



City Council Minutes
Tuesday, May 14, 2024

1. Call to Order

Ms. Lampke called the meeting to order at 6:02 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)

Ms. Constance Lewis of 663 Euclaire spoke about her long residency in the City of Bexley and some of the great projects she's seen come to place and spoke about concerns relating to the preservation of historic architecture in our city.

5. Visiting Guests

1. Marius Garcia - Bexley High School Wrestling State Champion

Mayor Kessler presented a proclamation to Mr. Garcia for his athletic accomplishments.

2. St. Charles Staff and Resource Officer Grimes

Mayor Kessler presented the proclamation to St. Charles staff members, students, and Officer Grimes for their lifesaving efforts.

6. President's Report

President Lampke thanked Mr. Hurley for a great City Council Retreat and then wished Mr. Silverman a happy birthday.

7. City Attorney Report

Mr. Fishel referenced an email sent earlier to City Council which stated that the referendum petition which was filed with the Board of Elections and was found to not have a sufficient number of valid signatures. Mr. Fishel clarified that the City has no legal (or other) authority or input on determining validity of signatures; this is the responsibility of the Board of Elections.

He did clarify that our City Auditor did notify the petitioners through mail (and email where possible). Mr. Fishel also clarified that there is no period of time where these can be amended or administrative appeal process that he is aware of or would anticipate.

8. Auditor's Report

Mr. McPeek shared a liquor license request for Bexley Hospitality, LLC. Mr. McPeek also provided an update on the internal auditors and their work.

9. Administrative Update

1. Recreation Department – Mike Price

Mr. Price provided the highlights of his report. Mr. Hurley complimented Mr. Price on the Science Event and mentioned he'd like to chat with him offline about some safety equipment questions regarding the skate park. Ms. Saad asked a question about pickleball courts and Mr. Silverman complimented recent events at the Mansion.

2. Building & Zoning Department – Kathy Rose

Ms. Rose covered some of the highlights of her report and Mayor Kessler added some additional information on a recent demolition that was rejected and may generate some questions from Council.

3. Police Department - Chief Gary D. Lewis

Ms. Feibel spoke about an alarming recent fraudulent call her mom received. Chief Lewis thanked her for this, and said he'll continue to reach out to seniors. Chief Lewis also complimented Mr. Silverman and Mayor Kessler who cooked at the retiree cookout today. Chief Lewis also discussed the creation of a synagogue resource officer position and recent outreach from Senator Beatty's office and they have submitted a grant with her relating to this concept. Ms. Lampke and Ms. Saad both offered compliments for different programs and asked about an update on the Flock system, which Chief Lewis clarified will be installed and up and running on May 31. Mr. Silverman also asked about social media or other communications about animal control tips and recommendations.

3. Mayor's Update

Mayor Kessler discussed the RITA Council of Governments and the need for a delegate and alternate delegate and proposed that Karrie Martin be appointed as the delegate with Matt McPeek being appointed as the alternate delegate.

Ms. Lampke moved to appoint Karrie Martin as the delegate and Matt McPeek as the alternate delegate for RITA.
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.

Mayor Kessler then covered some of the highlights of his report before covering some of the Year of the Parks Financials, answering multiple questions from various Council members during this process.

10. Consent Agenda (No Speaker Slip Required)

1. Meeting Minutes from April 23, 2024

Ms. Lampke moved to accept the items on the Consent Agenda.

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. Third Readings

1. **Ordinance 12-24** authorizing the Mayor and Auditor to sign a Consent and Hold Harmless Agreement on behalf of the City of Bexley with the property owner 394 South Columbia (Parcel No. 020-002008), regarding improvements made upon and within the City owned right-of-way between the sidewalk and the property line, introduced by Sam Marcellino on April 9, 2024

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Marcellino shared some of the background and then shared that he'd be working with Ben to review the code that does allow for penalties against contractors, but given that the code exists, he doesn't have a concern with this ordinance or 13-24. Mayor Kessler also shared some updates on the specifics of these two cases and then clarified some additional information he's had on this.

Mayor Kessler answered questions from Mr. Hurley and Mr. Silverman and Mr. Fishel spoke about the some of the legal matters around this. Ms. Rose also shared some additional information about the approval process.

Mr. Marcellino moved to approve Ordinance 12-24.

Mr. Hurley seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

2. **Ordinance 13-24** authorizing the Mayor and Auditor to sign a Consent and Hold Harmless Agreement on behalf of the City of Bexley with the property owner 141 South Drexel Avenue (Parcel No. 020-002869), regarding improvements made upon and within the City owned right-of-way between

the sidewalk and the property line, introduced by Sam Marcellino on April 9, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read Ordinance 13-24.

Mr. Marcellino moved to approve Ordinance 13-24.

Mr. Hurley seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

12. Second Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

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 spoke briefly about this asking if any Council Members would like an Executive Session to discuss the details of this contract. Mr. Silverman requested an Executive Session.

13. First 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 shared some of the background and rationale behind this ordinance. Mr. Marcellino spoke about potentially covering DARN's portion of this program as well. Mr. Kessler also spoke about this from a philosophical standpoint and Mr. Silverman added some additional information on the background of summer food programs and DARNs financial commitment. Mr. Hurley spoke about the potential outside of this ordinance of raising the threshold so that more children could be included. Council members continued to discuss this.

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

Ms. Saad spoke about the celebration for Israel's 76th birthday and BEF Board meeting and Pedal for Pancakes on June 15.

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

No report, but did mention the St. Charles graduation next Friday.

17. Service and Environmental Committee – Alex Silverman, Chair

Mr. Silverman thanked Ms. Lampke for the brownies and noted the Chef program at the library tonight, and thanked the AAPI Festival committee for the great work on the event. Mr. Silverman also complimented the Love Your Alley festival and spoke about the Yard Sale/Freecycle event.

18. Zoning and Development Committee – Sam Marcellino, Chair

CIC rescheduled to May 23 at 8:30 am and thanked Mr. Silverman for his work at the festival. Mr. Marcellino also spoke to Ms. Feibel about her recent appearance at Hilliard City Council and shared that he's proud of her.

19. Strategic and Health Committee – Danny Hurley, Chair

Mr. Hurley thanked everyone for their participation in the retreat and also spoke about the AAPI festival. Mr. Hurley also spoke about the photo essay regarding October 7 in the lobby of the JCC and encouraged others to take a look.

20. Safety Committee – Troy Markham, Chair

No report.

21. Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)

No comments.

22. Adjourn

Ms. Lampke moved to adjourn

Marcellino seconded

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.