



City Council Minutes  
**Tuesday, August 27, 2024**

**1. Call to Order**

Council President Lampke called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Ms. Lampke moved to excuse the absence of Alex Silverman, Lori Ann Feibel, and Troy Markham

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion Passed 4-0.

**2. Roll Call of Members**

Council Members in Attendance: Danny Hurley, Sam Marcellino, Jess Saad, Monique Lampke

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Special Guests**

**a. Ben Heckman, Bexley Public Library**

Mayor Kessler presented Mr. Heckman with a Proclamation honoring the library's centennial anniversary.

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

None.

**6. Ordinance 23-24** to amend Section 262.02(c)(9)(B), Non-Exempt Employees; Section 262.02(c)(9)(B)(3), Compensatory Time; Section 262.02(c)(11), Regular Work Period and

Hours of Work; and Section 262.02(c)(12)(B)(1), Sick Leave Accrual, introduced by Jess Saad on August 13, 2024. This is the Second Reading of this Ordinance.

**a. Emily Buckley, Human Resources Coordinator**

Mr. McPeck read the ordinance and Ms. Saad provided some background before inviting Ms. Buckley to speak. Emily walked Council members through the ordinance details and purpose. Ms. Lampke asked a question about sick leave which Ms. Buckley answered. Mr. Marcellino asked a question about compensatory time which Ms. Buckley clarified. Mr. Hurley asked about the call-in for emergencies portion and what that relates to. He also asked for a number that Karrie will follow up with. Mr. Marcellino asked an additional follow up.

**7. President's Report**

Ms. Lampke shared about the Tuesday, September 17 National Voter Registration Day at the library and encouraged folks to attend. Ms. Lampke wished Mr. Hurley an early happy birthday and also encouraged everyone to focus on not being distracted when biking, walking, driving, etc.

**8. City Attorney Report**

None.

**9. Auditor Report**

Mr. McPeck thanked everyone for their help and work on the recent audit.

**10. Administrative Update**

**1. Finance Department - Karrie Martin**

Ms. Martin provided the highlights of her report and spoke about the lower income tax. Mr. Marcellino asked a clarifying question about this. Mayor Kessler also provided some additional information on one of the expense charts.

**2. Service Department - Andy Bashore**

Mr. Bashore didn't have any additions, but did share that the department is super busy. Mr. Hurley asked when the paving would be complete on Drexel which Andy answered. They're hopeful it will be at the end of September.

### 3. Administration & Development Department - Megan Meyer

Ms. Meyer spoke about the highlights of her report. Mr. Hurley asked about the locations of the EV chargers, which she shared. Ms. Saad asked about the next LinkUs workshop which Ms. Meyer answered.

### 4. Recreation Department - Mike Price

Mr. Price shared some of the highlights of his report. Ms. Lampke complimented Mr. Price on the success of recent events and encouraged Mike to consider any staffing or resource needs giving budget season coming up. Mr. Marcellino complimented Mr. Price on Splish, Splash, and Dash. Mr. Marcellino asked about the robotic mowers and any potential for theft, which Mr. Price spoke about. Ms. Saad asked about potential impact for upcoming field hockey games, which Mr. Price answered. Mr. McPeck asked about estimates on the pool budget for 2023.

### 5. Mayor's Update

Mayor Kessler spoke about several highlights from his report including the upcoming One Bexley gathering and a second phase of the mosquito pilot program. Ms. Lampke asked if we have a date for Columbus Police to speak to some of the recently discussed Livingston Avenue concerns, perhaps October, and Mayor Kessler will need to follow up on this.

## 11. Consent Agenda (No Speaker Slip Required)

1. Meeting Minutes from August 13, 2024
2. **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.
3. **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. McPeek read the items on the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Lampke moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 4-0.

## **12. Third Readings**

1. None

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

1. **Ordinance 20-24** to amend the pay range for Deputy Chief of Police, introduced by Jess Saad on August 13, 2024.

Mr. McPeek read the ordinance and Ms. Saad explained the ordinance. Mr. Hurley asked if this is in line with industry standards for the position, which Mayor Kessler confirmed it is.

2. **Ordinance 21-24** to reverse the 2024 appropriation of \$567,605 from the ARPA Fund into the Water Fund, and to approve the payment of public safety personnel expenses from the ARPA fund, introduced by Jess Saad on August 13, 2024.

Mr. McPeek read the ordinance and Ms. Saad spoke about the rationale behind this, which will go to third reading though it originally was thought it might need to be suspended and adopted.

3. **Ordinance 22-24** to appropriate \$3,559.48 from the Road and Alley Fund; \$32,258.62 from the Water Fund; and \$6,957.74 from the Sewer Fund in order to provide debt service for the South Cassingham Road and Vernon Road Comprehensive Improvements Project, introduced by Jess Saad on August 13, 2024.

Mr. McPeek read the ordinance and Ms. Saad spoke about the background of this ordinance. Mr. Hurley asked if it was a twenty year bond, but Mayor Kessler and Ms. Martin think it's actually a thirty year bond.

4. **Ordinance 24-24** to create Section 452.24, Electric Vehicle Charger Metered Parking, in order to provide for the placement and enforcement of metered parking for on-street electric vehicle charging infrastructure, introduced by Alex Silverman on August 13, 2024.

Mr. McPeek read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke provided some additional information on the purpose of the ordinance. Mayor Kessler provided some background on the ordinance and purpose and answered questions from multiple Council members and the City Auditor regarding the equipment, location, revenue, and other factors relating to the scope of the ordinance.

5. **Resolution 5-24** adopting the 2024 recommendations of the Bexley Tax Incentive Review Council regarding tax-abated properties in the City of Bexley, introduced by Jess Saad on August 13, 2024.

Mr. McPeek read the Resolution and Ms. Saad and Mayor Kessler spoke about the background of this ordinance.

#### **14. First Readings (Speaker Slip Required)**

1. **Ordinance 25-24** to add chapter 1478 to the codified ordinances of the city of Bexley, Ohio, entitled "securing and fencing of construction sites," to require the securing and fencing of building sites during construction activities, introduced by Sam Marcellino on August 27, 2024.

Mr. McPeek read the ordinance and Mr. Marcellino talked about the purpose and rationale behind this ordinance. Mayor Kessler added some additional information to this background and answered several questions from Mr. Hurley regarding the ordinance.

2. **Ordinance 26-24** to establish the position of Assistant Finance Director and to establish the pay range at \$28.35 per hour to \$43.28 per hour; to reduce appropriations in the "Contract Professional" line item of the Auditor's Office Account by \$10,000; to appropriate \$10,000 into the "Salaries and Wages" line item of the Auditor's Office Account; and to declare an emergency, introduced by Jess Saad on August 27, 2024.

Mr. McPeck read the ordinance and Ms. Saad provided some additional information and rationale behind this ordinance with minor additions from Mayor Kessler and Ms. Martin.

3. **Ordinance 27-24** confirming the Mayor's appointments of members to the Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning and the Tree and Public Gardens Commission; and to amend Section 1220.03, Membership, Term and Organization of the Board of Zoning and Planning, introduced by Danny Hurley on August 27, 2024.

Mr. McPeck read the ordinance and Mr. Hurley spoke about the background of the ordinance. Mayor Kessler also provided some additional information.

## **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.

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. Hurley moved to remove Ordinance 16-24 from the table.

Ms. Lampke seconded.

All in Favor:

Mr. Hurley shared the proposed amended ordinance and shared he'd like to retable the ordinance so everyone has time to review. Ms. Saad asked Mr. Hurley to consider weight and height versus age which Mr. Hurley agreed to review. Mr. Marcellino asked about the types of transportation methods for unity.

Mr. Hurley moved to table Ordinance 16-24.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion Passed 4-0.

**3. 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.

**16. Finance Committee – Jessica Saad, Chair**

Ms. Saad shared to look for the Google doc from the Mayor as we prepare for budget season. And shared that we'll give an idea of what the calendar will look like for budget season.

Ms. Saad also spoke about a recent Team Bexley meetup. Ms. Saad also shared that she'd love to have them back to share final number. Ms. Saad also provided a Bexley Education Foundation update.

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

No report this evening.

**18. Service and Environmental Committee – Alex Silverman, Chair**

Mr. Silverman sent along a note that he's enjoyed seeing kids returning to school and wanted to send thanks to BMDA for the back to school picnic and to Mr. Marcellino for a mid-event grocery run. He also shared there are still openings for Smoke and Fire competitors and provided an update on Bexley's Hometown Heroes program. Also it's mosquito season and spoke about this about the Healthy Home Habitats

**19. Zoning and Development Committee – Sam Marcellino, Chair**

Mr. Marcellino shared about a September 4 CIC meeting, which was moved for the holiday. There's an ARB meeting on September 12 and BZAP on September 22, 2024. Mr. Marcellino also invited residents to come to Council to share concerns or ask questions versus sharing complaints on social media.

**20. Strategic and Health Committee – Danny Hurley, Chair**

Mr. Hurley spoke about the Board of Health meeting on July 16, 2024 and the next meeting for that committee is in October. Mr. Hurley also spoke about the Land Use Strategy Public Workshop on September 16.

**21. Safety Committee – Troy Markham, Chair**

Mr. Markham did not have a report sent along.

**22. Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)**

Constance Lewis 663 Euclaire shared about Capital University's freshman move in day and shared the SBNA gave out 85 carabiners.

**23. Adjourn**

Ms. Lampke moved to adjourn.

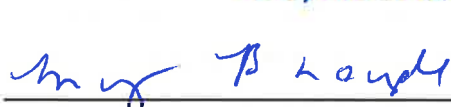
Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion Passed 4-0.

Council President Lampke adjourned the meeting.

Minutes Approved: September 20, 2024



Monique Lampke, President of Council



Matt McPeck, Clerk of Council