



City Council Minutes

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

1. Call to Order

Ms. Lampke called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Roll Call of Members

Council Members Present: Alex Silverman, Monique Lampke, Sam Marcellino, Lori Ann Feibel, Jess Saad, Troy Markham

Ms. Lampke moved to excuse Mr. Hurley's absence.

Mr Marcellino seconded.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote with no nays heard.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Special Guests - Bexley Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Scholarship Presentation (Zach Hanna)

A representative from Bexley Citizens Police Academy spoke about the scholarship program, honoring Sergeant Hanna's son, Zach, with a scholarship and congratulating Zach on his accomplishment.

Ms. Lampke also took the opportunity to speak about Mr. Al Rosen's recent award as Volunteer of the Year. Mr. Markham also acknowledged Jen with BCPAAA for her contributions through this and multiple other community organizations.

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

None.

6. President's Report

Ms. Lampke welcomed everyone back. Ms. Lampke also spoke about the success of the National Night Out event, and also spoke about her upcoming article in the Bexley Times. She also spoke about a news article that celebrated the recent installation of the Bexley Freedge, complimenting Ms. Ellman on this project.

7. City Attorney Report

Mr. Fishel spoke about the recent failure of efforts to overturn flavored tobacco legislation, though this is being appealed up to the Supreme Court of Ohio. He also shared about the Athens County Court overturning the single plastics use ban in the City of Athens, sharing that this doesn't impact our single use plastics legislation.

8. Auditor Report

Mr. McPeck is reviewing the annual audit and has found some discrepancies, which he's working with the auditors to have corrected in the report. He also shared that this was a good clean audit, and complimented Ms. Martin on that. Mr. McPeck also spoke about some investment strategy that's being refined to maximize benefits.

9. Administrative Update

a. Mayor's Update

Mayor Kessler shared about several summer events, thanking staff members and partners for their support. Mayor Kessler then shared some of the highlights of active projects and initiatives.

b. Mike Price, Recreation Department

Mr. Price spoke about the recent talent show and congratulated the recipient of a summer camp scholarship. Ms. Saad asked for a senior center update, including a timeline, which he shared is closer to a January 1 timeline for a move and he and Mayor Kessler shared that the location information is not yet confirmed. Mr. Price also spoke about challenges with capacity in the after school program. Mr. Marcellino also asked if Council should be considering a budget increase due to increases in childcare funds and Mr. Price confirmed that it is one of the factors to keep an eye on, but that conversations are ongoing. Ms. Feibel complimented the counselors for the summer programming and spoke about how great this is for the community.

c. Matt Klingler, Building Department

Mr. Klingler provided a verbal update on code enforcement which is going well and some of the efforts to streamline permitting processes and upcoming changes to the website. Mr. Klingler also shared an update on the progress with the Fitzgerald property. Ms. Saad also asked if the communications could be included in the Blast. Mr. Silverman also complimented Mr. Hrdlicka on some recent code enforcement efforts that were successful. Ms. Lampke asked about the completion date for Fitzgerald which Mr. Klingler confirmed were in 2026.

Ms. Saad asked about the storefront projects, which Mayor Kessler said that vacancies are still being confirmed. No final word yet.

d. Chief Gary D. Lewis, Police Department

Lieutenant Overly was present to highlight some of the items on Chief Lewis's report. Mayor Kessler also shared about a recent Cyber Security visit from Mr. McGuinness and Chief Lewis.

Mayor Kessler also shared about some upcoming events for super weekend.

10. Consent Agenda (No Speaker Slip Required)

- a. Meeting Minutes from June 24, 2025
- b. **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 consent agenda.

Ms. Lampke moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion Passed 6-0.

11. Third Readings (No Speaker Slip Required)

12. Second Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

13. First Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

- a. **Ordinance 21-25** to authorize supplemental appropriations for calendar year 2025 to support Mayor's Court operational cost increases, introduced by Jess Saad on August 12, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad briefly spoke to the background, inviting Mayor Kessler to share more, which he did, speaking about some of the increases in costs at Mayor's Court, also speaking about some of the increases in case loads. Ms. Lampke asked a couple of questions, which Mayor Kessler answered. Mr. Silverman asked if any of the increase is related to electric parking citations, which Lieutenant Overly said was not. Ms. Saad asked if it was always the same interpreter which Mayor Kessler, shared was not. Mr. Silverman asked about the policy on unhoused

encampments, which Lieutenant Overly spoke to sharing that it's based primarily on nuisance laws, though they have worked with Code Enforcement on encampment issues. Mayor Kessler added that park laws are also included in this process.

Mr. Fishel also took the opportunity to share about Mayor's Court and some of the great work done through this, creating a better process for the public.

- b. **Ordinance 22-25** to appropriate funds for the replacement of the Bexley Police Department's radio dispatching system, introduced by Jess Saad on August 12, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad provided some background behind this ordinance. Mayor Kessler provided some additional information on the project, inviting Lieutenant Overly shared an overview of a report she provided on this project and then she and Mayor Kessler answered multiple questions from Council Members on some of the specifics.

14. Tabled Ordinances

- a. **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. (tabled on June 24, 2025)

Mr. Marcellino moved to remove Ordinance 15-25 from the table.

Mr. Silverman seconded.

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

Motion Passed 6-0.

Mr. Marcellino shared about the work he's done on the ordinance and the many organizations he's met with in an effort to in order to refine this ordinance, including Mayor Kessler, Building Director Klingler, housing organizations, realtors, community stakeholders, and others. He then spoke about some of his intent and hopes for this ordinance. Mayor Kessler asked if we should go over some of the proposed changes, which Mr. Marcellino agreed. Mayor Kessler then walked Council through some of the proposed changes in the updated proposed amended ordinance with Mr. Marcellino sharing some of the information about the proposed changes to parking and his research and rationale behind that.

Ms. Lampke shared her appreciation for Mr. Marcellino's work and then asked Mr. Fishel for some details on the public hearing next week, which he shared, provided some

overview on that. Council continued to discuss this ordinance and ask questions for several minutes, with Mayor Kessler and Mr. Marcellino provided input where needed.

Mr. Marcellino moved to table Ordinance 15-25.

Ms. Feibel seconded.

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

Motion Passed 6-0.

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 spoke about the upcoming Food Council meeting.

18. Finance Committee ☐ Jessica Saad, Chair

Ms. Saad spoke about Pelotonia and wished students good luck on the start of the school year. Ms. Saad spoke about the web leader program at school. Ms. Saad also spoke about Mr. Klapper with the JCC who will be coming to Council in September to talk about some exciting developments there.

19. Strategic and Health Committee ☐ Danny Hurley, Chair

None.

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

Ms. Feibel also welcomed students back to school and spoke about an excellent recent Recreation Board meeting, including an upcoming bid for the skate park, record runner turnout for the July 4th 5K, and Splish, Splash, and Dash this weekend.

21. Zoning and Development Committee ☐ Sam Marcellino, Chair

No report.

22. Adjourn

Ms. Lample moved to adjourn.

Mr. Marclino seconded.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote with no nays heard.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

MINUTES APPROVED: Aug 26, 2025

Monique Lampke
Monique Lampke, President of Council

Matt McPeck
Matt McPeck, Clerk of Council