



City Council Minutes
Tuesday, March 25, 2025

1. Call to Order

Ms. Lampke called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

2. Roll Call of Members

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Special Guests:

a. Jackson Monus - State Champion in Diving

Ms. Saad spoke about Mr. Monus and Mayor Kessler read the proclamation to Mr. Monus for his diving accomplishments.

b. St. Charles Swim Team - State Champions in Swimming

Mayor Kessler read the proclamation to the swimming team for their season accomplishments.

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

None.

7. President's Report

Ms. Lampke shared that March is International Women's Month and spoke about the upcoming Women's Wellness Event on May 10. She also shared about an upcoming article from Ms. Feibel that we can expect in the Blast.

8. City Attorney Report

No report.

9. Auditor Report

No report.

10. Administrative Update

a) Mayor's Update

Mayor Kessler didn't have any additions to his report. Ms. Feibel asked about the Green Bexley Recycle and DEI Takeback day. Mr. McPeck also thanked Mayor Kessler for his work on the EV Chargers and Mayor Kessler acknowledged Ms. Meyer's hard work on that. He also acknowledged the work of the Finance Team.

b) Finance Department, Karrie Martin

Ms. Martin shared that income tax is up above projections and offered to answer any questions.

c) Development & Administration Department, Megan Meyer

Ms. Meyer spoke about the newsletter that should be arriving soon. Mayor Kessler also complimented Ms. Meyer for her work on State of the Community. Mr. McPeck also thanked Ms. Meyer for the annual reports, which he complimented. Ms. Lampke thanked Ms. Meyer for his additional work.

d) Service Department, Andy Bashore

Mr. Bashore spoke briefly about the Columbia preconstruction meeting, sharing that he anticipated this project to be ramping up in mid-April. Ms. Feibel asked about trees coming down on Parkview and Mr. Bashore shared that replacements are likely in the fall, but we can follow up with Mr. Archer if he likes. Mr. Hurley asked about the sweet gum trees which have a lot of tree waste and whether the City is removing them. Mayor Kessler did share there is a form online.

11. Consent Agenda (No Speaker Slip Required)

- a) Meeting Minutes from March 11, 2025

Ms. Lampke moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

12. Third Readings (No Speaker Slip Required)

- a. **Ordinance 07-25** to Create Chapter 1473, Maintenance of Elevators, requiring landlords who rent residential units with access to an operational passenger elevator to keep the elevator maintained and operational for the duration of the rental term, introduced by Sam Marcellino on February 25, 2025.

Mr. Humphrey read the ordinance and Mr. Marcellino provided some background on the ordinance. Mr. Hurley asked about the role this ordinance would play in ADA compliance, and Mr. Marcellino shared that he feels it would depend on circumstances.

Mr. Marcellino moved to approve Ordinance 07-25.

Mr. Arthur Ruberg of 505 S. Parkview Avenue shared his appreciation for the ordinance, and spoke about his experiences as a disabled person in a building that has experienced elevator issues.

Mr. Hurley seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

- b. **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.

Mr. Humphrey read the ordinance and Ms. Saad provided some of the background on this ordinance. Mr. Markham asked about the resolution and then shared his intent to vote no on this resolution expressing concerns with the recommendation from City Staff to pursue the highest id. He went on to express

other concerns with the resolution. Mr. Marcellino also asked about the process of vendor selection and how we landed on making the choice for the most expensive bid, and Ms. Meyer shared some of the rationale behind the selection process. Mayor Kessler clarified that this Resolution does not determine vendors, but rather support for the study as a whole.

Mr. Silverman shared some confusion about the email that was sent to Council today related to this Resolution and questions that had been submitted anonymously. Ms. Saad and Ms. Feibel spoke in support of this resolution, expressing support of the staff's opinions and work on this. Mr. Marcellino then shared his confidence in Mayor Kessler and his staff, but expressed concerns about responding to the necessity of selecting the highest bid. Council continued to discuss this resolution and matter for some time. When Council conversation concluded and hearing no further Council questions, Ms. Lampke opened the ordinance to the public for comment.

Ms. Constance Lewis of 663 Euclaire Avenue shared her concerns with the high cost of the recommended study.

Ms. Saad moved to Table Resolution 01-25.

Mr. Silverman seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

13. Second Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

- a. Ordinance 08-25** to approve the reappropriation of \$10,000 for public AED units; and to appropriate \$25,000 for the increased premium upon renewal of the city's liability insurance policy, introduced by Jess Saad on March 11, 2025.

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

Ms. Saad moved to suspend the three-reading requirement on Ordinance 08-25.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Saad moved to adopt Ordinance 08-25.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Nathans thanked Council for their continued support for HeartSafe Bexley.

- b. 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. Humphrey read the ordinance and Ms. Saad provided some background on this ordinance and the likelihood of a future amendment.

14. First Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

- a. Ordinance 10-25** to Approve the Settlement with the City of Columbus regarding Payments for the Fire Contract between the City of Bexley and the City of Columbus, introduced by Jess Saad on March 25, 2025.

Mr. Humphrey moved to amend and Ms. Saad provided some background on this ordinance. Mayor Kessler also shared the background on his uncovering this overage and the process he took with Auditor McPeck.

Ms. Saad moved to suspend the three-reading requirement on Ordinance 10-25.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Saad moved to adopt Ordinance 10-25.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

15. Tabled Ordinances

- a) Ordinance 06-25** to create the Bexley Galvanized Water Service Line Replacement

loan program, introduced by Jess Saad on January 28, 2025.

Ms. Saad moved to remove Ordinance 06-25 from the table.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Saad covered the background of the ordinance and rationale behind it. She also walked through some of the proposed amendments to the ordinance.

Ms. Saad moved to amend Ordinance 06-25

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Saad moved to approve amended Ordinance 06-25

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

16. Public Comments (Speaker Slip Required)

None.

17. Safety Committee – Troy Markham, Chair

Mr. Markham had no report.

18. Service and Environmental Committee – Alex Silverman, Chair

Mr. Silverman shared a letter from Manika Williams thanking the City of their support at the 6888 Documentary screening event. He also spoke about the activities for Earth and Arbor Month.

19. Finance Committee – Jessica Saad, Chair

Ms. Saad spoke about BRAVO.

20. Strategic and Health Committee – Danny Hurley, Chair

Mr. Hurley spoke about the Board of Health the Land Use Strategy and his excitement over that document and also spoke about some activity at the Statehouse to keep an eye on.

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

Ms. Feibel shared about some of the things she's seen at the newly unified Commonwealth Park and also shared about potential timing issues with the Senior Center and moving out.

22. Zoning and Development Committee – Sam Marcellino, Chair

Mr. Marcellino spoke about the upcoming Land Use Strategy and the March 26 BZAP meeting.

23. Adjourn

Ms. Lampke moved to adjourn.

Mr. Hurley seconded

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

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