



City Council Minutes

Tuesday, November 11, 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: Monique Lampke, Alex Silverman, Troy Markham, Sam Marcellino, Danny Hurley, Lori Ann Feibel, Jess Saad

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Scouts of America in attendance led Council and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

None.

5. President's Report

Council President Lampke acknowledged Veteran's Day which honors those who have served, and also spoke about the success of Ms. Ellman with the recent Repair Cafe. Ms. Lampke then congratulated Mr. Marcellino and Mr. Cahoon who were elected alongside her last Tuesday to serve on City Council starting in 2026.

6. City Attorney Report

No report.

7. Auditor Report

Mr. McPeek is running late but did not have a report for the evening.

8. Administrative Update

a. Mayor's Update

Mayor Kessler shared some of the highlights of his report, including recent and upcoming events.

b. Chief Gary Lewis, Police Department

Chief Lewis shared some of the highlights of his report. Mr. Silverman asked a question about staffing, which Chief Lewis answered. Mr. Silverman asked a question about a recent social media post, which Chief Lewis also answered.

c. Matt Klingler, Building Department

Mr. Klingler shared an oral report highlighting some of the recent work from the Building Department, including areas of focus. Mr. Hurley asked about the parking garage at the Continental Development, The Fitzgerald Building. Mr. Klingler answered this question, sharing late spring to early summer is his best guess, but this will depend. Mr. Hurley asked a follow up question regarding permits, which Mr. Klingler answered.

9. Consent Agenda (No Speaker Slip Required)

a. Meeting Minutes from October 28, 2025

Mr. Fishel read the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Lampke moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

10. Third Readings (No Speaker Slip Required)

None.

11. Second 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 the ordinance and Ms. Saad provided an overview of the presentations to come this evening and urged everyone to review the folders attached to the ordinance that include multiple budget resources.

Mayor Kessler then shared some high level updates on revisions to projected income. Mayor Kessler also shared some adjustments to expenditures. Mr. Hurley asked a question about

surplus funds, to ensure his understanding of the figures is correct, which Mayor Kessler answered. Mr. Silverman asked about new titling of positions, which Ms. Meyer and Mayor Kessler answered. Mr. Marcellino asked a question about the Police Captain position which Mayor Kessler answered.

Mayor Kessler then walked Council through the Mayor's Office budget. Mr. Marcellino asked about the MORPC fees. Ms. Lampke shared that she's pleased to see the increase in training budget.

Mr. Klingler shared the highlights of his budget, including the increase in funding for code enforcement and abatement services, and an increase in funding for contract professionals. Mr. Marcellino shared that he's heard reports from ARB regarding issues with having resources available for follow up inspections, so he feels this is great. He also asked about the vehicle which Mr. Klingler answered. Mr. Hurley asked a question about a particular quarter's expenditures, which Mr. Klingler answered. Mr. Klingler also answered a question from Ms. Lampke about software.

Mayor Kessler then walked Council through the City Attorney budget, which is primarily flat, complementing Mr. Klingler on his work to keep the special legal projects lower.

Ms. Meyer shared some of the key updates on the Development Department budget, which does not include any personnel changes. She then walked Council through some of the budget increases, including increases in strategic planning, additional print and digital communications resources related to communications, and sustainability funds for a newly formed Food Council. Mr. Markham asked some questions. Mr. Marcellino asked questions about a survey initiative which Mayor Kessler and Ms. Meyer answered. Mr. Silverman asked a question regarding potential support to businesses, which Ms. Meyer answered. Mayor Kessler also shared that an ordinance will be introduced in 2026 that includes the expansion of facade grants to Livingston Avenue. Ms. Meyer also answered a question Mr. Silverman asked about One Bexley. Ms. Feibel asked about the tangible takeaways from One Bexley and about the accessibility audit, which Ms. Meyer answered, sharing some of the differences between the audit and the proposed survey.

Ms. Martin shared some of the key points of her budget, including funding for staff training, insurance changes, and other bank and auditor fees.

Mayor Kessler shared some of the key highlights of the Grants budget, discussing some of the recent grants that have been awarded. Mr. Silverman asked about the engineering design timing for Calm Corridors, which Mayor Kessler shared some additional information. Mayor Kessler also shared about a pending grant for safe school pathways along with some other pending projects.

Ms. Buckley shared the HR Department budget highlights, which do not include any staffing changes, sharing about some upgrades to online paperwork and recruiting, some additional training opportunities, and some additional funding for upskilling. Mr. Marcellino asked how many employees take advantage of tuition reimbursement. Mr. Marcellino also asked about recruiting expenses, which Ms. Buckley explained. Mr. Silverman asked about the training budget and plans, which Ms. Buckley answered. Mr. Silverman also asked about additional communications that might be needed to address the changes in health insurance for employees, which Ms. Buckley answered. Ms. Saad thanked Ms. Buckley for her work and complimented her work.

Ms. Meyer shared the highlights of the Mayor's Court budget lines. Mr. Marcellino asked about the Project Taillight program and whether this should continue. Mayor Kessler shared that this is promoted and does increase awareness and motivation to repair safety violations. They discussed this item for some time. Mayor Kessler will look into some more detail from related expenses from the Service Department. Mr. Markham asked if this program is used in conjunction with a warning, which Chief Lewis confirmed is accurate.

Mr. McGuinness shared a high level update on the IT department, including some highlights to his budget for 2026, including funding for ongoing requirements, software costs, a new telecommunications system that supports the PD radio system, and a new staff member to support Tier One. Mr. Marcellino thanked him for his work. Mr. Hurley also thanked him and asked about the new full-time position and potential impact on a vendor, which Mr. McGuinness shared would be difficult to easily measure. Mr. Hurley asked several follow up questions, which Mr. McGuinness answered. Mr. Silverman asked a question about staffing, which Mr. McGuinness answered and Mr. McPeek followed this with a question about benchmarking and partnerships which Mr. McGuinness answered.

Mr. McGuinness also shared some of the capital budget line items, including a new copier for Jeffrey Mansion, new water billing software, and additional cameras. Mr. Silverman asked about City Council chambers tech upgrades, which are complete. Mr. Hurley shared his opinion that we should install more cameras, which Mayor Kessler answered. Mr. Hurley also asked about copier lease versus purchase. Mr. McPeek also asked about water billing software and whether it integrates with our finance platform and expressed some desire to review the finance and water platforms. Mr. Marcellino asked about the meeting tech as well. Ms. Lampe asked about the SaveStation units and how the tech is functioning there.

Mayor Kessler shared highlights of the Boards and Commissions and City Council budgets.

Chief Lewis covered the highlights of his budget, including some increases to personnel, CALEA accreditation, funding for Emergency Management and additional funding to support community policing. Mr. Hurley complimented the community programming and asked a question about building maintenance, which Chief Lewis answered. Mr. Silverman asked about

staffing levels, which Chief Lewis and Mayor Kessler answered. Mr. Silverman asked if more staffing is needed to support parking control. Mr. Silverman continued to ask about expanding staffing but the Chief asked to have a conversation with staff first to see if that's needed. Mr. Markham asked about the role of the Police Captain and the vision for that position, which Chief Lewis answered. Ms. Lampke asked how many officers reside in Bexley, which Chief Lewis answered. Ms. Lampke also asked about another decrease which Chief Lewis answered. Mr. Hurley asked about BPD enforcement along Livingston. Ms. Saad asked about the Animal Control Officer's hours, which Chief Lewis answered.

Chief Lewis also shared the Police Department asks from the Capital Fund, discussing the proposed new K-9 vehicle, a new cruiser, and some additional safety devices. Mr. Marcellino asked about the bollards and potential appetite for temporary bollards for events, etc. Mr. Silverman asked about the facility near Torat Emet and any need for additional funding. Ms. Lampke asked about the speed warning trailer, which Chief Lewis shared would help to address the high number of requests for this. Ms. Meyer clarified it is for one trailer but Chief Lewis wasn't positive. Ms. Lampke asked for clarification on this line item for the next meeting. Mr. Markham asked a question, which Mayor Kessler answered.

Mayor Kessler then shared about the Health and Human Services budget, speaking to the new position included in the budget for a new Social Services Coordinator and a contract for assistance with management of that employee. Mayor Kessler spoke about an add-on for the mosquito advisory group. Mr. Marcellino asked about the food insecurity grant, which Mayor Kessler answered. Mr. Marcellino then asked about DARN's funding, which Mayor Kessler answered. Following this, Mr. Marcellino asked about the purpose of the mosquito advisory group and whether that would replace the ongoing OSU study, which Mayor Kessler answered. Mr. Hurley asked some questions about the social services coordinator. Mr. Markham asked about this position and what a successful intervention might look like, which Mayor Kessler answered. Mr. Markham then asked about the supervisor and the role they would play. Mr. Markham then requested a comprehensive job description. Chief Lewis also offered some input on the potential positive impact of this role alongside police work and in relationships with the schools and other community members. Mr. Silverman thanked Mr. Markham for his questions and asked about licensing requirements. Ms. Saad also spoke about potential positive impact on this position. Mr. Hurley added more thoughts on potential crisis stabilization and would love to see more on this and he also shared some interactions with professionals in the community and would love to see a more open-minded approach for other alternatives.

Mayor Kessler then shared briefly about Fire and Emergency Management. Mr. Markham asked about the budget stability fund, 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 the ordinance and Ms. Saad provided some background on this ordinance. Mayor Kessler provided some additional information and Ms. Buckley also offered some clarifying information between the two exhibits.

- 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 resolution and Ms. Lampke mentioned a typo in the second meeting in December in the exhibit. There will be a few other minor changes to the Exhibit, including changing the meeting on August 11 to August 18 and removing all non-meeting dates. Mr. Fishel confirmed changes to the Exhibit do not require an amendment and thus Council agreed to move this Resolution to the Consent Agenda for the next meeting.

- 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 Resolution and Mr. Hurley shared some additional background information on this. Mr. Hurley also acknowledged some of the thoughtful input from a community member.

There was a speaker slip for this ordinance and Ms. Charlene Bridges of 2575 Bryden spoke, sharing that while she felt this was a good start, she would suggest three changes to the plan.

Mr. Fishel then clarified for Council the purpose of this Resolution which is required to comply with a new state law. Chief Lewis also offered some additional information from a law enforcement perspective.

- 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 on the reasoning behind this ordinance. Mr. Hurley shared his support of this ordinance. Mr. Silverman asked a question about the lack of clarity as to the date of the fireworks, which Mayor Kessler and Ms. Lampke confirmed it could change and that ultimately the mayor and police chief would be responsible for determining the date in partnership with the Bexley Celebrations and Events committee. After a brief discussion, it was determined this Resolution would not be added to the Consent Agenda.

- 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 the ordinance and Mr. Markham shared some of the background on the ordinance, thanking Councilwoman Saad for some input on education, and Councilman Marcellino for bringing up excluding mobility scooters. Mr. Hurley asked about a particular kind of vehicle that Mayor Kessler shared wouldn't be covered under the ordinance descriptions. Mr. Silverman asked about e-bikes on sidewalks and whether this would make that illegal, which Council members and Mayor Kessler asked.

There was a speaker slip for this ordinance and Mr. McConnell of 2722 Bexley Park Road spoke, sharing appreciation for some of the intent behind the ordinance, but expressed several concerns about the potential negative impact it may cause.

- 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 on October 28, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read Ordinance 28-25 and Mr. Marcellino shared that while he is introducing the ordinance it does not indicate support. He did ask if this will impact property tax and Mayor Kessler will follow up on this to see if it would be measurable and Mr. Fishel added we'd need to look at whether it's something that can be considered, as this is a quasi-judicial process and not a legislative process. In line with this, he urged Council members to only consider facts provided at the hearing.

12. First Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

- a. Ordinance 29-25** to appropriate \$82,000 from the Water Fund into the Water Administration Account to pay the 2025 third quarter water invoice from the City of Columbus, introduced by Jess Saad on November 11, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad provided some background on this ordinance, sharing that a suspension and adoption of this ordinance would be requested at the next meeting to ensure timely payment.

- b. Ordinance 30-25** to appropriate \$130,000 from the General Fund to the Grants and Donations Account in order to provide supplemental appropriations for grants that have been awarded, introduced by Jess Saad on November 11, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad provided some background on this ordinance, mentioning that we will likely need to request a suspension and adoption on this ordinance at the next meeting to ensure grant projects could move forward.

13. Tabled Ordinances

None.

14. Public Comments (Speaker Slip Required)

Mr. Sebastian Parra of 810 Sheridan shared about issues they are experiencing with an adjacent Capital-owned property. Mayor Kessler offered to meet with him after the comments and Ms. Vawter spoke with him outside of chambers to arrange this.

15. Safety Committee – Troy Markham, Chair

Mr. Markham spoke about a recent positive educational interaction with Bexley resident Steve Shapiro.

16. Service and Environmental Committee – Alex Silverman, Chair

No report.

17. Finance Committee – Jessica Saad, Chair

Bexley shared about some recent exciting news from Bexley Education Foundation, including recognition for Councilman Marcellino. She also spoke about the budget.

18. Strategic and Health Committee – Danny Hurley, Chair

Mr. Hurley shared that the Board of Health meeting has not yet been rescheduled and also shared about the recent CIC meeting. He also shared that the senior center is open again after the completion of fuel tank removal.

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

Ms. Feibel complimented the Halloween event for middle schoolers and some other great Rec Department events.

20. Zoning and Development Committee – Sam Marcellino, Chair

Mr. Marcellino shared about the upcoming ARB meeting.

21. 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 above.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Lori Ann Feibel, Jess Saad

Motion passed 7-0.

Council entered executive session at 9:36 pm.

Ms. Lampke moved to exit Executive Session.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Lori Ann Feibel, Jess Saad

Motion passed 7-0.

Council exited Executive Session at 9:45 pm.

22. Adjourn

Ms. Lampke moved to adjourn.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Lori Ann Feibel, Jess Saad

Motion passed 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 pm.