



City Council Minutes

Tuesday, October 28, 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: Monique Lampke, Jess Saad, Danny Hurley, Alex Silverman, Troy Markham, Sam Marcellino

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

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

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

5. President's Report

Ms. Lampke shared some of the updates from Bexley Community Foundation regarding recently funded grants and also shared some birthday wishes.

6. City Attorney Report

Mr. Fishel shared about some recent developments regarding tobacco legislation and future potential impacts to local rule. He will continue to keep Council posted as this issue develops.

7. Auditor Report

Mr. McPeek shared about recent invoice audits and budget work he's been completing.

8. Administrative Update

a. Mayor's Update

Mayor Kessler shared some of the highlights of his report, including mention of the traditional tallying of votes, the opening of Schneider Park pedestrian bridge bids, among other upcoming dates and recent events.

Mayor Kessler also shared some updates regarding the recent homicide in Bexley, an unusual and tragic occurrence in the city, also inviting Chief Lewis to provide some information on the homicide investigation, which he briefly did. Mr. Silverman asked a question about bike boulevards, which Mayor Kessler answered. Mr. Hurley asked a question about 540 North Cassady, which Mayor Kessler answered.

b. Karrie Martin, Finance Department

Ms. Martin shared some positive information about the income tax through September.

c. Andy Bashore, Service Department

Mr. Bashore did share some additional information on projects in the City, sharing that the leaf pickup project has started. Mr. Silverman asked about leaves, which Mr. Bashore answered. Mayor Kessler asked about the South Remington waterline project, which they'll continue to work on as long as weather permits.

9. Executive Session

Executive Session pursuant to RC 121.22(G)(3):Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action; and pursuant to RC 121.22(G)(2) to consider the purchase of property for public purposes, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest.

Ms. Lampke moved to enter executive session for the reason listed.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Council entered Executive Session at 6:20 pm.

Ms. Lampke moved to exit executive session.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

Motion passed by voice vote with no nays heard.

Council exited Executive Session at 6:41 pm.

10. Consent Agenda (No Speaker Slip Required)

- a. Meeting Minutes from October 14, 2025**

Mr. Fishel read the item on the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Lampke moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

11. Third Readings (No Speaker Slip Required)

- a. Ordinance 24-25** to authorize supplemental appropriations for calendar year 2025 to cover additional costs associated with an increase in recreational programming, introduced by Jess Saad on September 30, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad provided some background and information on the proposed amended ordinance. Mayor Kessler shared an additional typographical correction to the ordinance.

Ms. Saad moved to amend Ordinance 24-25.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Saad moved to adopt Ordinance 24-25.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

12. Second Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

None.

13. First Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

- a. Ordinance 25-25** authorizing appropriations for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2026; to authorize general Fund Transfers and subsequent appropriations in the same amount in the Infrastructure Development Fund and

Capital Fund in 2025; and to confirm the appointment of Marc Fishel as City Attorney, introduced by Jess Saad on October 28, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read Ordinance 25-25.

Ms. Saad invited Mayor Kessler to cover an overview of the 2026 budget, and Mayor Kessler covered the Budget Highlights and project priorities, then covered a high level overview of the schedule of more in depth budget presentations. Mr. Hurley asked a question about income, which Mayor Kessler answered. Mr. Marcellino and Mr. Silverman asked questions, which Mayor Kessler answered.

- b. Ordinance 26-25** to establish compensation rates for non-bargaining unit employees of the City of Bexley, effective as of January 1, 2026, introduced by Jess Saad on October 28, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read Ordinance 26-25 and Mayor Kessler shared some additional information on the planned increase along with the overall salary strategy. Mayor Kessler also answered questions from multiple Council members about various items related to this ordinance and salaries.

- c. Resolution 08-25** to schedule the Bexley City Council meeting dates and times for the year 2026, introduced by Monique Lampke on October 28, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke shared an update on the background of this ordinance.

- d. Resolution 09-25** adopting the City of Bexley's Cyber Security Policy as required by RC section 9.64, introduced by Danny Hurley on October 28, 2025

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Hurley provided some background and rationale behind this ordinance, also briefly touching on some responsibilities now held by Council in certain circumstances.

- e. Resolution 10-25** establishing the scheduling of Independence Day celebrations, including the parade and evening fireworks display, introduced by Monique Lampke on October 28, 2025.

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

- f. Ordinance 27-25** to amend Title Ten – Bicycles, Motorcycles, Snowmobiles of Part Four of the Codified Ordinances; to amend Section 474.07, Safe Riding Regulations for Bicycles; to amend Section 474.12 Operation of Minibikes, Scooters, Etc. on Sidewalks, Parks, and School Grounds; to amend Section 474.18, Electric Bicycles; and to create Section 475, Motorized Personal Mobility

Devices, in order to further regulate the operation of bicycles, electric bicycles, and motorized personal mobility devices, introduced by Troy Markham on October 28, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read this ordinance and Mr. Markham provided some background information including information on recent public input sessions, before walking Council through some of the key points of the proposed ordinance. Mr. Marcellino offered some suggestions, which Mr. Markham reviewed. Mr. Silverman also shared some thoughts and questions regarding the ordinance. Mayor Kessler also offered some additional information and some additional details on existing code. Council continued to discuss this ordinance for some time before moving on, discussing potential impact and enforcement strategies.

- g. **Ordinance 28-25** to provide a use variance for 519 South Drexel Avenue, in order to allow for the use of the property as a Multifamily Dwelling not to exceed three (3) units, introduced by Sam Marcellino.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Marcellino provided some background to this ordinance. Mr. Marcellino shared that he is neither for nor against this but that the owner has requested this to be presented for consideration. Ms. Lampke asked if we would need a hearing, which Mr. Fishel shared would be needed, clarifying that a 30 day noticed hearing would be required. A date was briefly discussed with intent to follow up. Mr. Hurley asked about whether the property has closed or not, which Mr. Marcellino shared it has closed. Mr. Silverman asked why a variance would be needed, and Mayor Kessler provided some background to the changes in the zoning for this ordinance. Ms. Saad asked about profitability, which Mr. Fishel shared needs to be reviewed for whether or not it's a lawful consideration, expressing some reservation about the authority and relevance of pursuing this information. Mr. Silverman and Mr. Hurley also offered some comments and questions on this ordinance.

14. Tabled Ordinances

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

Mr. Hurley moved to remove Resolution 07-25 from the table.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Hurley provided some input and shared that the document is now complete. Mr. Silverman asked a question about the schools input.

Mr. Hurley moved to approve Resolution 07-25.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

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 concerns regarding food scarcity in the area, and spoke about the Food Council and its efforts to address this. Mr. Silverman also spoke about the Hometown Heroes banners.

18. Finance Committee – Jessica Saad, Chair

Ms. Saad complimented the Hometown Heroes program and then reminded everyone of the upcoming meetings.

19. Strategic and Health Committee – Danny Hurley, Chair

Mr. Hurley shared about the need to postpone the Board of Health meeting, and spoke about the upcoming CIC meeting.

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

None.

21. Zoning and Development Committee – Sam Marcellino, Chair

Mr. Marcellino spoke about the ARB Workshop and discussions about ADUs.

22. Adjourn

Ms. Lampke moved to adjourn.

Mr. Hurley seconded.

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

Motion Passed 6-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

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