



City Council Minutes
Tuesday, October 8, 2024

1. Call to Order

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

Ms. Lampke moved to excuse Mr. Marcellino's absence.

Mr. Hurley seconded.

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

Motion Passed 6-0.

2. Roll Call of Members

Council Members in Attendance: Danny Hurley, Monique Lampke, Jess Saad, Lori Ann Feibel, Alex Silverman, Troy Markham

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Special Guests

- a. Darris Blackford - Columbus Marathon

Mr. Blackford spoke about the Columbus Marathon, sharing that more than 13,000 runners will take part this year. He went on to discuss the history and purpose of the event and thanked the Bexley community for their support.

- b. Beth Fairman Kinney, Franklin County Auditor's Office

Mr. Jack O'Grady attended in place of Ms. Fairman Kinney. He walked Council through a slide show sharing that November 8 is the opening date for a homeowner's ability to challenge their property value and shared a feature from the Auditor site that will share how different ballot issues will impact taxes. He also shared some key upcoming dates. Mr. Silverman thanked Mr. O'Grady and asked a question about the estimator.

- c. Bryan Drewry - Bexley Area Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Drewry spoke, providing an update on the Chamber of Commerce and speaking about the upcoming Taste of Bexley fundraiser event, but spoke in gratitude to Mayor Kessler and Council members for their support of the Chamber. Ms. Feibel asked if he could resend the email about the event, which he will. Mayor Kessler also spoke in compliment to Mr. Drewry for his hard work for our business community. Ms. Lampke also shared about some of the Chamber events she'd recommend.

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

None.

6. President's Report

Ms. Lampke shared an update on the Council Communications Committee and also shared about upcoming meetings for the Bexley Schools and also shared about her positive experience at the JCC Remembrance Ceremony.

7. City Attorney Report

Mr. Fishel spoke about a couple of existing Home Rule issues, including two cases, one involving tobacco and another involving single use plastics in the City of Athens, both of which are moving through appeals courts. Mr. Markham asked a clarifying question and Mr. Fishel answered, sharing that at this time, this does not impact Bexley's single use plastics ban.

8. Auditor Report

Mr. McPeck thanked everyone for their work on the budget.

9. Administrative Update

a) Mayor's Update

Mayor Kessler shared about the budget process, thanking Ms. Martin for her work on this. Mayor Kessler also shared about the JCC Remembrance ceremony, complimenting Dr. Jonathan Feibel for his leadership, and sharing that this was a profound event. Mayor Kessler then shared about some of the projects and initiatives the City is working on to improve bike and pedestrian safety, including the Alum Creek bridge, the Calm Corridors project, the Livingston Avenue Multi-Use Path, Drexel Pedestrian enhancements among others. Mayor Kessler then shared the rest of his highlights, complimenting Chief Lewis, Mr. Klingler, and Mr. Price on recent work. Ms. Saad also asked about more conversations about bike safety for kids beyond elementary school. Ms. Lampke spoke about the education component and asked if there is a way to reinforce bike safety in Bexley and asked Mr. Hurley if he had any thoughts on this. He said this is something he'll be asking about the the Board of Health – Mayor Kessler shared that the Comms team would be working on this soon too. Mr. Hurley asked about the

legality involving protests and Mr. Fishel clarified that they are legally permitted to be on sidewalks so long as they are walking and they are not disrupting the peace. Mr. Hurley then provided his input on first amendment rights, and Mr. Hurley and Mr. Fishel discussed this issue briefly with input from Mayor Kessler as well. Chief Lewis also shared some additional information on this issue.

b) Police Department - Chief Gary Lewis

Chief Lewis shared the highlights of his report and Mr. Silverman shared that he was impressed with the slideshow that was included with the Agency of the Month nomination. He also asked a question about the Calm Corridors project which Chief Lewis answered. Mr. Markham complimented Chief Lewis on his philosophical approach and how good it's been for our community. Ms. Feibel shared a compliment on the taillight program sharing a success story about this program. Ms. Lampke also shared a compliment.

c) Building and Planning - Matt Klingler

Mr. Klingler shared highlights and thanked Mr. Silverman for a compliment, sharing some plans for updates to the website. Mr. Hurley asked about upcoming meetings for outreach on a particular project, but neither Mr. Klingler nor Mayor Kessler are aware of public outreach. Ms. Lampke asked about Livingston Avenue and next steps and Mr. Klingler answered this.

d) Recreation Department - Mike Price

Mr. Price shared some of the highlights of his report, including the rollout of a new Volunteer program and the relaunch of Neighbors Helping Neighbors and is now called the Good Neighbor Network. Mr. Silverman also asked about the Jeffrey Playground which Mr. Price answered.

10. Consent Agenda (No Speaker Slip Required)

a) Meeting Minutes from September 24, 2024

Mr. Fishel read the item on the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Lampke moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Hurley seconded.

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

Motion Passed 6-0.

11. Third Readings (No Speaker Slip Required)

1. **Resolution 6-24** approving the petition for special assessments for special energy improvement projects and affidavit under Ohio revised code chapter 1710 and declaring the necessity of acquiring, constructing, installing, equipping, and improving certain public improvements in the city of Bexley, Ohio in cooperation with the columbus regional energy special improvement district, and declaring it an emergency (Bexley Gateway project), introduced by Jess Saad on September 10, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad provided some additional information on the background of this resolution. Ms. Saad then handed this over to discuss the amendments, which he did. Mr. Hurley asked a question which Mayor Kessler answered.

Ms. Saad moved to amend Resolution 06-24

Mr. Hurley seconded.

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

Motion Passed 6-0.

Ms. Saad moved to adopt amended Resolution 06-24

Mr. Hurley seconded.

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

Motion Passed 6-0.

2. **Ordinance 28-24** approving the Necessity of Certain Public Improvements in the City of Bexley, Ohio; Determining to Proceed With Those Improvements; Levying Special Assessments for the Purpose of Paying the Costs of Those Improvements; Approving a Cooperative Agreement and a Special Assessment MOU with Respect to the Special Assessments; and Dispensing With Three Readings, introduced by Jess Saad on September 10, 2024.

Ms. Saad moved to amend Ordinance 28-24

Mr. Silverman seconded.

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

Motion Passed 6-0.

Ms. Saad moved to adopt amended Ordinance 28-24.

Mr. Silverman seconded.

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

Motion Passed 6-0.

3. **Ordinance 29-24** to transfer \$57,000 in appropriations from the Personal Services portion of the Building and Zoning Department account to the Other Expenditures portion of the

account, and to appropriate \$65,000 from the General Fund in order to provide supplemental appropriations to Operating Expenses within the Building Department Account, introduced by Jess Saad on September 10, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad provided some background.

Ms. Saad moved to adopt Ordinance 29-24.

Mr. Hurley seconded.

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

Motion Passed 6-0.

4. **Ordinance 33-24** approving a Tax Increment Financing and Cooperative Agreement with the Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority, the City of Bexley, Ohio and CAG Bexley Apts, LLC for the issuance of Bonds by the Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority in support of the CAG Bexley Apts, LLC; pledging Net Service Payments received by the City from the Trinity Apartments TIF for the payment of bonds to be issued by the Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority pursuant to that Cooperative Agreement; and declaring an emergency, introduced by Jess Saad on September 24, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad provided some background and shared her intent to request to table this ordinance as we are still waiting on updated TIF and budget from Continental on this. Mr. Silverman asked a clarifying question on this related to the easement.

Ms. Saad moved to Table Ordinance 33-24.

Ms. Lampke seconded.

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

Motion Passed 6-0.

12. Second Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

1. **Ordinance 30-24** to appropriate \$3,800 from the General Fund to the Mosquito Contract Fund to pay the remainder of mosquito control treatments for 2024, introduced by Jess Saad on September 24, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad provided some brief background. With agreement of present Council Members, this item will be moved to the Consent Agenda for the next meeting.

2. **Ordinance 31-24** to appropriate \$65,000 from the General Fund to the Grants and Donations Account in order to provide supplemental appropriations for grants that have been awarded, introduced by Jess Saad on September 24, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad shared the intent to suspend and adopt.

Ms. Saad moved to amend Ordinance 31-24.

Mr. Silverman seconded.

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

Motion Passed 6-0.

Ms. Saad moved to suspend the three-reading rule on Ordinance 31-24.

Mr. Silverman seconded.

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

Motion Passed 6-0.

Ms. Saad moved to adopt Amended Ordinance 31-24.

Mr. Silverman seconded.

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

Motion Passed 6-0.

2. **Ordinance 32-24** to appropriate \$10,000 from the General Fund in order to provide funding for public AED device installations, introduced by Jess Saad on September 24, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad shared the background and purpose of the ordinance. With agreement of present Council Members, this item will be moved to the Consent Agenda for the next meeting.

4. **Resolution 07-24** to schedule the Bexley City Council meeting dates and times for the year 2025, introduced by Monique Lampke on September 24, 2024

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke asked if there were any questions. Ms. Feibel did note that Easter was listed twice in the document. Ms. Lampke will review before the next meeting.

13. First Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

1. **Ordinance 34-24** to establish the salary for the Office of Bexley Auditor for the years 2026 through 2029 introduced by Jess Saad on October 8, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad provided some background and rationale behind this ordinance. Mr. Silverman asked some question about the comps for this salary and more detail and Ms. Lampke and Mr. Markham shared some background from the former ordinance involving this. Mayor Kessler also recommended a change to the final line to ensure that the salary would not expire if a renewal of the ordinance is missed in the future.

14. Tabled Ordinances

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.
2. **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.

No action.

15. Finance Committee – Jessica Saad, Chair

The first reading of the budget will be introduced on October 22, 2024 and Ms. Saad reminded everyone they will be meeting with designated Directors after this reading. Meeting with Mayor Kessler and Council Members will be scheduled before the next meeting.

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

Ms. Feibel let everyone know about the upcoming Recreation Board meeting and encouraged everyone to sign up for the Halloween Bash.

17. Service and Environmental Committee – Alex Silverman, Chair

Mr. Silverman shared about the Paws in the Park event on Saturday and shared about some Green Bexley initiatives, including the Green Bexley Sustainability Challenge. He also thanked those who helped with the Arboretum on Wheels.

18. Zoning and Development Committee – Sam Marcellino, Chair

Not present.

19. Strategic and Health Committee – Danny Hurley, Chair

Mr. Hurley shared about several upcoming meetings including CIC, Board of Health, Land Use Strategy, and also shared he'll be hosting upcoming office hours and a table at One Bexley Gathering and encouraged everyone to vote early.

20. Safety Committee – Troy Markham, Chair

Mr. Markham spoke about a Friday, October 11 Arboretum Golf Cart Tour.

21. Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)

22. Adjourn

Ms. Lampke moved to adjourn.

Ms. Feibel seconded.

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

Motion Passed 6-0.

Adjourn at 8:06 pm