



City Council Minutes

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call of Members

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Proclamation with Mayor for the Day, Merrick Deegan

Mayor Kessler and Special Guest Merrick Deegan read a proclamation.

5. Public Comments regarding items not on the Agenda

Mr. Ben Brooks Heckman of Bexley Public Library shared his compliments for Mr. Bashore and his team for the support they're provided to the library.

6. Public Hearing on Tabled 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 (currently tabled) **(Speaker Slip for those with standing required)**

Mr. Marcellino moved to remove Ordinance 28-25 from the table.

Mr. Markham seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Fishel spoke about the ordinance and about Council's role and responsibilities during the hearing. Mr. Marcellino then provided a background of the Ordinance to date.

Ms. Saad asked a question about process and Mr. Silverman asked questions about timing and how the property is currently being run.

Mr. Hurley asked about the business background of the property owners, which she answered.

Mr. Marcellino explained the process that would be followed for the hearing tonight and discussed the matter up for discussion, shared who has standing to speak on the matter, and invited the applicant's representative to present the case, which they did.

Ms. Lampke asked a question about the plans and asked about next steps should Council deny the request, which the applicant answered.

Ms. Saad asked about the intent behind this purchase, knowing that it was a Bed & Breakfast, and whether his intent from the beginning was to request the variance, which the applicant answered.

Mr. Marcellino shared his concerns and his belief that there is not a true hardship reflected in what's been shared thus far. He went on to share concerns about the short timing between purchasing this property and requesting a variance, which the applicant addressed.

Ms. Lampke asked if any additional information can be reviewed or requested by Council to consider this matter and Mr. Fishel provided some details on what else could be requested and considered.

Mr. Marcellino requested the specific date that the applicant purchased the property, which the applicant answered.

Mr. Silverman asked about the financials of the Bexley Bed and Breakfast prior to this owner and Mr. Hurley asked whether BZAP could weigh in on this matter, which Mr. Fishel addressed.

Ms. Saad shared her concerns with considering informal comments from BZAP given that they were provided without the information they received today.

The applicant shared some additional information regarding comments from BZAP.

Mr. Marcellino shared his opinion that he would like more information about the applicant's personal position and shared his belief that this is a calculated risk by the applicant and any potential internal change to zoning isn't involved in this decision.

Ms. Hoffman of 2618 Bryden (who has standing due to owning property near 519 S. Drexel) did share her thoughts, including restrictions on the proposed number of units.

Ms. Lampke, Mr. Silverman, Ms. Saad, and Mr. Hurley asked some additional questions and shared some items they'd like to see provided by the applicant. Hearing no further questions, Mr. Marcellino thanked the applicant and committed to consider all aspects of the case before reaching a decision.

Mr. Marcellino moved to table Ordinance 28-25.

Mr. Hurley seconded.

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

7. Ordinances with Special Presenters:

- a. Tabled 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; to appropriate unappropriated funds in the Street Maintenance Fund for Debt Service in 2025; and to authorize confirm the appointment of Marc Fishel as City Attorney, introduced by Jess Saad on October 28, 2025.

Ms. Saad moved to remove Tabled Ordinance 25-25

Mr. Marellino seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Saad thanked Council for their work on the budget and shared that the budget is open for questions with Directors present to address specifics to their departments. Mayor Kessler shared that a brief presentation would be provided to cover some of the minor changes. Ms. Meyer then walked Council through the changes included in this budget with Mayor Kessler also providing overviews during some sections. Ms. Meyer also added some information about the General Fund and the help that information provides and then discussed the Capital Budget.

Ms. Lampke had asked a question earlier regarding the bus stop, which Ms. Meyer addressed with some information about the bus stop.

Mr. Marcellino asked a question regarding the LinkUs project which Ms. Meyer answered.

Mr. Hurley asked about how many bus stops we have, which Megan answered is 28. Mr. Silverman asked about other service areas for COTA's on-demand service. Ms. Meyer answered this question. Mr. Silverman asked about the senior center, and Ms. Meyer also responded to that question.

Ms. Saad asked questions about COTA ridership and data, which Ms. Meyer answered.

Mr. Marcellino asked how many covered bus stops we have in Bexley along with other questions about our ability to negotiate stops and other items, which Ms. Meyer answered.

Mayor Kessler shared about Solar Carports. Mr. Silverman asked several questions about the chargers and the electric vehicles in the fleet, which Mayor Kessler answered.

Mr. Silverman asked a question about Recreation getting an additional or larger vehicle for trips, which Mr. Price answered. Mr. Hurley asked about a timeline on the senior center which Mr. Price answered.

Mr. Silverman asked about the playground and four seasons shelter projects which Mr. Price and Mayor Kessler answered.

Mr. Silverman asked about the new social worker position and what the timeline and supervision of the role would work. would be on that.

Mr. Hurley asked an additional question.

Mr. Marcellino was interested in an amendment to increase the pool budget to support additional hours and asked Council to discuss this proposed amendment.

Mr. Hurley asked some questions about the funding, which Mr. Price answered.

Mr. Silverman made some comments in support of additional pool hours.

Ms. Saad and Ms. Feibel also spoke in support.

Mr. Marcellino moved to amend Ordinance 25-25.

Mr. Hurley seconded, and asked a clarifying question.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Saad moved to approve Amended Ordinance 25-25.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

Ms. Constance Lewis of 663 Euclaire expressed concerns and asked questions about budget funding relating to the One Bexley project, which Mayor Kessler answered.

Mr. Donnie Lewis of 663 Euclaire asked a question about bench seating on the bus stop which Ms. Meyer answered.

Mr. Marcellino responded to Ms. Lewis's comments about One Bexley, sharing his belief that it's important to make the effort, though he appreciates the comments and will keep a close eye on the progress of this initiative.

Ms. Feibel echoed Mr. Marcellino's support of the project.

Mr. Silverman shared his support for One Bexley as well, complimenting the One Bexley Coordinator, La Baker, for her involvement and work in the community, but also challenged us as a City to continue to do more with this initiative.

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

Ms. Lampke shared her thanks to Ms. Saad and to the directors for their efforts and Mayor Kessler specifically thanked Ms. Meyer and Ms. Martin for their work.

b. **Tabled 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.

Ms. Saad moved to remove Ordinance 26-25 from the table.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

Ms. Saad moved to adopt Ordinance 26-25.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

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

8. President's Report

Ms. Lampke thanked Council for supporting Merrick, our Mayor for the Day. She also spoke about the good work of the Bexley Bloomers. Ms. Lampke also thanked Council Members Silverman and Saad for joining her at the Pancake Breakfast.

9. City Attorney Report

No report.

10. Auditor Report

Mr. McPeek shared about a meeting with an investment advisor group and next steps to learn more about that. Mr. McPeek also shared about a recent meeting with the internal auditors.

11. Administrative Update

a. Mayor's Update

Mr. Kessler shared about the upcoming Menorah Lighting and other upcoming events.

b. Chief Gary D. Lewis, Police Department

Chief Lewis shared highlights from his report and answered questions from Council.

c. Matt Klingler, Building Department

Mr. Klingler shared highlights from his report and answered questions from Council.

12. Consent Agenda (No Speaker Slip Required)

a. Meeting Minutes from November 18, 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, Jess Saad, Danny Hurley, Lori Ann Feibel, Sam Marcellino

Motion passed 7-0.

13. Third Readings (No Speaker Slip Required)

14. Second Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

a. **Ordinance 31-25 to authorize the Mayor and Auditor to enter into a contract between the City of Bexley and Franklin County Public Health, introduced by Danny Hurley on November 18, 2025.**

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Hurley provided some background. At Council's agreement, this Ordinance will be moved to the Consent Agenda for the next meeting.

- b. **Ordinance 32-25** to repeal the current version of section 648.11 of the Bexley codified ordinances, Disturbing the Peace, and to replace it with a new version in order to modernize and clarify provisions of this Section; expand protections for the peaceful enjoyment of residential neighborhoods; and to provide for expanded work hours for Low Impact Contractors, introduced by Alex Silverman on November 18, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Silverman shared some background on his thoughts and rationale behind this ordinance and his intent to table this to provide plenty of time for review and potential amendments. Mayor Kessler shared his agreement with this and also shared some of the presentations and additional information he has planned to provide more detail.

Ms. Feibel shared her encouragement for Council to consider this ordinance carefully and to be sure amendments and final legislation are policeable and help neighbors.

Ms. Saad provided some input on this ordinance and some suggested changes to hours.

Mr. Hurley asked about the weekend hours and asked for a clarification. He then shared his concerns about the contractor versus low impact contractor and potential impact.

Mr. Marcellino shared some thoughts about the impact on vendors and other factors.

Mr. Markham asked about timing moving forward, which Mr. Silverman answered.

Ms. Lampke shared her request that the presentations be closer to the time we'll be resuming discussions to keep information fresh.

- c. **Ordinance 33-25** to establish the water and sewer rates charged by the City of Bexley, introduced by Jess Saad on November 18, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad provided some background on this ordinance, including sharing the mayor's work with other City mayors. Mayor Kessler provided some additional input about this, sharing about his work with other mayors to form a consortium with other master meter communities to work towards more equitable increases in the future.

- d. **Ordinance 34-25** to amend 1223.06(a), in order to allow an additional alternate member for the Architectural Review Board, and to confirm the Mayor's appointments of members to the Community Improvement Corporation Board and the Architectural Review Board, introduced by Danny Hurley on November 18, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Hurley provided some background. At Council's agreement, this Ordinance will be moved to the Consent Agenda for the next meeting.

15. First Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

- a. Ordinance 35-25** approving a revision to the Police Officer Minimum Education Requirements in the rules of the Bexley Civil Service Commission, introduced by Monique Lampke on December 9, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke shared some background on this matter. Mr. Marcellino asked about the ordinance language which may need clarification, which was discussed with Mayor Kessler and Mr. Fishel.

- b. Resolution 11-25** supporting an application for Safe Routes to School funds for an updated School Travel Plan through the State of Ohio Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School Projects funding opportunity, introduced by Troy Markham on December 9, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Markham shared some rationale behind this ordinance. Mayor Kessler provided some additional information on this plan.

Mr. Hurley asked a question about why this is coming before Council, which Mayor Kessler answered.

16. Tabled Ordinances

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- c. 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.

Tabled ordinances were heard earlier in the meeting.

17. Public Comments (Speaker Slip Required)

None.

18. Safety Committee – Troy Markham, Chair

Mr. Markham congratulated Ms. Saad on Indiana's recent win.

19. Service and Environmental Committee – Alex Silverman, Chair

Mr. Silverman shared a flyer about a December 15 Harm Reduction Fair at Barnett Community Center.

20. Finance Committee – Jessica Saad, Chair

Ms. Saad shared some information about the Tree Lighting and a recent gathering at the OSU President's house, along with some background on President Carter. She also shared about the Pancake Breakfast.

21. Strategic and Health Committee – Danny Hurley, Chair

Mr. Hurley shared his enthusiasm about exciting things that he expects to come from CIC in 2026.

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

Ms. Feibel shared her excitement about the Commonwealth Plan and spoke about the success of rentals at Jeffrey Mansion, also discussing Mr. Gould's upcoming retirement. She also complimented Emily Buckley for her work with the Recreation Department and the Tree Lighting event. Ms. Feibel also shared about the parking lot and lights at the pickleball courts.

23. Zoning and Development Committee – Sam Marcellino, Chair

No report.

24. Adjourn

Ms. Lampke moved

Marcellino seconded

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

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