



City Council Minutes  
**Tuesday, March 12, 2024**

1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Roll Call of Members**

Council Members in Attendance: Danny Hurley, Sam Marcellino, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Alex Silverman.

Ms. Lampke moved to excuse Ms. Feibel's and Ms. Saad's absences.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

All in Favor: Danny Hurley, Sam Marcellino, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Alex Silverman

Motion passed 5-0.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Special Guests**

1. **Sydney Swendal**

Mayor Kessler presented Ms. Swendal with a proclamation for her work on the Schneider Park Little Free Pantry.

5. **Public Comments regarding items not on the Agenda (Speaker Slip Required)**

Done.

6. **President's Report**

Ms. Lampke explained that there is a motion needing approval from Paul Peterson.

Ms. Lampke moved to approve the payment of the invoice to Paul Peterson Company.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

All in Favor: Danny Hurley, Sam Marcellino, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Alex Silverman

Motion Passed 5-0.

7. **City Attorney Report**

Mr. Fishel spoke about the recent state legislation that will effectively overrule Bexley's tobacco legislation. Mr. Fishel shared that the City will be joining the lawsuit against this state law,

initiated by the City of Columbus. Mr. Fishel also spoke about the potential need to pass an ordinance temporarily suspending our existing tobacco legislation.

Mr. Fishel also shared that a former employee pled guilty to charges related financial misconduct and shared that the City is pleased that these funds have been fully recovered and has also implemented internal controls to reduce future risk.

## 8. **Auditor's Report**

Mr. McPeck provided some more information on steps being taken to mitigate risk in the future, including the hire of internal auditors.

## 9. **Administrative Update**

### 1. Building & Zoning Department Update – Kathy Rose

Ms. Rose covered some of the highlights of her report, including sharing some visuals for the new Co-Hatch building. Mr. Silverman asked about the upcoming demolition for the 2200 East Main project and any potential traffic impacts. Ms. Rose did clarify that there might be some. Mr. Markham asked if the conditions must be met before the project can proceed, and Ms. Rose did clarify that the conditions required by the Board must be accepted by the developer and then voted on by the Board. After this, she clarified that the design plans are carefully reviewed to ensure these requirements are met to move to the next step of the permitting process. Mayor Kessler asked if Ms. Rose could bring a full list of the conditions that have been required throughout the course of the project.

### 2. Recreation & Parks Department - Mike Price

Mr. Price provided an overview of some of the highlights of his report, including updates on the Jeffrey Mansion Preservation process, the Jeffrey Woods Festival, and other upcoming events.

### 3. Mayor's Update

Mayor Kessler provided an overview of some of the highlights of his report.

## 10. **Consent Agenda (No Speaker Slip Required)**

### 1. Meeting Minutes from February 27, 2024

2. **Amended Ordinance 06-24** establishing the Craig Kleiman Fund to Support Families with Special Needs, designed to receive donations intended for the provision of support and services for Bexley residents and families facing special needs challenges, and to authorize the appropriation of \$5,000 from the unencumbered General Fund to provide funds to match private donations, introduced by Jess Saad on February 13, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read the items on the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Price clarified the language. Mr. Fishel read the ordinance with the amended changes that authorize matching funds but do not appropriate language.

Ms. Lampke moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

All in Favor: Danny Hurley, Sam Marcellino, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Alex Silverman  
Motion Passed 5-0.

#### 11. **Third Readings (Speaker Slip Required)**

1. **Resolution 01-24** supporting the purposeful unification of Commonwealth East and Commonwealth West Parks into a single cohesive park, including the closure of North Columbia Avenue between Commonwealth Park North and Commonwealth Park South, introduced by Lori Ann Feibel on February 13, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Marcellino read a statement from Ms. Feibel clarifying that the resolution only requests a Council vote on the unification of Commonwealth Park and does not specify, approve, or decline any design specifics or elements.

Ms. Lampke thanked the Mayor for taking time to do thorough due diligence and stated her opinion that the option to unify the park is both economically and aesthetically the best option.

Mr. Marcellino moved to approve Resolution 01-24.

Mr. Hurley seconded.

All in Favor: Danny Hurley, Sam Marcellino, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Alex Silverman  
Motion Passed 5-0.

#### 12. **Second Readings (Speaker Slip Required)**

1. **Ordinance 07-24** to Amend Section 262.02(c)(3), Holidays, in order to re-codify Juneteenth as a holiday for non-bargaining unit employees introduced by Jess Saad on February 27, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke briefly covered the purpose behind the ordinance. Moving this to the consent agenda for the next meeting.

2. **Ordinance 08-24** to amend 2024 pay rates for Building Department Assistant to capture and reflect the additional responsibilities added to this job description, introduced by Jess Saad on February 27, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke provided some background on this ordinance and Mayor Kessler provided some additional information.

3. **Resolution 2-24** adopting the Solid Waste Management Plan for the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio, introduced by Alex Silverman on February 27, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Silverman provided some background on this Resolution 02-24. Mr. Hurley asked for more information on other municipalities that have approved this, and Mr. Markham asked for more information from ESAC, which Mr. Silverman provided.

### 13. **Tabled Ordinances**

1. **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.
2. **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.
3. **Ordinance 04-24** to Amend Sections 1226.12, 1230.61, 1254.03, 1254.09, 1254.11 and 1254.13, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bexley, Planning and Zoning Code To Repeal Sections 1254.05, 1254.12 of the City’s Codified Ordinances and Enact New Sections 1254.05 and 1254.12, and to Amend the Zoning Classification and Official Zoning Map for All Property Located in the Commercial Service (CS) District and Certain Property in the Low Density Multifamily Residential (R-12) District to Mixed-Use Commercial (MUC) and Livingston Avenue District (LA) Overlay introduced by Sam Marcellino on January 9, 2024.

No action on tabled ordinances.

### 14. **Finance Committee – Jessica Saad, Chair**

Ms. Saad is not present and did not send comments.

### 15. **Recreation and Parks Committee – Lori Ann Feibel, Chair**

Ms. Feibel is not present and did not send a report.

### 16. **Service and Environmental Committee – Alex Silverman, Chair**

Mr. Silverman shared that there is a lot of planning for the Earth and Arbor Month, and asked that anyone who is talented with repairs should contact Elizabeth Ellman for the Repair Café activity.

### 17. **Zoning and Development Committee – Sam Marcellino, Chair**

Mr. Marcellino shared that ARB is meeting on March 14. Mr. Marcellino did share that Ordinance 04-24 will be removed from the table on March 26. If that will change, he will inform the community. He also asked about the BMPA meeting and spoke positively about the recent BMPA Art Auction meeting.

### 18. **Strategic and Health Committee – Danny Hurley, Chair**

Mr. Hurley requested some additional information on the strategic retreat planning and is hoping to finalize soon.

### **19. Safety Committee – Troy Markham, Chair**

Mr. Markham spoke about the Land Use Strategy and asked if there was a firm date for public workshops here, and the Mayor clarified that this is probably later in May or early summer and details will be provided as dates are finalized. Mr. Markham also shared about an exciting grant opportunity for Love Your Alley.

### **20. Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)**

None.

### **21. Executive Session Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing collective bargaining strategy by division (G)(4) of section [121.22](#) of the Revised Code.**

Ms. Lampke moved to enter Executive Session

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

All in Favor: Danny Hurley, Sam Marcellino, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Alex Silverman

Motion passed 5-0.

Council entered executive session at 6:53 pm.

Council exited executive session at 7:03 pm.

### **22. Adjourn**

President Lampke adjourned the meeting at 7:04 pm.

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