



City Council Minutes

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

1. Call to Order

Ms. Lampke called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

2. Roll Call of Members

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Special Guests

- a. Angel and Zaynee Ali - Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**
- b. Pelotonia Kids - Suzanne Kondracke and Lemonade Stand Organizers**

Mayor Kessler honored Pelotonia Kids participants with a proclamation honoring their work.

Though the guests had not arrived, Mayor Kessler then read the proclamation honoring Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

- c. Mike Klapper & Julie Cohen, Columbus JCC**

Ms. Saad then welcomed Mr. Klapper and Ms. Cohen with the JCC to share about the capital campaign and the exciting developments coming to the JCC. Mr. Klapper and Ms. Cohen shared some information about their project. Mr. Silverman asked questions and Mr. Marcellino thanked Mr. Klapper and Ms. Cohen for all they do for the community.

5. Guest Presentations

- a. Burgess and Niple - Update on Flow Monitoring**

Ms. Lampke then moved on to invite Mayor Kessler to introduce the flow monitoring team and presentations. Mayor Kessler turned this over to Ms. Meyer who introduced Mr. Koch and Mr.

Salmons. She then provided some background to the purpose of the flow monitoring and the types of data captured. Mr. Swartzbough presented a presentation on the flow monitoring study completed on the sewers and some of the major conclusions of the data. Multiple Council Members asked questions and expressed concerns about the study, the data, and next steps. The representatives, Ms. Meyer, and Mayor Kessler answered questions from multiple Council members and Mr. McPeek.

6. 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. Hurley seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Marcellino discussed the background of this ordinance and shared about the work he's done to connect with others throughout the community and the larger Central Ohio region to discuss this initiative. He then shared his belief in the positive impact of this ordinance.

Mayor Kessler shared about the recent BZAP meeting to discuss this ordinance, inviting Mr. Klingler to add some information on some of the changes recommended by BZAP at today's conditional recommendation to adopt the ordinance. The conditional recommendations include a registration requirement, a minimum-time-of-residency condition, and a potential change to the residency limit maximum. Mayor Kessler then went over the changes to the language, which do not include any changes to the number of persons allowable. Mr. Marcellino asked some questions about parking, which Mr. Markham echoed. Mayor Kessler answered those. Ms. Saad asked clarifying questions on language which Mr. Marcellino and Mayor Kessler answered. Mr. Markham asked a question about the maximum number of allowable ADUs, which Mr. Marcellino explained. Mr. Hurley spoke to his thoughts on the maximum number, which he feels will self control to some extent. Mayor Kessler and Mr. Klingler both provided some information to share the number of accessory units in Bexler the past year. Mr. Markham complimented the structure of this process and work that's been taken to triple check this ordinance.

Mr. Marcellino moved to amend the ADU ordinance

Mr. Markham seconded.

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

Motion Passed 7-0.

Mr. Marcellino moved to approve Amended Ordinance 15-25.

Mr. Markham seconded.

Ms. Feibel shared her appreciation for the process, and shared her feelings in the importance of having the ability to take care of aging family members, also spoke about the work she does with Families Flourish, and agreed with the slow approach.

Mr. Silverman echoed the thoughts in support of the ordinance.

Ms. Saad shared the background of the ordinance and the steps Councilman Marcellino and Council as a whole have taken.

Ms. Lampke also shared her support of this ordinance before opening the meeting up to public comment.

Ms. Amy Klaben from Families Flourish spoke in support of the ordinance, sharing some suggestions as the City moves forward.

Mr. Vincent Coleman of Columbus Realtors spoke in support of the ordinance, but did share some concerns about the owner occupancy requirements.

Mr. of the Bexley Eastmoor Civic Association shared his support and excitement about seeing young adults and children having the opportunity to access Bexley's many amenities.

Ms. Saad shared about her change of heart over the long process, speaking to her appreciation for the changes and refinements that brought this ordinance to a place where she's comfortable voting yes..

Hearing no more comment, Ms. Lampke invited Mr. McPeek to call the vote.

All in Favor: Jess Saad, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Sam Marcellino, Danny Hurley, Alex Silverman, Lori Ann Feibel
Motion Passed 7-0.

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

None.

8. President Report

Ms. Lampke spoke about the upcoming Candidate's Night, One Bexley Gathering, and thanked Mr. Silverman for his help with the dunk tank at the Johnson's Anniversary event.

Mr. Hurley departed the meeting at this time.

9. City Attorney Report

Mr. Fishel had no report.

10. Auditor Report

Mr. McPeek shared about future audit plans and also spoke about various meetings he's holding to assess and evaluate banking relationships.

11. Administrative Update

a. Mayor's Update

Mayor Kessler shared his report, highlighting some key project updates like the bridge bid, and speaking about upcoming events.

b. Mike Price, Recreation Department

Mr. Price spoke about the renovated tennis courts, which are now open. He also encouraged everyone to attend the Skate Park groundbreaking at 4:30 pm on Monday, September 15.

c. Chief Gary D. Lewis, Police Department

Chief Lewis had no additions to his report, but Mr. Markham pointed out his appreciation for our animal control officer's work. Ms. Lampke asked about recent activity on Livingston Avenue, which Chief Lewis answered.

d. Matt Klingler, Development Department

Mr. Klingler added some details on the Schneider Bridge going out to bid and shared that the Fitzgerald exterior is coming together now. Mr. Silverman thanked Mr. Klingler for his work toward improvement in his department. Mr. Marcellino also added his interest in adding staff to the Building Department to support this work.

e. Andy Bashore, Service Department

Mr. Bashore had no additions to his written report.

12. Consent Agenda (No Speaker Slip Required)

a. Meeting Minutes from August 26, 2025

b. 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 items on the consent agenda.

Ms. Lampke moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

All in Favor: Lori Ann Feibel, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Sam Marcellino, Alex Silverman, Jess Saad
Motion Passed 6-0.

13. Third Readings (No Speaker Slip Required)

- a. **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 on the radio system. Ms. Lampke asked Lt. Overly to speak about the warranty, which she did.

Ms. Saad moved to adopt Ordinance 22-25. radio ordinance
Mr. Marcellino seconded.

All in Favor: Lori Ann Feibel, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Sam Marcellino, Alex Silverman, Jess Saad
Motion Passed 6-0.

14. Second Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

- a. **Ordinance 23-25** authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with St. Charles Preparatory School to provide a Bexley police officer to work as a school resource officer to St. Charles for the 2025-2026 school year, introduced by Troy Markham on August 26, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Markham provided some background on the school resource officer program at St. Charles. Ms. Feibel and Ms. Saad both spoke about the ordinance. Ms. Lampke asked if Council would be comfortable moving this to Consent Agenda for the next meeting and they would.

15. First Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

- a. **Resolution 05-25** to seek financial assistance from the Ohio Public Works Commission for funding of various capital infrastructure improvement projects, introduced by Jess Saad on September 9, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad provided some brief background and rationale behind this ordinance.

- b. **Resolution 06-25** accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor, introduced by Jess Saad on September 9, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad provided some brief background and rationale behind this ordinance with Mayor Kessler adding some brief information as well.

- c. **Resolution 07-25** adopting the City of Bexley 2025 Land Use Strategy, introduced by Danny Hurley on September 9, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke provided some brief background before inviting Mayor Kessler to share more. Mayor Kessler complimented Ms. Meyer on her hard work on this document and together they briefly discussed the format of the document, encouraging Council to review it in more detail.

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Already addressed.

17. Public Comments (Speaker Slip Required)

None.

18. Safety Committee ☰ Troy Markham, Chair

Mr. Markham shared about the parent roundtable on e-bikes tomorrow morning, sharing that the first was very productive.

19. Service and Environmental Committee ☰ Alex Silverman, Chair

No report.

20. Finance Committee ☰ Jessica Saad, Chair

Ms. Saad shared the budget timeline and spoke about the upcoming process, covering the highlights of the timeline.

21. Strategic and Health Committee ☰ Danny Hurley, Chair

No report - departed meeting earlier

22. Recreation and Parks Committee ☰ Lori Ann Feibel, Chair

No report.

23. Zoning and Development Committee ☐ Sam Marcellino, Chair

Mr. Marcellino spoke about the CIC meeting.

24. Adjourn

Ms. Lampke moved to adjourn.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion Passed 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

MINUTES APPROVED: Sept 30, 2025

Monique Lampke

Monique Lampke, President of Council

Matt McPeek

Matt McPeek, Clerk of Council