



City Council Minutes
Tuesday, May 28, 2024

1. Call to Order

Ms. Lampke called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

2. Roll Call of Members

Council Members in Attendance: Danny Hurley, Sam Marcellino, Jess Saad, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Lori Ann Feibel, Alex Silverman

3. Pledge of Allegiance

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

None.

5. Visiting Guests

1. Henry Lessard – Bexley High School Tennis Champion

Ms. Saad spoke about Mr. Lessard's tennis accomplishments and Mayor Kessler gave a proclamation to Mr. Lessard.

2. Susanne Kondracke – Team Bexley

- a. Presenting on Pedals for Pancakes

Ms. Saad spoke about Susanne's passion for Pelotonia and invited her to speak. Ms. Kondracke spoke about Pedal for Pancakes and Pelotonia Kids.

3. Larry DeAtley Ellison with Bexley Pride

Mr. Hurley spoke about Mr. DeAtley Ellison and Bexley Pride spoke about the upcoming Bexley Pride walk and some other Pride events in the area. Mr. DeAtley Ellison spoke about an upcoming podcast and the history of the Bexley Pride Walk.

6. President's Report

Ms. Lampke spoke about the recent Never Again is Now program she attended at JCC. Ms. Lampke also offered a brief recap of discussions at the Council Retreat, with a focus on

discussion for Council's desire for resolutions that specifically include action items and/or deliverables. Mr. Hurley also spoke about his thoughts on resolutions, agreeing with Ms. Lampke's summarization. Ms. Feibel also shared her agreement. Ms. Lampke went on to speak about a Council Communications working group and invited Council members to volunteer for this.

7. City Attorney Report

Mr. Fishel spoke about a recent issue that started circulating on a legal list serv, relating to a bill that would offer the State of Ohio appeal rights not offered to other parties. Mr. Hurley added some additional background to this issue.

8. Auditor's Report

Mr. McPeck spoke about Karrie's work on a GAP Accounting document being compiled for the Auditors.

9. Administrative Update

1. Service Department – Andy Bashore

Mr. Bashore didn't have anything to add to his report, but did receive compliments from Ms. Lampke and Ms. Saad and questions from multiple Council members.

2. Development & Administration Department - Megan Meyer

Ms. Meyer covered some of the highlights her report and invited questions. She accepted and responded to compliments and questions from several Council members.

3. Finance Department - Karrie Martin

Karrie covered some of the highlights of her report and invited questions. Ms. Martin then accepted a compliment on the new report from Ms. Feibel. Ms. Saad expressed interest in a deeper dive into some of the Building Department specific budget items. Mr. Marcellino requested receiving some budget information earlier, particularly the five-year forecast to allow some additional time to digest and consider.

4. Mayor's Update

Mayor Kessler covered some of the highlights of his report and answered a question from Mr. Hurley regarding some of the recent conversation at a CIC meeting relating to changes to the parking lot at Bexley Square associated with the 2200 East Main Street project. Mayor Kessler also spoke about the Memorial Service and possible future plans for this memorial including opportunities to honor other veterans.

10. Consent Agenda (No Speaker Slip Required)

1. Meeting Minutes from May 14, 2024

Ms. Lampke moved to approve the meeting minutes.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

All in Favor: Danny Hurley, Sam Marcellino, Jess Saad, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Lori Ann Feibel, Alex Silverman

Motion passed 7-0.

11. Executive Session to prepare for, conduct, or review collective bargaining strategy by division (G)(4) of section [121.22](#) of the Revised Code; and to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing by division (G)(1) of section [121.22](#) of the Revised Code.

Ms. Lampke moved to enter Executive Session for the reasons stated above.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

Mr. Markham stepped out and was not present for vote.

All in Favor: Danny Hurley, Sam Marcellino, Jess Saad, Monique Lampke, Lori Ann Feibel, Alex Silverman

Motion Passed 6-1.

Mr. Markham was temporarily out of chambers and unable to vote. No Nays were heard.

Council entered executive session at 7:11 pm

Ms. Lampke moved to exit executive session.

Mr. Hurley seconded.

All in Favor: Danny Hurley, Sam Marcellino, Jess Saad, Monique Lampke, Lori Ann Feibel, Alex Silverman, Troy Markham

Motion Passed 7-0.

Council exited executive session at 7:35 pm

12. Third Readings

1. **Ordinance 14-24** to Approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Fraternal Order of Police, Capital City Lodge No. 9 and the City of Bexley introduced by Jessica Saad on April 23, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read Ordinance 14-24 and Ms. Saad provided some background on this ordinance.

Ms. Saad moved to approve Ordinance 14-24.

Mr. Markham seconded.

All in Favor: Danny Hurley, Sam Marcellino, Jess Saad, Monique Lampke, Lori Ann Feibel, Alex Silverman, Troy Markham

Motion Passed 7-0.

13. Second Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

1. **Ordinance 15-24** to appropriate \$10,000 from the unencumbered General Fund "Estimated Social Services" reserve line item to provide funding to support the Bexley Summer Food Program, introduced by Jess Saad on May 14, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad provided some background and rationale behind the ordinance.

14. First Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

1. **Resolution 03-24** accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies, introduced by Jess Saad on May 28, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad invited Mayor Kessler to provide the background on the ordinance, which he did.

2. **Resolution 04-24** 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 Board of Tax Review; the Civil Service Commission; the Citizen Review Board; the Tax Incentive Review Committee; and the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee, introduced by Danny Hurley on May 28, 2024

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Hurley provided a brief background inviting Mayor Kessler to provide some additional information. Ms. Feibel asked about one commission member participating on multiple boards and Mayor Kessler agreed to give this some thought.

3. **Ordinance 16-24** to amend Chapter 474.02(j) to add protective helmet requirements in instances of persons under 16 years of age to wear a protective helmet while operating an electric bicycle, skateboard, scooter, roller skates, hoverboard or similar vehicle on any city street, alley, park, recreational path, or sidewalk, introduced by Danny Hurley on May 28, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Hurley provided some background and rationale behind the introduction of this legislation and some of his personal passion for this safety issue. Mr. Hurley responded to questions from multiple Council members and discussed this issue.

15. 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.

16. Finance Committee – Jessica Saad, Chair

Ms. Saad spoke about the BHS Alumni Open House and some other upcoming events.

17. Recreation and Parks Committee – Lori Ann Feibel, Chair

Ms. Feibel spoke about how busy the Recreation Department is and discussed some recent and upcoming events. Ms. Feibel also spoke about graduations.

18. Service and Environmental Committee – Alex Silverman, Chair

Mr. Silverman spoke about recent alley painting in the Montrose Alley and spoke about an ESAC meetings.

19. Zoning and Development Committee – Sam Marcellino, Chair

Mr. Marcellino briefly discussed the BZAP meeting topic regarding whether the developer met the recommendations, which they mostly did with the exception of some outdoor dining changes, which they technically can't proceed with until they have and passed along a positive comment he overheard about the police department.

20. Strategic and Health Committee – Danny Hurley, Chair

Mr. Hurley spoke about the Columbus MS Walk on May 18 and spoke about recent Open Office Hours and upcoming Office Hours on June 27. Mr. Hurley also spoke about Jazz in the Park and the splash pad and updates on a recent CIC meeting and reminded everyone of an upcoming Land Use Strategy meeting.

21. Safety Committee – Troy Markham, Chair

Mr. Markham spoke briefly about the new Giant Eagle bags and encouraged people to reuse these and complimented the Yard Sale and Freecycle event.

22. Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)

Constance Lewis of 663 Euclaire Avenue spoke about how much she enjoyed the Memorial Day Service and then requested that the Memorial be moved to a more visible location.

23. Adjourn

Ms. Lampke moved to adjourn.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

All in Favor: Danny Hurley, Sam Marcellino, Jess Saad, Monique Lampke, Lori Ann Feibel, Alex Silverman, Troy Markham

Motion Passed 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.