



## City Council Minutes

**Tuesday, August 26, 2025**

### **1. Call to Order**

Ms. Lampke called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

### **2. Roll Call of Members**

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

Ms. Lampke moved to excuse Lori Ann Feibel.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote with no nays heard.

### **3. Pledge of Allegiance**

### **4. Special Guests**

#### **a. Dr. Jared R. Tice, President of Capital University**

Dr. Tice spoke briefly about his background and some of the developments at Capital University. Mr. Hurley and Mr. Markham both spoke, asking brief questions.

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

Ms. Lampke brought us to public comments and spoke to everyone about the public comment policy, reminding everyone that the policy is also available on the back of the speaker slips and online.

No public comments.

### **6. Public Hearing on Tabled 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. Markham seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Marcellino thanked Council for listening to community input and to the present community members. He then spoke about the intent behind this ordinance and his thoughts about the future of Bexley and the role ADUs could play both financially and for the benefit of families.

Mayor Kessler also spoke about ADUs in the community, speaking to those which already exist and the history of ADUs in Bexley. He also spoke about the Land Use Strategy and some of the reviews and processes any ADUs would have to go through, beyond Council approval, speaking to ARB. He also reminded Council and the public that ADUs would not be usable for short term rentals due to existing legislation prohibiting this use. Mayor Kessler then spoke to some of the limitations and controls, including required registration and parking provision along with limits to bedrooms (1) and occupants (2).

Ms. Rayna Simms with AARP of Ohio of 41 South High Street, Suite 3550 Columbus Ohio 43215. Ms. Smith spoke in support of Ordinance 15-25 speaking about her personal background as a member of a multigenerational family and the benefits to older adults.

Ms. Carlie Boos of 245 North Front Street spoke in support of Ordinance 15-25, thanking Council for considering this ordinance and citing the benefits to young professionals and older residents wishing to age in place.

Ms. Charlene Bridges of 2575 Bryden Road spoke in support of ADUs and this ordinance and offered a couple of suggestions to reconsider potential unintended negative impact of the owner occupancy requirement, and parking requirements which may not be necessary for units inhabited by occupants who cannot drive.

Mr. Merome Brachman lives on 311 South Drexel urged Council to consider backgrounds of potential residents and also shared that his wife would speak on their other thoughts.

Ms. Judith Brachman of 311 South Drexel thanked Council and in particular Mr. Marcellino for their work on this. She then spoke about some specific sections of the ordinance, including suggestions regarding notification to neighbors, ARB approvals, and consideration of concentration of units throughout the City.

Ms. Bethany Diamond 1018 Montrose Avenue spoke in support of Ordinance 15-25, sharing her personal experience with an aging parent, who has struggled to find suitable housing near her family in Bexley.

Mr. Evan Frankie of 898 Chelsea Avenue spoke in support of Ordinance 15-25, presenting some questions about the parking restrictions and expressing his interest in a higher number of permissible units per year.

Mr. Spencer Cahoon of 800 South Cassingham spoke in support of Ordinance 15-25 and complimented the proposed amendments to the ordinance. He cited some of the positive impact this will have on housing challenges in Bexley.

Mr. Marcellino closed the public hearing and asked for Council to refrain from discussion and consider the comments made tonight.

Mr. Marcellino moved to table Ordinance 15-25.

Mr. Markham seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

## **7. President's Report**

Ms. Lampke spoke about a recent girl scouts sale near the library; Splish, Splash and Dash; and also presented a photograph on crab grass removal by the Rec Department. Ms. Lampke also spoke about some upcoming events.

## **8. City Attorney Report**

No report.

## **9. Auditor Report**

Mr. McPeck spoke about the recent audit and shared that he'd provided an overview of some key points to Council soon. He also spoke about a recent meeting with banks.

## **10. Administrative Update**

### **a. Mayor's Update**

Mayor Kessler shared about some of his recent activity and also invited Council members to participate in a dunk tank on September 6 for the Johnson's Ice Cream. He also spoke about the upcoming special edition Main Event.

### **b. Karrie Martin, Finance Department**

Ms. Martin provided some of the key highlights from her report. She shared that income is up from expectations and did share that we're embarking on the 2026 budget season. Mayor Kessler complimented Ms. Martin for her work and Ms. Martin complimented her team. Mr. Hurley asked a question about grants, which Mayor Kessler explained.

### **c. Andy Bashore, Service Department**

Mr. Bashore didn't have any additions to his written report. Mr. Silverman asked about the medians on North Roosevelt and Pleasant Ridge, which Mayor Kessler answered.

Lieutenant Kenefick stepped in to chambers to share about some ongoing CAD training and recruitment efforts, which are going well, and also congratulated Officer Davis on her selection as Detective. Mr. Hurley complimented the department's response to an incident earlier in the week. Mr. Silverman asked about the uptick in car burglaries, which Lt. Kenefick answered.

### **11. Consent Agenda (No Speaker Slip Required)**

- a. Meeting Minutes from August 12, 2025

Mr. Fishel read the item on the consent agenda.

Ms. Lampke moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

### **12. Third Readings (No Speaker Slip Required)**

### **13. Second 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 Ordinance 21-25 and Ms. Saad provided some background on this ordinance. This ordinance will be moved to the Consent Agenda at the next meeting.

- 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 Ordinance 22-25. Ms. Saad spoke about the purpose of this ordinance. Mr. Marcellino spoke, sharing that he forwarded an email to Council with some additional information from Lieutenant Overly. Mr. Silverman asked whether we're on a healthy timeline. Ms. Saad also spoke about other municipalities that are using the equipment being requested.

### **14. First 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 Ordinance 23-25 and Mr. Markham spoke about the background and purpose of this ordinance. Mr. Hurley and Mr. Marcellino asked questions, which Mayor Kessler and Mr. Fishel answered. Ms. Saad complimented Officer Grimes.

## **15. 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)

## **16. Public Comments (Speaker Slip Required)**

None.

## **17. Safety Committee – Troy Markham, Chair**

No report.

## **18. Service and Environmental Committee – Alex Silverman, Chair**

Mr. Silverman spoke about how great the BMPA Block Party event was. He also spoke about the recent Bexley Food Council meeting.

## **19. Finance Committee – Jessica Saad, Chair**

Ms. Saad spoke about the JCC campaign and mentioned that Mr. Klapper will be at the next meeting to present on this project.

## **20. Strategic and Health Committee – Danny Hurley, Chair**

No report.

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

Not present, but updates were shared during President's Report.

## **22. Zoning and Development Committee – Sam Marcellino, Chair**

Mr. Marcellino thanked everyone for their time and effort today during the hearing.

## **23. Adjourn**

Ms. Lampke reminded everyone we have a meeting on September 9 and the second meeting will be on September 30th. She then moved to adjourn.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

Motion passed by voice vote with no nays heard.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

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