

Resolution 02 - 21

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A Resolution supporting the Mayor's concerns about the Sheetz proposed gas station/convenient store development at College Ave and Livingston Ave intersection is not in the best interest of Bexley residents, and to declare an emergency.

- Whereas:** Sheetz, Inc and its development partner Skilken & Gold have proposed a new location at College and Livingston Ave, at the main southern entry point to the City of Bexley; and
- Whereas:** Sheetz, as part of its expansion into Central Ohio is opening as many as fourteen new locations in the region, four of which have already been approved and announced (www.sheetziscoming.com/locations) within five miles of the City of Bexley; and
- Whereas:** There are currently four existing gas stations within one mile of the proposed location, and at least three additional gas stations within two miles, and given the saturation of gas stations, the addition of the proposed development doesn't align with Bexley's environmental values; and
- Whereas:** Bexley has been working for a number of years on plans to encourage redevelopment in Southwest Bexley in general and Livingston Ave specifically, that complements the residential nature of Bexley, while increasing its tax base through office, medical, multi-family/senior housing projects; and
- Whereas:** Bexley and the City of Columbus have entered into a Bexley Berwick Joint Livingston Ave Plan, to address existing and future development and traffic improvement, making this proposed development in the middle of the planning corridor premature and potentially contrary to the ultimate recommendations of the final Plan; and
- Whereas:** The City of Columbus has experienced a marked increase in high-profile crime incidents in urban area gas stations, including recent murders at a gas station on Livingston Ave within a quarter mile of the proposed Sheetz location; and
- Whereas:** There is a preschool, playground, outdoor pool, summer camps, youth baseball and softball fields at a major Jewish Community Center directly behind the proposed development, all of which have security issues that the proposed development potentially exacerbates; and

Whereas: There are significant traffic congestion and speed issues along the entire Livingston Ave corridor, so a high volume “in and out business” such as the proposed development will significantly add to that congestion, in contrast to the limited amount of congestion that the current businesses generate; and

Whereas: The Berwick Civic Association has voted against supporting the development, and the South Bexley Neighborhood Association members have also voiced concerns about the development;

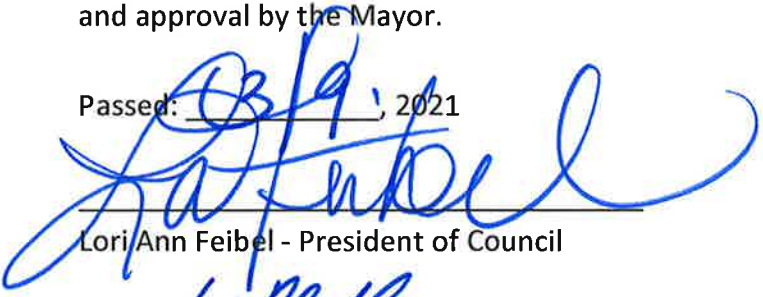
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO THAT:

Section 1: Bexley City Council, hereby resolves and supports Mayor Kessler’s letter dated March 8, 2021 stating the concerns pertaining to the proposed Sheetz gas station/convenience store development at the intersection of College and Livingston Ave is not in the best interest of its residents and the wider community in general.

Section 2: The Mayor is instructed to send this resolution to the appropriate City of Columbus officials.

Section 3: This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety of the City and its inhabitants for the reason that this Resolution is required to be immediately effective, wherefore this Resolution shall be in force and effect immediately upon its passage by and approval by the Mayor.

Passed: 03/09, 2021



Lori Ann Feibel - President of Council

Attest: William Harvey

William Harvey - Clerk of Council

Approved: March 9, 2021



Benjamin J Kessler, Mayor

First Reading __-__-2021

Second Reading __-__-2021

Third Reading __-__-2021