



City Council Minutes
Tuesday, June 25, 2024

1. Call to Order

Ms. Lampke called the meeting to order and informed everyone Ms. Feibel will not be present.

Ms. Lampke moved to excuse Ms. Feibel's absence.

Ms. Saad seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

2. Roll Call of Members

Council Members Present: Danny Hurley, Sam Marcellino, Jess Saad, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Alex Silverman

3. Pledge of Allegiance

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

5. Special Guests

a. **Bexley's Hometown Heroes** – Lieutenant Colonel Jon Rust

Mr. Silverman introduced Lieutenant Colonel Jon Rust. LC Rust spoke about the upcoming Bexley Hometown Heroes program which aims to recognize Bexley's veterans.

b. **Hristina Panovska** – Proposed Appointee - Architectural Review Board

Mayor Kessler introduced Ms. Panovska who spoke briefly about her background and reasons for interest.

c. **Andrew Winkel** – Proposed Appointee Tax Incentive Review Committee (Also Mayoral Appointee to Board of Tax Review)

Mayor Kessler introduced Mr. Winkel who spoke about his background and reasons for interest.

d. **Charlie Flower** – Proposed Appointee Tree and Public Gardens Commission

Mr. Flower was not available, but Mayor Kessler provided some detail on his background.

e. **Stephan Calhoun** – Proposed Appointee Architectural Review Board

Mayor Kessler introduced Mr. Calhoun who spoke briefly about his background and reasons for interest.

6. President's Report

Ms. Lampke spoke about the upcoming City Council recess in July along with an upcoming Bexley Bloomers evening event.

7. City Attorney Report

No report.

8. Auditor Report

Mr. McPeck thanked the organizers of the Boards and Commissions workshop and expressed his compliments. Mr. McPeck also shared timing on upcoming Auditor's report.

9. Administrative Update

a. Recreation Department - Mike Price

Mr. Price shared some of the key points of his update. Mr. Silverman asked about staffing at the pool and any role that might play in some of the issues they've experienced, which Mr. Price answered. Ms. Saad shared her thought that change to pool memberships could be contributing to less adults and asked if we should consider more adult staffing at the pool.

b. Development Department - Megan Meyer

Ms. Meyer did highlight that some of the trees along Main Street have been removed in line with the approved plans for the 2200 Main development and shared that she and Ms. Rose have both been working closely with Continental to ensure they're following the approved plans and all conditions. Ms. Meyer also thanked everyone who helped with the Boards and Commissions Workshop. Ms. Meyer asked about the LinkUS reference in the report regarding engagement opportunities, which Ms. Meyer answered. Ms. Saad complimented Ms. Meyer for the Boards and Commissions workshop. Mr. Markham also complimented Ms. Meyer on the workshop and spoke positively about the progress being made in these meetings. Mayor Kessler also complimented Ms. Meyer on the meeting and spoke positively of the group and their hard work on this initiative.

c. Service Department - Andy Bashore

Mr. Bashore didn't have any additions to his report but did share the focus next week will be on Fourth of July. Mr. Silverman asked about anything his staff might need given the heat, and Mr. Bashore shared that it has been tough, but they have drinks and ice.

d. Mayor's Update

Mayor Kessler shared the highlights from his report and answered a question from Mr. Markham.

10. Consent Agenda (No Speaker Slip Required)

- a. Meeting Minutes from June 11, 2024
- b. **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.

Ms. Lampke moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Saad seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

- 11. Executive Session** 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

Ms. Saad seconded.

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

Mr. Markham had stepped out of chambers and was unavailable to vote but did not voice objection upon leaving or reentering chambers.

Council entered Executive Session at 6:56 pm.

Ms. Lampke moved to exit Executive Session.

Mr. Hurley seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

12. Third Readings

1. **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. This is the third reading of Resolution 04-24.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Hurley shared that there is a proposed amendment

Mr. Hurley moved to amend Resolution 04-24.

Ms. Lampke seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Hurley moved to approve amended Resolution 04-24.

Mr. Silverman seconded.

Ms. Constance Lewis of 663 Euclaire asked a clarifying question about one of the positions, which Mayor Kessler answered.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

2. **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 spoke about the background and rationale behind this ordinance and spoke about his intent to table this ordinance and shared some proposed amendments. Ms. Lampke shared that it would be helpful to see the amendments in full. Mr. Silverman shared his work on a similar proposed ordinance and recommended raising the age from 16 to 18 based on his research of other communities. Mr. Hurley shared his intent to table this ordinance so he can address riding language and Mr. Marcellino and Ms. Saad shared interest in potentially passing tonight. Council members discussed some of the finer nuances of language. Mr. Hurley shared that he'd still like some time to review the language.

Mr. Hurley moved to table Ordinance 16-24.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

13. Second Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

1. **Ordinance 17-24** to authorize the Mayor to execute an Access Easement between the City of Bexley and CAG Bexley Apts, LLC, in order to provide for cross-access to and from the Bexley City Hall site (parcel #020- 001825) and the adjacent property to the west at 2200 East Main Street (parcel #020-00350), introduced by Sam Marcellino on June 11, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Marcellino shared he does not have anything to add from the last meeting's discussion of this item and Mayor Kessler shared that there is an Executive Session to discuss this.

14. First Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

1. **Ordinance 18-24** to establish the full-time position of Child Care Administrator with the pay range of \$48,424 to \$68,290, introduced by Lori Ann Feibel on June 25, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke invited Mr. Price to speak about the ordinance in Ms. Feibel's absence, which he did.

2. **Ordinance 19-24** to amend Section 262.02(c)(12)(C)(5), Use of Sick Leave, and to amend Section 262.02(c)(9)(B)(3), Compensatory Time, introduced by Jessica Saad on June 25, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad provided some background on this ordinance. Mayor Kessler provided some additional information and Mr. Marcellino asked a question about domestic partnership and Mr. Hurley asked a question about potential need to suspend and adopt, which Mayor Kessler shared wouldn't be needed since it is

14. 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.

15. Finance Committee – Jessica Saad, Chair

Talked about Pedal for Pancakes and also spoke about the Bexley Education Foundation retreat and the JCC

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

Ms. Feibel did not send a report.

16. Service and Environmental Committee – Alex Silverman, Chair

No report.

17. Zoning and Development Committee – Sam Marcellino, Chair

Mr. Marcellino reminded everyone that BZAP meets this week. Mr. Marcellino also thanked Ms. Robinson for the Juneteenth Celebration and thanked Mr. Hurley, Mr. Silverman, and Mayor Kessler for being there and spoke about how great it was.

18. Strategic and Health Committee – Danny Hurley, Chair

Mr. Hurley spoke about the special CIC meeting and the Land Use Strategy meeting and the Board of Health meeting coming up on July 16. Mr. Hurley also echoed Mr. Marcellino's comments on Juneteenth.

19. Safety Committee – Troy Markham, Chair

Mr. Markham spoke about the addition of Linda Hodge to the Circle of Excellence.

20. 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, and to conference with the public body's attorney concerning pending or imminent court action by division (G)(3) of section [121.22](#) of the Revised Code. Court action is "pending" if a suit has been commenced; court action is "imminent" if it is on the point of happening or impending.

Ms. Lampke moved to enter Executive Session.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Council entered Executive Session at 8:05 pm.

Ms. Lampke moved to exit Executive Session.

Mr. Hurley seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Council exited Executive Session at 8:14 pm.

21. Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)

Ms. Constance Lewis of 663 Euclaire asked a clarifying question about helmets.

22. Adjourn

Ms. Lampke moved to adjourn.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

