



City Council Minutes
Tuesday, December 3, 2024

1. Call to Order

Ms. Lampke called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

2. Roll Call of Members

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Mr. Sean Turner spoke in opposition to the processes for communication with City Council. Ms. Lampke and Mr. Marcellino spoke briefly about process in response to Mr. Turner's comments.

5. Special Guests

- a) Cadet Louis Fru with Capital University ROTC

Councilman Silverman spoke about the Hometown Heroes program and Cadet Fru's helpfulness and support of this project.

- b) Bexley Parks and Recreation Volunteer of the Year

Mayor Kessler presented Debra Stewart with the Barb Jenks Triffon Volunteer of the Year award.

- b) Matt Sexton, Applicant for Community Improvement Corporation

Mayor Kessler invited Mr. Sexton to introduce himself and Ms. Lampke and Ms. Feibel both commented, thanking him for his willingness to serve. Ms. Saad also spoke in appreciation.

6. Tabled Ordinances with Special Guests

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

Mr. Hurley removed Resolution 10-24 from the table.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Hurley moved to amend Resolution 10-24.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Hurley moved to adopt amended Resolution 10-24.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

- b) **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. This ordinance is tabled.

Ms. Saad moved to remove Ordinance 35-24 from the table.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Saad provided some brief background to the budget process and turned this over to Mayor Kessler for a discussion of changes. Mayor Kessler covered each of the budget changes since the last meeting and answered questions from multiple Council members and the Auditor on multiple items.

At the conclusion of questions, Mayor Kessler thanked Ms. Martin and Ms. Meyer and the Directors for their work on the budget. Ms. Saad asked for thoughts from Council

members on the budget and the general consensus was to defer the vote to next week.

Ms. Saad moved to table Ordinance 35-24.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

- c) **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. This ordinance is tabled.

No further action.

7. President's Report

Ms. Lampke mentioned that Mr. Humphrey is here in place of Mr. Fishel tonight. Ms. Lampke also shared about the quarterly meeting with Bexley City Schools.

8. City Attorney Report

Mr. Humphrey did not have a report but thanked everyone for having him.

9. Auditor Report

Mr. McPeck did not have a formal report.

10. Administrative Update

- a) Mayor's Update

Mayor Kessler covered some of the highlights of his report and invited Council to reach out if they are interested in a hard hat tour of COHatch.

- b) Recreation Department, Mike Price

Mr. Price did not have a report but did welcome any questions.

- c) Police Department, Chief Gary Lewis

Chief Lewis spoke about some recent highlights in his department and Ms. Saad and Mr. Silverman complimented the police department on recent activity.

- d) Building and Planning Department, Matt Klingler

Mr. Klingler had no additions to his written report. Ms. Lampke asked about some changes to property complaints, which Mr. Klingler answered. Mr. Silverman asked about code enforcement, which Mr. Klingler answered.

11. Consent Agenda (No Speaker Slip Required)

- a) Meeting Minutes from November 19, 2024

Mr. Humphrey read the item on the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Lampke moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

12. Third Readings (No Speaker Slip Required)

- a) **Ordinance 40-24** amending Section 266.04 of the City of Bexley Codified Ordinances, introduced by Danny Hurley on November 12, 2024.

Mr. Humphrey read the ordinance and Mr. Hurley provided some background on the ordinance.

Mr. Hurley moved to adopt Ordinance 40-24.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

12. Second Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

- a) **Resolution 11-24** to establish the dollar threshold of blanket purchase orders in the City of Bexley, introduced by Jess Saad on November 12, 2024.

Mr. Humphrey read Resolution 11-24 and Ms. Saad invited Ms. Martin to share more information on this resolution. Mr. McPeck spoke about this and also answered questions from Ms. Feibel and Mr. Hurley.

- c) **Ordinance 41-24** authorizing the Mayor and Auditor to sign a Consent and Hold Harmless Agreement on behalf of the City of Bexley with the property owner 2409 Plymouth Ave. (Parcel No. 020-000309-00), regarding improvements made upon and within the City owned right-

of-way between the sidewalk and the property line, introduced by Sam Marcellino on November 19, 2024.

Mr. Humphrey read Ordinance 41-24 and Mr. Marcellino invited Mayor Kessler to share more about this, which he did. The owner was present. Mayor Kessler discussed this situation which involves a side-yard fence and the role of staff review for this fence. Council members discussed this ordinance for several minutes.

- c) **Ordinance 42-24** to grant area variances, with conditions, from the minimum lot requirements to the property located at 700 Grandon Avenue zoned R-6 residential in order to allow that single lot to be split and to form two new lots that would not meet existing R-6 minimum lot requirements, and to grant additional variances to the applicable R-6 development standards for minimum yard requirements, introduced by Sam Marcellino on November 19, 2024.

Mr. Humphrey read Ordinance 42-24 and Mr. Marcellino briefly covered the background before inviting Mayor Kessler and Mr. Klingler to discuss. Council discussed this for a few minutes, and Ms. Lampke mentioned we may need to check in with Mr. Fishel on whether this issue will require a hearing.

- d) **Ordinance 43-24** authorizing the Mayor and Auditor to sign a Consent and Hold Harmless Agreement on behalf of the City of Bexley with the property owner 44 S Parkview (Parcel No. 020-004348-00), regarding improvements made upon and within the City owned right-of-way between the sidewalk and the property line, introduced by Sam Marcellino on November 19, 2024.

Mr. Humphrey read Ordinance 43-24 and Mr. Marcellino provided some background.

13. First Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

- a) Resolution 12-24 to enter into a professional services agreement between the City of Bexley and Koch Engineering Group, LLC for general consultation and engineering services, introduced by Jess Saad on December 3, 2024.

Mr. Humphrey read the ordinance and Ms. Saad spoke briefly about this and invited Mayor Kessler to share some additional information. Ms. Saad asked about the length of the contract, Mr. Hurley and Ms. Lampke also asked some questions about the contract and scope.

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.

Mr. Silverman moved to remove Ordinance 24-24 from the table.

Ms. Feibel seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Silverman provided some background on this ordinance and invited Mayor Kessler to provide an update on recent conversations with Chief Lewis regarding enforcement from the parking officer, which can be handled under existing scope. Ms. Meyer also spoke about some of the enforcement conversation. Mr. Marcellino had some concerns about potential implications for overnight parking for residents nearby. Mr. Markham, Mr. Marcellino, Mr. Silverman, and Mr. Hurley had additional questions which Mayor Kessler addressed.

Mr. Silverman expressed interest in tabling Ordinance 24-24 to allow time for additional digestion and questions. Mayor Kessler asked Council to weigh in on opinion of whether or not non-EV cars should be permitted to park if they pay. Mr. Marcellino, Ms. Saad, and Mr. Markham felt there was an argument to be had for allowing both EV and gas-powered vehicles to park in these spaces so long as they pay the required fees.

Mr. Silverman moved to table Ordinance 24-24.

Mr. Markham seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

15. Public Comments (Speaker Slip Required)

None.

16. Finance Committee – Jessica Saad, Chair

Ms. Saad spoke about a recent Bexley Education Foundation meeting. She also mentioned a holiday display and donation opportunity in the city.

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

No report.

18. Service and Environmental Committee – Alex Silverman, Chair

Mr. Silverman spoke briefly about upcoming events, and then asked a question regarding Mr. Turner's earlier comments. City Council members discussed both the content of the question and their opinions on engagement during the public comments sections of Council meetings. Several Council members stated they will follow up with Mr. Turner individually.

19. Zoning and Development Committee – Sam Marcellino, Chair

No report.

20. Strategic and Health Committee – Danny Hurley, Chair

Mr. Hurley spoke about a fundraiser event being held at the early childhood fundraiser.

21. Safety Committee – Troy Markham, Chair

Mr. Markham spoke about his love of Bexley and wished his wife a happy 30th anniversary.

22. Adjourn

Ms. Lampke moved to adjourn.

Mr. Hurley seconded

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.



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