



City Council Minutes
Tuesday, August 13, 2024

1. **Call to Order**

Ms. Lampke called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

2. **Roll Call of Members**

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

Ms. Lampke moved to excuse Danny Hurley and Alex Silverman.

Mr. Markham seconded.

All in Favor: Sam Marcellino, Jess Saad, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Lori Ann Feibel
Motion passed 5-0.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

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

Sandra Hooper (distracted driving in crosswalks) attended to advocate for a change to the culture of the state and to promote a reduction in distracted driving and to advocate for stricter penalties and requested that City Council raise penalties on our existing distracted driving legislation.

Mr. Bill Ferrell of 972 Euclaire spoke to Council sharing his concerns about a recent increase he's noticing in accidents and speeding on Livingston and resulting danger and speeding on side streets and asked what we can do to improve the issue on Livingston.

5. **President's Report**

Ms. Lampke shared that the Council Communications Group will consist of Mr. Silverman and Ms. Feibel. They'll be meeting soon and will discuss the group's plans further. Ms. Lampke also shared that the BMPA picnic that's coming up and complimented the success of the National Night Out event. Ms. Lampke also shared about the upcoming open house for LinkUs here at City Hall this Thursday.

6. **City Attorney Report**

The flavored tobacco case involving several municipalities and being led by Columbus is still in process and there's nothing expected soon, but he will continue to keep Council posted.

7. **Auditor Report**

Mr. McPeck provided an update on investment performance and answered a question from Mr. Marcellino.

8. **Administrative Update**

1. Police Department - Chief Gary D. Lewis

Chief Lewis spoke about some of the highlights of his report, and also spoke about some of the challenges the Department and City are facing relating to the issues on Livingston Avenue.

Ms. Lampke also shared some of the concerns she brought to the Columbus Police Department with Mr. Markham adding some of his concerns and stating some of what he has noticed.

Mr. Marcellino asked about Flock training, which Chief Lewis shared would be 72 hours or less in length. Mr. Marcellino asked that given Columbus's issues with staffing and inability to prioritize Livingston Avenue and what the Chief might recommend Council Members do. Chief Lewis did recommend calling #311. Mr. Marcellino also asked related follow-up questions which Chief Lewis answered. Mr. Marcellino closed asking if the Chief would recommend Council to allow future meetings with Columbus.

Ms. Saad commended Chief Lewis for a recent educational opportunity provided to Officer Grimes who recently attended a School Resource Officer conference.

Mayor Kessler also brought in our new police officers. Chief Lewis complimented both his new officers and Officers Johnson and Donovan for their hard work in training new officers. Chief Lewis also shared work that Officer Donovan has done to support US Marshalls in the Southeast Ohio Fugitive Task Force.

2. Building & Development Department - Matt Klingler

Mayor Kessler provided a brief update on Mr. Klingler's report and answered a question from Mr. Silverman.

3. Mayor's Update

Mayor Kessler shared some of the highlights of his report, including an update on the LinkUs project design. Mayor Kessler then shared some data and plans on Livingston Avenue. Mayor Kessler also shared that he's planning to ask the City of Columbus to join the City of Bexley for an update on the Livingston Avenue project, potentially on the first October meeting.

9. **Consent Agenda (No Speaker Slip Required)**

1. Meeting Minutes from June 25, 2024

Mr. Fishel read the item on the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Lampke moved to approve the item on the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

All in Favor: Sam Marcellino, Jess Saad, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Lori Ann Feibel
Motion Passed 5-0.

10. Third Readings

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. Marcellino spoke about the background of this meeting and asked how Council would feel about holding off on voting on this. Mayor Kessler shared that this needs to be tabled because the easement is not yet where it needs to be for approval.

Mr. John Rousch 500 South Parkview Avenue spoke, asking about the location of the easement and Mayor Kessler answered this question. Mr. Rousch did not have any follow up questions or comments.

Mr. Marcellino moved to table Ordinance 17-24.

Mr. Markham seconded.

All in Favor: Sam Marcellino, Jess Saad, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Lori Ann Feibel
Motion passed 5-0.

11. Second 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. Feibel provided some background on this ordinance. Council agreed to move this ordinance to the Consent Agenda for the third reading.

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 spoke about the purpose and scope of this ordinance. Council agreed to move this ordinance to the Consent Agenda for the third reading.

12. First 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. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad and Mayor Kessler provided some information about the background and purpose of this ordinance.

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. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad spoke about the background of this ordinance and answered a question.

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. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad spoke about the background of this ordinance. Ms. Lampke asked if we are confident on these numbers and Mayor Kessler confirmed we are. Ms. Saad also clarified that Council may be asked to suspend and adopt this ordinance on the next meeting.

4. **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.

Ms. Saad and Mayor Kessler spoke about the proposed changes to code in this ordinance and walked Council through this process. Mayor Kessler also answered questions.

5. **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. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke shared that in Mr. Silverman's absence, she is requesting Mayor Kessler to walk everyone through this ordinance. Mayor Kessler spoke about the options and related costs for additional EV charging in the City. He shared that a grant that has been recently received and answered clarifying questions on charge structure and conditions of use from Mr. Marcellino, Ms. Lampke, and Mr. Markham. Ms. Saad requested detailed numbers and cross streets.

Ms. Feibel left at 7:30 pm.

6. **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. Fishel read the Resolution and Ms. Saad provided a brief background and detail on this ordinance. Mayor Kessler provided a brief update on the June TIRC meeting.

13. 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

No action on tabled ordinances.

14. Finance Committee – Jessica Saad, Chair

Ms. Saad spoke about her Pelotonia ride and thanked the Mayor, the Police Department, and Service Department for their support of this event. Ms. Saad shared her interest in bringing in Team Bexley after the race.

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

Mr. Marcellino provided an update on Recreation, speaking about the Splish, Splash, and Dash event coming up on Saturday, August 17. Board of Control will be meeting tonight to vote on the Skate Park and spoke about summer camp and preschool staff.

16. Service and Environmental Committee – Alex Silverman, Chair

Mr. Silverman is not present and did not report.

17. Zoning and Development Committee – Sam Marcellino, Chair

Mr. Marcellino spoke about the Land Use Strategy and BZAP meetings coming up.

18. Strategic and Health Committee – Danny Hurley, Chair

Mr. Hurley is not present.

19. Safety Committee – Troy Markham, Chair

1. Council Pay Ordinance Discussion

Mr. Markham spoke about the ordinance adjusting Council salary.

20. Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)

Ms. Constance Lewis of 663 Euclaire shared some feedback that she’d like to present to LinkUs for dedicated lines along Livingston Avenue.

21. Adjourn

Ms. Lampke moved to adjourn.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

All in Favor: Sam Marcellino, Jess Saad, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham

Motion Passed 4-0.

Council President Lampke adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm.