



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

1) Call to Order

2) Roll Call of Members

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

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Presentations/Special Guests

a) Bexley Bloomers

Mayor Kessler presented a Proclamation to the Bexley Bloomers, winners of the 2023 Barb Jenks Triffon Volunteer award.

5) Ordinances with Special Guests

- a) Ordinance 43-23** authorizing to add Chapter 1485 to the City of Bexley Codified Ordinances establishing requirements for Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) and Bleeding Control Kit (BCK) in certain establishments within the City, introduced by Sam Marcellino on November 28, 2023. (This is the Third Reading)

Mr. Nathans spoke about the recent conference in San Diego and shared some of the benefits he feels this ordinance will provide the community. Ms. Saad thanked Mr. Nathans for his work on this ordinance and this initiative. Ms. Robinson echoes Ms. Saad's statements in support of this ordinance and expressed her regret that she won't be on Council when this is hopefully passed. Ms. Lampke echoed these compliments and also asked Mr. Nathans to elaborate on a couple of other communities who've accomplished great things on this front. Ms. Feibel invited Mr. Nathans to come to speak to Rotary and expressed her interest in discussing how different communities could support this.

Mr. Marcellino moved to table this ordinance.

Mr. Markham seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

- 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. (This Ordinance is Tabled)

Ms. Lampke moved to remove Ordinance 38-23 from the table.

Mr. Markham seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Marcellino asked a clarifying question about the HR Coordinator.

Ms. Lampke moved to amend Ordinance 38-23 as shown.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Lampke moved to adopt amended Ordinance 38-23.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

- 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. (This Ordinance is Tabled)

Ms. Lampke moved to remove ordinance from the table.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

All in Favor: Ms. Lampke moved to remove ordinance

Ms. Lampke moved to amend Ordinance 39-23 as shown on the screen with the addition of the change of funding for the Flock technology to the Police budget

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Lampke moved to adopt Amended Ordinance 39-23.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

6) Public Comments (Speaker Slip Required)

None.

7) President's Report

Mr. Markham spoke about how much he has enjoyed serving as Council President for the last two years and spoke about how great this Council is and how much they care about each other and the City. He's grateful for the work each of the Council members have done both individually and collectively. He expressed that it has been the honor of his life.

8) City Attorney Report

Mr. Fishel expressed his gratitude for President Markham's service as the Council President and spoke about what an enjoyable two years it's been. He also expressed his appreciation for Mr. Klingler and Ms. Robinson.

9) Auditor's Report

Mr. McPeck expressed his appreciation for Mr. Markham's leadership and his heart and compassion. Mr. McPeck also expressed his appreciation for working with Mr. Klingler and Ms. Robinson for what they bring to the table and their personalities. He also expressed optimism for what the new members will bring.

10) Administrative Update

a) Recreation Department Update – Mike Price

No updates to his report. Mayor Kessler thanked Mr. Price for his work on the Pancake Breakfast. Ms. Saad expressed her appreciation for her time as the City Council liaison and thanked Mr. Price for all he does. Mr. Price reciprocated this appreciation.

b) Service Department Update – Andy Bashore

Mr. Bashore had no updates to his written report but did share that the leaf collection is moving well and the third round should start by Friday. Ms. Feibel thanked Mr. Bashore for being such a great partner for her time as the Service Department Council Liaison.

c) Finance Department Update – Beecher Hale

No report.

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

Chief Lewis is at the Police Department holiday party. Ms. Feibel encouraged Council members to review this report which has some important details.

e) Mayor's Update

Mayor Kessler expressed what a gift it is to have worked with the Council this past term and spoke about how much he's appreciated Mr. Markham's leadership and the servant leadership of Mr. Klingler and Ms. Robinson. Mr. Kessler then spoke on how he's enjoyed working with the present Council and how he looks forward to the future additions as well.

11) Consent Agenda (No Speaker Slip Required)

- a) Meeting Minutes from December 5, 2023.
- b) **Ordinance 42-23** authorizing the Mayor and Auditor to enter into a contract between the City of Bexley and Franklin County Public Health, introduced by Sam Marcellino on November 28, 2023.

Mr. Fishel read the items on the consent agenda.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

12) Third Readings (No Speaker Slip Required)

- a) **Ordinance 41-23** to amending Ordinance No. 91-04 to extend the life of the Main Street Incentive District ("Main Street Redevelopment and Streetscape TIF") and the period of the tax exemption provided therein by an additional fifteen years introduced by Matt Klingler on November 28, 2023.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Klingler provided some background and detail on this.

Mr. Klingler moved to approve Ordinance 41-23 and then withdrew this motion.

Mr. Klingler moved to table Ordinance 41-23.

Ms. Robinson seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

- b) **Ordinance 44-23** to establish the Water and Sewer Rates charged by the City of Bexley, and to declare an emergency, introduced by Monique Lampke on November 28, 2023.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke spoke briefly on the background. There was a typo in the title, but there have been no amendments.

Ms. Lampke moved to approve Ordinance 44-23.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

- c) Resolution 9-23** confirming the Mayor's appointments of members to the Community Improvement Corporation; the CRA Housing Council; and the Board of Zoning and Planning introduced by Jen Robinson on November 28, 2023.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Robinson provided some background. Mr. Klingler expressed his excitement to continue serving in a new capacity.

Ms. Robinson moved to adopt Resolution 9-23.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

- d) Resolution 10-23** to schedule the Bexley City Council meeting dates and times for the year 2024, introduced by Troy Markham on November 28, 2023.

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

Mr. Markham moved to adopt Resolution 10-23.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

- e) Resolution 11-23** adopting the City of Bexley 2023 Strategic Plan Update, introduced by Jen Robinson on November 28, 2023.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Robinson spoke briefly about the background. Mayor Kessler spoke about

Ms. Robinson moved to approve Resolution 11-23.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

Ms. Saad complimented Ms. Robinson for her work on this and Ms. Robinson shared her compliments with the Mayor for his hard work in putting this document together.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

13) Second Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

- a) **Ordinance 45-23** to Amend Chapter 880 of the City's Codified Ordinances to Comply with the changes made in HB 33 effective January 1, 2024 introduced by Monique Lampke on December 5, 2023.

Mr. Fishel read Ordinance 45-23 and Ms. Lampke spoke about this ordinance.

Ms. Lampke moved to suspend the three-reading requirement for Ordinance 45-23

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Lampke moved to Adopt Ordinance 45-23

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

14) First Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

- a) **Ordinance 46-23** to approve an inter-governmental agreement between the City of Bexley and the Bexley Public Library, and to declare an emergency, introduced by Monique Lampke on December 12, 2023.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke invited Mayor Kessler and Mr. Heckman to discuss the Ordinance 46-23.

Mayor Kessler spoke about the background on this park and how this ordinance formalizes what the City has already promised in partnership with the library for this project.

Mr. Heckman of the Bexley Public Library spoke about the status of the library project. Mr. Klingler spoke in support of this project. He lives near this project and is excited to see this park come to fruition.

15) Tabled Ordinance

- a) **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.

- b) **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.

No action on tabled ordinances.

16) 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 or official under section 223.03(a) of the codified ordinances.

Mr. Markham moved to retire to executive session for the reason listed above.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Megan Meyers was invited to join Council Members in Executive Session.

Council entered executive session at 7:51 pm

Council exited executive session at 8:06 pm.

Mayor Kessler spoke about the Director of Administration and Development and shared that he has made an offer to Megan Meyers. Ms. Meyers spoke briefly about her background and expressed her excitement to work with Bexley. Mayor Kessler provided some additional detail on Ms. Meyer's experience.

President Markham moved to approve the appointment of Megan Meyer to the position of Director of Administration and Development.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

17) Strategic Committee – Jen Robinson, Chair

Mr. Markham expressed his appreciation for Ms. Robinson's work on the Strategic Committee and expressed his appreciation for her work over the past four years, especially her work on Juneteenth and the ordinance on vaping. Ms. Robinson does not have a report, but said she has struggled to summarize the last four years and spoke about how much she's learned. She thanked her family, who she couldn't do this without, and each Council member for being there to support her. She explained that her reason for not running for re-election is due to the time commitment this requires and some things coming up that will make that difficult. She expressed her gratitude.

Each Council Member and Mayor Kessler spoke in appreciation and praise of Ms. Robinson's time and work as a City Council Member. Mr. Markham presented Ms. Robinson with an MVP Council Member award.

18) Zoning and Development Committee – Matt Klingler, Chair

Mr. Klingler spoke his background and reasoning for running to serve on City Council. He then spoke about each of the Council Members, Mr. Fishel, Mr. McPeck, and Mayor Kessler, expressing his appreciation and specific praise about each individual.

Each Council Member and Mayor Kessler then spoke in appreciation and praise for Mr. Klingler's work and service as a Council member. Mr. Markham also presented Mr. Klingler with an award.

19) Safety and Health Committee – Sam Marcellino, Chair

Mr. Marcellino expressed that Council is losing two great individuals and thanked Ms. Robinson and Mr. Klingler both specifically for their work. He also spoke in favor of a nonpartisan approach to government in Bexley.

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

Ms. Feibel has no report, but did share that the final Tree and Public Garden Commission Meeting of 2023 will be held on Monday, December 18.

21) Recreation and Parks Committee – Jessica Saad, Chair

Ms. Saad has no report.

22) Finance Committee – Monique Lampke, Chair

Ms. Lampke spoke in appreciation for Ms. Robinson, Mr. Klingler, and Mayor Kessler.

23) Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)

No

24) Adjourn

Mr. Markham moved to adjourn.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:42 pm.

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