



City Council Minutes
Tuesday, April 8, 2025

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call of Members

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Special Guests

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

None at this time.

6. President's Report

Ms. Lampke spoke about the Earth and Arbor Month activities and complimented Mayor Kessler and Mr. Klingler on the COHatch Grand Opening. Ms. Lampke also congratulated Mr. Fishel on his new granddaughter.

7. City Attorney Report

Mr. Fishel spoke about recent positive activity at the state level that looks potentially promising for Bexley's flavored tobacco legislation.

8. Auditor Report

Mr. McPeck does not happen

9. Administrative Update

a) Mayor's Update

Mayor Kessler complimented Ms. Vawter on her book release today. He also spoke about some House legislation, including the passage of a virtual meetings bill that will allow virtual meetings in some circumstances. He also spoke about some upcoming Earth & Arbor Month activities, including the Arbor Month Keynote, Jeff Speck. He also spoke about the start of the process to refresh the Commercial Design Guidelines.

b) Recreation Department, Mike Price

Mr. Price shared that the Bexley Bloomers will begin their work soon and encouraged folks to join this effort. He also spoke about the recent grant for \$75,000 from the Community Foundation on the pickleball courts. Mr. Markham asked a question about the number of eggs included in the dash and Ms. Saad asked complimented the Recreation Department for their equitable and sustainable approach to this event. Mr. Silverman asked questions about the new space being searched for.

c) Police Department, Gary Lewis

Mr. Lewis spoke about a recent meeting with the schools and also shared the IT Strategic Plan. Mr. Silverman complimented Chief Lewis on the choice to move the Cops and Kids day to a Saturday. Ms. Lampke thanked him for the plan and shared that he will read it.

d) Building Department, Matt Klingler

Mr. Klingler shared some temporary traffic pattern changes related to the 2200 East Main development. He also spoke about some changes to his follow up process. Mayor Kessler complimented Mr. Klingler's work with code enforcement. Ms. Saad asked if he had any update from the City of Columbus on their project north of the railroad tracks.

10. Consent Agenda (No Speaker Slip Required)

a) Meeting Minutes from March 25, 2025

Ms. Lampke moved to approve the consent agenda.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

12. Third Readings (No Speaker Slip Required)

- a. **Ordinance 09-25** to Approve the Collective Bargaining Agreements between the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc. and the City of Bexley, introduced by Jess Saad on March 11, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad provided some background to this ordinance. Mr. Fishel then clarified one difference between the two contracts.

Ms. Saad moved to amend Ordinance 09-25.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion Passed 7-0.

Ms. Saad moved to approve amended Ordinance 09-25.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion Passed 7-0.

13. Second Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

None.

14. First Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

- a. **Ordinance 11-25** amending the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area in a specified portion of the Main Street District and enacting regulations and declaring an emergency, introduced by Monique Lampke on April 8, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke shared some additional information on this Ordinance. Mr. Silverman asked about any potential issues with a DORA extending to the border of a school and Mayor Kessler and Mr. Fishel shared that they didn't believe there was any legislation related to this. Mr. Hurley also agreed that his research didn't indicate any additions. He asked a couple of additional questions. Ms. Lampke also asked about a discrepancy with the emergency language.

- b. **Resolution 02-25** to support the LinkUS Bus Rapid Transit route on Main Street, including the planned median station on Main Street west of Pleasant Ridge Avenue, introduced by Monique Lampke on April 8, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read the resolution, and Ms. Lampke shared some information on this. Ms. Lampke shared that she is currently undecided on this resolution and shared that she has worked with Councilman Marcellino and Councilwoman Saad to meet with Mayor Kessler and Ms. Meyer for some information on this project. She also clarified that this Resolution will not determine whether Council supports a bus route through Bexley, that's been decided by the voters, but whether or not there will be a stop in Bexley and if so, where it will be located. Mayor Kessler then provided an overview of the LinkUs project.

Mr. Silverman asked a clarifying question about the lane and median width changes needed to accommodate a station, which Mayor Kessler answered. Mr. Hurley asked about the other local service on Main Street and asked about potential alternatives to move the stations away from the median and Mayor Kessler shared that the LinkUS project is beyond that point in design and we don't have an option to change that. Ms. Feibel asked a question about traffic patterns, which Mayor Kessler answered. Mr. Hurley asked another question which Mayor Kessler answered. Ms. Lampke spoke about the equitable access and single level loading and the potential positive impacts on access to businesses and residents. She did also share that the buses are longer and did share concerns about hearing input now that the levy has passed and a proposed station is in the works. There will be a survey in the Blast. She also wants more information on the potential costs to the City and any potential issues with federal funding. She also shared a concern with the safety of a center of the road. Mr. Hurley asked an additional question on whether this would be the last say on the matter. Mr. Marcellino shared his interest in understanding more about where everyone falls on this issue and while he is feeling more positive about the benefits, he has concerns with the way COTA has presented to Council in the past. Mr. Markham asked where COTA would prefer the stop to be located, and Mayor Kessler confirmed the Pleasant Ridge location is their preference. Council members continued to ask additional questions.

Ms. Constance Lewis of 663 Euclaire presented some information from the United States Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration and provided documents to Ms. Lampke and Mayor Kessler.

15. Tabled Ordinances

- a) **Resolution 01-25** to support the ongoing investment in the repair and replacement of sewer infrastructure, and to support the planned refresh of the City's sewer study and sewer plan, introduced by Jess Saad on February 25, 2025.

Ms. Saad moved to remove Resolution 01-25 from the table.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion Passed 7-0.

Ms. Saad shared that Resolution 02-25 had robust question and they had discussed a workshop at the last Council member, but City administration is working to review best process for that and they will be in touch in the future.

Ms. Saad moved to remove Resolution 01-25 from the table.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion Passed 7-0.

16. Public Comments (Speaker Slip Required)

None.

17. Safety Committee – Troy Markham, Chair

Mr. Markham shared about the recent Land Use Strategy meeting and shared the excitement about the graphics and information in this document.

18. Service and Environmental Committee – Alex Silverman, Chair

Mr. Silverman complimented the good work Elizabeth Ellman has been doing for Earth and Arbor Month.

19. Finance Committee – Jessica Saad, Chair

Ms. Saad spoke about the upcoming Women's Health Fair event on May 10 which is already half full and will include a visit from the OSU Mobile Mammogram. Ms. Saad also spoke about the upcoming Pedal for Pancakes event on Saturday, June 14.

20. Strategic and Health Committee – Danny Hurley, Chair

Mr. Hurley shared his enthusiasm for the Land Use Strategy document and spoke about the recent CIC meeting. He also spoke about seeing Mr. Heckman at the library legislative day and spoke about the good work he does for our community.

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

Ms. Feibel spoke about the volunteer support for our many events and encouraged continued support for them. She also spoke about the recent Recreation Department retreat. She also spoke about walking her dogs along the newly unified sidewalk across Commonwealth.

22. Zoning and Development Committee – Sam Marcellino, Chair

Mr. Marcellino shared about the Columbus Library Metropolitan and shared his disappointment in the state legislation's work against Bexley. Mr. Marcellino shared about the property at Drexel for sale, the Bexley Bed & Breakfast, and while there is interest from a Bexley family, it would no longer be a owner-occupied inn and the family is interested in Council's feelings about that possibility, expressing his own concerns on whether this could potentially open up future rentals. Mr. Silverman asked about how that would function and he would want time to think about this. Ms. Lampke shared she'd want to think about that, and Ms. Saad shared that she'd have to think about it but initially has reservations.

23. Adjourn

Ms. Lampke moved to adjourn.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

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