



City Council Minutes

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

1. Call to Order

Ms. Lampke called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

2. Roll Call of Members

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Resolutions with Special Guests:

- a. Resolution 04-25 (third reading)** confirming the Mayor's appointments of members to the Architectural Review Board; the Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning; the Recreation and Parks Board; the Tree and Public Gardens Commission; the Board of Health; the Board of Tax Review; the Civil Service Commission; the Citizen Review Board; the CRA Housing Council; The Records Commission; the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee; and to declare an emergency, introduced by Danny Hurley on May 27, 2025.

- i. Emmy Haynes, Civil Service Commission
- ii. Natalie Cohen, ESAC
- iii. Jay Lessard, BZAP

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Hurley briefly discussed the ordinance before inviting Mayor Kessler to welcome applicants for introduction.

Ms. Cohen introduced herself and spoke about her work on ESAC and her passion for waste reduction. Ms Lampke shared her appreciation for her service.

Ms. Haynes introduced herself and spoke about her interest in joining Civil Service Commission and some of her background and experience.

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

No comments.

6. President's Report

Ms. Lampke congratulated Mr. Marcellino on his new son and complimented the Juneteenth event along with a couple of other events in the community. Ms. Lampke then reminded Council that this is the final meeting before recess.

7. City Attorney Report

Mr. Fishel shared that Bexley is joining the City of Columbus in submitting an Amicus brief on a case that could potentially impact city authority, so he'll keep everyone posted.

8. Auditor Report

Mr. McPeck shared about a couple of recent audits that have been completed for the City.

9. Administrative Update

a. Mayor's Update

Mayor Kessler shared some of the highlights of his update. Mr. Hurley shared about some of his concerns with pending state legislation related to property tax. Mayor Kessler shared a presentation about this House Bill 335

Mr. Lessard arrived at this time. Mayor Kesler then invited Mr. Lessard to introduce himself and share about his background, which he did. Ms. Saad shared her appreciation for his willingness to serve on BZAP. Ms. Feibel also shared her appreciation.

Mr. Hurley moved to amend Resolution 04-25 as shown.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Hurley moved to adopt amended Resolution 04-25.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

b. Mike Price, Recreation Department

Mr. Price shared some of the highlights of his report.

- c. Andy Bashore, Service Department

Mr. Bashore had no additions to his report. Ms. Saad complimented him on work to prepare for the Fourth.

10. Consent Agenda (No Speaker Slip Required)

- a. Meeting Minutes from June 10, 2025
- b. **Ordinance 13-25** appropriations ordinance for Building Department to appropriate \$53,600 for the increase in required development-related plumbing inspections., introduced by Jess Saad on May 27, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Lampke moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

11. Third Readings (No Speaker Slip Required)

- a. **Ordinance 14-25** authorizing the Mayor and Auditor to sign a Consent and Hold Harmless Agreement on behalf of the City of Bexley with the property owner 240 S Drexel (Parcel No. 020-003767), regarding improvements made upon and within the City owned right-of-way between the sidewalk and the property line, introduced by Sam Marcellino on May 27, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mayor Kessler shared some of the site plan images.

Mr. Marcellino moved to approve Ordinance 14-25.

Ms. Saad seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

- b. **Ordinance 15-25** to amend the Codified Ordinances to permit Accessory Dwelling Units under specified conditions, and to enact new Sections 1266.24, 1290.01, and 1290.02 of the Codified Ordinances, introduced by Sam Marcellino on May 27, 2025

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Marcellino shared his intent to table this ordinance and to work through some of the suggestions and changes and create a proposed amended ordinance.

Mr. Evan Frankie at 898 Chelsea Avenue shared about his experience attending the Housing For All program and spoke in favor of the ordinance, citing some personal ways this would benefit his family.

Mr. Fishel asked a question about the timing of the public hearing in August as it relates to the BZAP approval.

Ms. Saad shared some comments about the ordinance, sharing her current plan to vote no on this ordinance, sharing concerns about short term rentals and the fabric of the community and did express her interest in potentially seeing family clearly stated in this ordinance. She also shared her concerns with oversight of the ordinance.

Mr. Marcellino spoke with Mr. Klingler with some clarifying questions related to the ordinance and BZAP.

Mr. Marcellino moved to table Ordinance 15-25.

Mr. Hurley seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

- c. **Ordinance 17-25** to establish the speed limit on Drexel Avenue between Main Street and Broad Street at 25 MPH, introduced by Troy Markham on May 27, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Markham shared about his experience and concerns with speeding cars and shared about the history of concerns with the speed limit on Drexel which is higher than other residential areas in the City.

Mr. Hurley shared that he had requested having this not on the Consent Agenda because he wanted to talk about the history and have a vote.

Mr. Marcellino shared his support and enthusiasm for this ordinance.

Ms. Feibel also shared her excitement for this ordinance.

Ms. Saad shared about her history with this ordinance and her excitement to vote yes on this.

Ms. Lampke shared about her observations on Drexel and her belief that this is an important final step.

Mr. Silverman shared that golf carts will now be allowed on Drexel and thinks this is a great thing.

Mayor Kessler thanked Council Member Markham shared about the history of this effort and how the feedback about the medians has shifted over time, becoming more positive. Mr. Markham also share about the mayor's efforts to make the process of making Drexel safer and how public input was encouraged. He shared his appreciation for that process.

Mr. Markham moved to adopt Ordinance 17-25.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

- d. **Ordinance 18-25** to amend the Bed and Breakfast variance at 519 South Drexel Avenue in the City of Bexley, Ohio, introduced by Sam Marcellino on May 27, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Marcellino shared that the applicant had withdrawn their application and no longer needed this ordinance.

Mr. Marcellino moved to withdraw

Mr. Markham seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

- e. **Ordinance 19-25** to authorize the Mayor to enter into a five-year employment contract with Chief Gary D. Lewis, Jr., and to declare an emergency, introduced by Jess Saad on May 27, 2025

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad shared the background of the ordinance and shared her enthusiasm for the work he's done.

Mayor Kessler complimented Chief Lewis on his work and expressed how much he enjoys serving with Chief Lewis.

Ms. Saad moved to approve Ordinance 19-25.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

12. Second Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

- a. **Ordinance 20-25** to appropriate \$5,411,860 from the OPWC project fund to record 2025 expenses related to the “South Cassingham Road, Montrose Avenue and South Remington Road Comprehensive Improvements” project, introduced by Jess Saad on June 10, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad invited Mayor Kessler to share some additional information, which he did. This ordinance will be on the Consent Agenda for August.

13. First Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

None.

14. Tabled Ordinances

None.

15. Public Comments (Speaker Slip Required)

None.

16. Safety Committee – Troy Markham, Chair

No report.

17. Service and Environmental Committee – Alex Silverman, Chair

Mr. Silverman shared about the Food Council meeting.

18. Finance Committee – Jessica Saad, Chair

Ms. Saad shared about the upcoming Pelotonia race and shared that she’d love to see everyone.

19. Strategic and Health Committee – Danny Hurley, Chair

Mr. Hurley mentioned the Board of Health meeting in July.

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

Ms. Feibel has no report.

21. Zoning and Development Committee – Sam Marcellino, Chair

No report.

22. Adjourn

Ms. Lampke thanked Officer Kenefick and Officer Donovan and then moved to adjourn.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote with no nays heard.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

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