



City Council Minutes  
**Tuesday, October 22, 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: Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Danny Hurley, Sam Marcellino, Lori Ann Feibel, Jess Saad

Ms. Lampke shared that Mr. Silverman will not be present and moved to excuse his absence.

Mr. Hurley seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

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

None.

**5. President's Report**

Ms. Lampke complimented the recent One Bexley Gathering. She also shared about an upcoming Bexley Community Foundation Bus Tour on November 14. Ms. Lampke also shared some updates on recent grants funded by the BCF.

Ms. Lampke then shared recent proposed changes to the Public Speaker policy and form. Mr. Hurley asked a question that Ms. Lampke answered.

Ms. Saad moved to adopt the new policy.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Lampke then read a proclamation in honor of Mayor Kessler on the occasion of his birthday.

## **6. City Attorney Report**

Mr. Fishel has no report.

## **7. Auditor Report**

Mr. McPeek has no report.

## **8. Ordinances with Visiting Presenters**

- a. **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. This ordinance is currently Tabled.

Mr. Marcellino moved to remove Ordinance 17-24.

Mr. Markham seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Marcellino thanked Mr. Kessler and Ms. Meyer and members of the CIC for their assistance in reviewing this agreement and for all the work and effort. Mr. Marcellino then invited Mayor Kessler to share about the background and scope of this easement. Mayor Kessler did share a presentation covering this easement. Mr. Marcellino thanked Mayor Kessler for taking time to speak about this prior to the meeting and expressed his comfort with the easement now that many of his concerns have been addressed. Mr. Markham similarly thanked Mayor Kessler for his effort and work on this and for meeting with him and expressed his support of the easement as well. Mr. Hurley also thanked Mayor Kessler and the CIC for their work on this and asked a couple of questions which Mayor Kessler answered. Mr. McPeek asked about validation which Mayor Kessler and Ms. Meyer answered.

Mr. Marcellino moved to approve Ordinance 17-24.

Mr. Markham seconded.

Mayor Kessler thanked the CIC, Megan Meyer, and Catherine Cunningham for their work on this.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

- b. **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. This ordinance is currently tabled.

Ms. Saad moved to remove Ordinance 33-24 from the table.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Saad invited Mayor Kessler to introduce the special guests. Ms. Meyer shared the background and details on the most updated version and then Mr. Greg Daniels shared some more details on the calculations and other details. Ms. Saad thanked Mr. Daniels for his help and clarifications and asked a question which he answered.

Ms. Saad moved to approve Ordinance 33-24.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

Ms. Lewis asked a question about the parking spaces and whether they will be open to the public and Ms. Lampke concluded this comment and asked Mayor Kessler to answer, which he did with Ms. Meyer.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

## **9. Administrative Update**

### **a) Mayor's Update**

Mayor Kessler shared the highlights of his report and then shared a high level overview of the 2025 budget with assistance from Ms. Meyer and Ms. Martin. Mr. Markham asked a question about income tax revenue, which Mayor Kessler answered. Ms. Lampke made a comment about the rainy day fund and asked a question, which Ms. Martin answered. Mr. Markham also made an additional comment.

### **b) Finance Department - Karrie Martin**

Ms. Martin provided some brief highlights from her report.

- c) Development & Administration - Megan Meyer

No report.

- d) Service Department - Andy Bashore

Mr. Bashore had no additions to his report, but Mayor Kessler complimented his department on recent work.

## **10. Consent Agenda (No Speaker Slip Required)**

- a) Meeting Minutes from October 8, 2024
- b) **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.
- c) **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 mentioned recent negotiations with AFSCME and then read the items on the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Lampke moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Hurley seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

## **11. Third Readings (No Speaker Slip Required)**

- a) **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 shared some details on a typographical change to remove a second Easter.

Ms. Lampke moved to adopt Resolution 07-24.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

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

- a) **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 brief background on this ordinance.

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

- a) **Ordinance 35-24** authorizing appropriations for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2025; to reappropriate all unexpended OPWC project appropriations for 2025, to authorize general Fund Transfers in 2024 and to confirm the appointment of Marc Fishel as City Attorney, introduced by Jess Saad on October 22, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad briefly shared the background of this ordinance and reminded Council to ensure they spend time familiarizing themselves with the budget and following up on questions outside of the meeting.

- b) **Ordinance 36-24** to authorize the Mayor and Auditor to enter into a contract between the City of Bexley and Franklin County Public Health, introduced by Danny Hurley on October 22, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read Ordinance 36-24 and Mr. Hurley shared a brief background on this ordinance and Mayor Kessler added some additional information.

- c) **Ordinance 37 -24** approving supplemental appropriations in the 2024 budget of \$30,000 Jeffrey Summer Camp S&W (05-580-51010), \$10,000 Before/After Care S&W (05-526-51010), \$14,000 Recreation Professionals (05-520-51710), and \$4,000 Recreation Special Activities (05-520-51321) to pay the additional costs associated with an increase in programming, introduced by Jess Saad on October 22, 2024.

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

- d) **Ordinance 38-24** to Establish the Water and Sewer Rates charged by the City of Bexley, introduced by Jess Saad on October 22, 2024.

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

- e) **Ordinance 39-24** to establish compensation rates for non-bargaining unit employees of the City of Bexley, effective as of January 1, 2025, introduced by Jess Saad on October 22, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad provided some additional information. Mayor Kessler also provided a thank you to Mr. Buckley for her work on this and covered some of the changes from last year.

- f) **Resolution 8-24** to adopt the Tax Budget for calendar year attached hereto as Exhibit A, introduced by Jess Saad on October 22, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad invited Mr. Fishel to provide some additional information on this ordinance, which is being proposed along with Resolution 09-24 to correct an issue with routine legislation passed earlier in the year. Mr. Fishel would like Council to consider suspension and adoption in order to rectify the issue. While routine, he'd like to get things in line quickly.

Ms. Saad moved to suspend the three-reading requirement for Resolution 08-24.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Saad moved to adopt Resolution 08-24.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

- g) **Resolution 09-24** accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor, introduced by Jess Saad on October 22, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad provided some background – this ordinance goes along with Resolution 08-24.

Ms. Saad moved to suspend the three-reading requirement for Resolution 09-24.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Saad moved to adopt Resolution 09-24.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

- h) **Resolution 10-24** confirming the Mayor's appointments of members to the Community Improvement Corporation Board, introduced by Danny Hurley on October 22, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Hurley provided some background on this resolution and Mayor Kessler provided some additional information.

#### **14. Tabled Ordinances**

- a) **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**

Ms. Saad spoke about the upcoming Middle School Halloween Party.

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

Ms. Feibel spoke about the Harvest Festival which was a huge success.

#### **17. Service and Environmental Committee – Alex Silverman, Chair**

Ms. Lampke reminded everyone about the upcoming Duty to Service Veteran's Celebration.

#### **18. Zoning and Development Committee – Sam Marcellino, Chair**

Mr. Marcellino shared about the upcoming slate roof workshop with ARB.

#### **19. Strategic and Health Committee – Danny Hurley, Chair**

Mr. Hurley complimented Harvest Fest and the One Bexley dinner. Mr. Hurley also shared about the recent Board of Health meeting and a discussion on pedestrian safety.

#### **20. Safety Committee – Troy Markham, Chair**

Mr. Markham complimented the One Bexley event and spoke about the recent Land Use Strategy event.

#### **21. Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)**

None.

Ms. Lewis reminded everyone of upcoming Elected Official office hours.

## **22. Adjourn**

Ms. Lampke moved to adjourn.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.



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### **Public Comments:**

For the purpose of receiving the orderly comments from all speakers desiring to address City business before Council, adopts the following policy:

- Any speaker addressing Council shall complete a Speaker Slip to be turned in prior to the start of the meeting.
- Any speakers who have public comments at the end of the meeting do not have to have a Speaker Slip but they do still need to provide their name and address.
- Please note that all public comments should pertain to City of Bexley business only.
- All reasonable comments must be made within a maximum of five (5) minutes when addressing City Council.
- Undue interruption or other interference with the orderly conduct of remarks is not permitted.
- Defamatory or abusive remarks are always out of order.
- If the subject of the comment is not on the Council Agenda, the public may discuss the City issue during the Public Comments portion of the meeting. If the subject of the comment is on the Council Agenda, the public may discuss the issue at the time the issue is addressed during the Council meeting.
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- President of Council reserves the right to limit the length and scope of all Public Comments.

### **Presentations and Guests:**

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