



City Council Minutes
Tuesday, January 14, 2025

1. Call to Order

Ms. Lampke called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

2. Roll Call of Members

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

Ms. Lampke moved to excuse Ms. Feibel's absence.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion Passed 6-0.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Special Guest: Larry Helman on Caretaker Cottage Repair

Ms. Lampke invited Mr. Helman to the podium. Mr. Helman spoke about the City's partnerships and expressed his gratitude for the partnership between the City and Bexley Historical Society. He also provided an update on the Caretaker Cottage updates. Ms. Lampke and Ms. Saad thanked Mr. Helman and Ms. Grossman for their support and work on this.

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

None.

6. President's Report

Ms. Lampke spoke about all that was accomplished in 2024 and thanked Council members for their work, sharing that she's looking forward to another great year.

7. City Attorney Report

Mr. Fishel spoke about the Amicus brief that he filed on behalf of the City of Athens in the case involving the State's case against Athens's single use plastics ban and the State's challenge to home rule authority. Mr. Fishel does not feel there are any implications currently to Bexley's single plastics ban.

8. Auditor Report

Mr. McPeck spoke provided an update on the internal audit and work in progress to address some of the recommendations. All of this is in an effort to ensure the quality and accuracy of the City's finances and reporting.

9. Administrative Update

a) Mayor's Update

Mayor Kessler covered some of the highlights of his report and discussed some upcoming events, including the One Bexley Story Slam.

b) Police Department, Chief Gary D. Lewis

Chief Lewis covered some of the highlights of his report and answered a few questions.

c) Building Department, Matt Klingler

Mr. Klingler covered some of the highlights of his report and answered some questions.

Mr. Fishel then remembered another item he wanted to update everyone on. He shared that recently ATT changed the rule regarding who is responsible for payment if ATT lines need to be moved for infrastructure projects, and fiscal responsibility for these movements has shifted from ATT to the municipality. He'll keep Council posted on this issue.

9. Consent Agenda (No Speaker Slip Required)

a) Meeting Minutes from December 10, 2024

Mr. Fishel read the item on the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Lampke moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Hurley seconded.

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

Motion Passed 6-0.

10. Third Readings (No 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. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad shared some brief background on this Resolution. Mr. Hurley asked a question about the rates which Mayor Kessler answered.

Ms. Saad moved to approve Resolution 12-24.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion Passed 6-0.

11. Second Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

None.

12. First Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

- a) **Ordinance 01-25** to Approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between AFSCME, Ohio Council 8, Local 3838 and the City of Bexley, introduced by Jess Saad on January 14, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad provided some background, inviting Mayor Kessler or Mr. Fishel to share any additional information. Mr. Fishel shared that they'll discuss this in Executive Session but did share some additional general information.

- b) **Ordinance 02-25** to certify special assessments to certify special assessments for the various sites where the work was not done by the property owner after being ordered by the City in accordance with Bexley Code Section 1490.15(b)(4)A or Bexley Code Section 1492.04(b)(1) and it was necessary to do the work and assess the owner, introduced by Jess Saad on January 14, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read Ordinance 02-25 and Ms. Saad provided some background on this ordinance. Mr. Hurley asked about the amount, which Mayor Kessler provided more detail on.

- c) **Ordinance 03-25** to appropriate \$1,656,145 to the Health Insurance Fund for 2025 for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2025, introduced by Jess Saad on January 14, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad discussed the background of this ordinance and the need for suspension and adoption of this ordinance in order to pay the health insurance bill in a timely fashion. Mayor Kessler provided some additional information.

Ms. Saad moved to suspend the three-reading requirement for Ordinance 03-25.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion Passed 6-0.

Ms. Saad moved to approve Ordinance 03-25.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion Passed 6-0.

- d) **Ordinance 04-25** to appropriate \$1,100,000 from the General Fund to effectuate the previously authorized transfer to the Capital Fund (\$500,000) and Water Fund (\$600,000); to appropriate \$8,500 from the General Fund to the Police Department account within the General Fund for Public Records Training and Management; and to appropriate and authorize the transfer of \$37,500 from the General Fund to the Water Fund for the Ohio EPA Lead Service Line Mapping Grant, introduced by Jess Saad on January 14, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad provided some background. Mr. Markham shared a typo, which Mayor Kessler asked Ms. Vawter to correct.

Ms. Lampke reminded everyone a hearing on 700 Grandon Avenue will be held on January 28, 2025 at the start of the meeting.

13. Tabled Ordinances

- a) **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.

14. Public Comments (Speaker Slip Required)

None.

15. Safety Committee – Troy Markham, Chair

Mr. Markham spoke about the devastating California wildfires and encouraged everyone to keep victims in their thoughts.

16. Service and Environmental Committee – Alex Silverman, Chair

No report, but did wish everyone a Happy New Year.

17. Finance Committee – Jessica Saad, Chair

No report.

18. Strategic and Health Committee – Danny Hurley, Chair

Mr. Hurley spoke about the upcoming Board of Health Meeting and shared that the Bexley CIC meeting has been rescheduled to January 28. Mr. Hurley will also be reaching out soon about potential retreat dates. He also spoke about the upcoming OSU Championship game.

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

Mr. Marcellino shared a Recreation and Parks Update from Lori Ann Feibel sharing about the recent Rec Board meeting and about upcoming programs and the outdoor ice rink.

20. Zoning and Development Committee – Sam Marcellino, Chair

Mr. Marcellino spoke about the upcoming BZAP and ARB meetings and shared that he feels that there will likely be some discussion about the proposed developments at 2300 Livingston and 420 North Cassady.

21. Executive Session for the purpose of preparing for, conducting, or reviewing collective bargaining strategy by division (G)(4) of section [121.22](#) of the Revised Code.

Ms. Lampke moved to enter Executive Session for the reason listed.

Mr. Hurley seconded.

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

Motion Passed 6-0.

Council entered Executive Session at 6:51 pm.

Ms. Saad had to leave for a prior engagement during Executive Session.

Ms. Lampke moved to exit Executive Session at 6:58 pm

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

All in Favor: Sam Marcellino, Danny Hurley, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Alex Silverman
Motion Passed 5-0.

Ms. Lampke exited Executive Session

22. Adjourn

Ms. Lampke moved to adjourn.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

All in Favor: Sam Marcellino, Danny Hurley, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Alex Silverman
Motion Passed 5-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm.