Adult Use Dispensary introduced by Matt Klingler on November 14, 2023.

Mr Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Klingler spoke briefly about the background and rationale for this ordinance in light of Issue 2. Mr. Fishel

15) **Tabled Ordinances**

- a) **Ordinance 27-23** to amend Chapter 452.06, “Unattended Vehicles: duty to lock ignition, remove key, set brake, etc.” in order to modernize provisions of this section and to expand restrictions on idling for the protection of both the health of citizens and the environment, and to add Section 618.25, Animals in Unattended Motor Vehicles, in order to protect the health and welfare of animals in unattended vehicles; introduced by Lori Ann Feibel on August 15, 2023.

Ms. Feibel moved to remove Ordinance 27-23 from the table.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Feibel spoke about her passion about this ordinance and her work to understand the issues and concerns with enforcement of this issue. Ms. Feibel asked Council and the City’s sustainability team to do strong communications work to educate community members on this important issue.

Ms. Feibel moved to withdraw Ordinance 27-23.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

Mr. Klingler thanked Ms. Feibel for listening and for her passion to educate others on this. Ms. Lampke also thanked Ms. Feibel for this. Mr. Marcellino also expressed his support. Ms. Saad also shared that this is an example of how our Council works on issues like this. Mayor Kessler also shared how his mind has been changed on this.

Motion passed by voice vote with unanimous Ayes.

- b) **Ordinance 35-23** to amend section 618.16(a)(5) of the Bexley Codified Ordinances to amend the definition of “Vicious Animal”, and to reorder and amend existing Section 618.16(a)(8), introduced by Sam Marcellino on September 12, 2023.

Mr. Marcellino moved to remove Ordinance 35-23 from the table.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

All in Favor: Jessica Saad, Matt Klingler, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Sam Marcellino, Lori Ann Feibel, Jen Robinson
Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Marcellino asked everyone to consider the ordinance and everyone's appetite and feedback and shared his thoughts about the inherent issues with identifying a single breed versus a more comprehensive review. Several Council Members shared agreement with taking a thoughtful approach to this ordinance and Chief Lewis shared his thoughts that having expert opinions on this would be wise as it's reviewed. Mayor Kessler spoke about the history of this law and animals who have gone through the program outlined in the law.

Mr. Don Lewis of 663 Euclaire Avenue asked if there were statistics on the dog bites that have occurred in Bexley and Mr. Markham confirmed that Mayor Kessler will be obtaining that information.

Ms. Rachel Laing of 755 Vernon shared some of her experiences as a prosecutor regarding pitbull bite cases and expressed her opinion that pitbull bites are often more severe which may warrant consideration specific to the breed.

Mr. Marcellino made some final comments about the current law not being enforced.

Mr. Marcellino moved to table Ordinance 35-23.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

All in Favor: Jessica Saad, Matt Klingler, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Sam Marcellino, Lori Ann Feibel, Jen Robinson
Motion passed 7-0.

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

Ms. Feibel reminded everyone of the Tree and Public Garden Commission meeting coming up this week.

17) Recreation and Parks Committee – Jessica Saad, Chair

Ms. Saad spoke about the upcoming Recreation Board meeting and Bexley Education Foundation meeting and the announcement of the annual BRAVO event.

18) Finance Committee – Monique Lampke, Chair

a) Motion to approve CTC invoice for 10/23/23-11/5/23 payroll expenses of \$7,056.00

Approved earlier in the meeting.

Ms. Lampke reminded everyone of the second reading of the budget will be coming on November 28, 2023.

19) Safety and Health Committee – Sam Marcellino, Chair

No update.

20) Strategic Committee – Jen Robinson, Chair

Ms. Robinson congratulated Mr. Markham on his reelection and spoke about the upcoming Strategic Plan Public Workshop.

Ms. Saad also shared the newest issue of the Bexley Alumni Magazine.

16) Zoning and Development Committee – Matt Klingler, Chair

Mr. Klingler spoke about the recent Front Yards and Corner Lot Meeting.

17) Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)

None.

23) Adjourn

Mr. Markham moved to adjourn.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0

Council President Markham adjourned the meeting at 8:38 pm.

MINUTES APPROVED: _____

Troy Markham, Council President

Matt McPeck, Clerk of Council

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