



**Bexley City Council Minutes
April 27, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

City Council Members:

President Lori Ann Feibel, Matt Klingler, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Jen Robinson, Jessica Saad, and Richard Sharp

Elected Officials:

Mayor Ben Kessler, Auditor Bill Harvey

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1) Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by President Feibel at 6:00 p.m.

2) Rollcall

Members Present:

President Lori Ann Feibel, Matt Klingler, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Jen Robinson, Jessica Saad, and Richard Sharp

Members Absent:

None

3) Pledge of Allegiance - 6:02 p.m.

4) Presentations/Special Guests - None

5) Public Comments

President Feibel said this period is for public comment to be made for items not on the agenda. She asked if anyone had comments, to please state their name and address prior to speaking. There are no comments.

6) Public Hearing and reading of Ordinance 11-21

- a) Ordinance 11-21, to amend Amended Chapter 1230, Definitions; Chapter 1252.15, Accessory Uses and Structures; and Chapter 1223.05, Demolition; in order to provide for additional regulations and criteria related to the construction and demolition of accessory uses and structure in the City, introduced by Ms. Saad (introduced on March 9, 2021).

Motion to remove Amended Ordinance 11-21 from the table made by Ms. Saad. Motion seconded by Ms. Robinson. Vote 7 – 0 REMOVED FROM TABLE

Ms. Bokor provided a report from BZAP.

Council and the Mayor discussed the ordinance.

The public was asked for comments; no public comment was provided.

Motion to amend Amended Ordinance 11-21 by Ms. Saad. Motion seconded by Mr. Sharp. Vote 7 – 0 AMENDED

Motion to approve Amended Ordinance 11-21 by Ms. Saad. Motion seconded by Ms. Lampke. Mr. Sharp made a comment. Vote 7 – 0 APPROVED

- 7) President's Report** - President Feibel reminded Council to complete their financial statements by May 17, 2021 and shared the Bexley Celebrations and Events Committee is working to create shared experiences, including July Fourth activities. She and Mayor Kessler are planning a quarterly roundtable with community leaders.

- 8) City Attorney Report** - Mr. Fishel and council discussed an appeal that was filed regarding the BZAP's decision on 2300 East Livingston Avenue.

9) Administrative Update:

- a) Finance Department Update - Auditor Harvey reminded Council members to file taxes. He shared the March report on the screen and stated revenue is down below the budget, which was lowered based on pandemic. He is unsure if this is indicative of anything other than the payment of taxes has been delayed. However the City is still in good financial shape.
- b) Police Department Update - Chief Rinehart said he had no report other than his written report. Ms. Robinson announced a grant from the BCF for Police Appreciation Event and training.
- c) Service Department Update - Mr. Bashore said he had nothing to add to his written report. Ms. Lampke told Mr. Bashore that the Service Department employees who

assisted with Green Bexley Clean Up Day were very helpful. Mr. Sharp asked Mr. Bashore to include information on the Sewer Remediation Program to his report in the future.

- d) Recreation Director Update - Mr. Price said he had nothing to add to his written report. Mr. Sharp asked Mr. Price if he would like to highlight anything from his worksheet regarding the Mansion Project. This will be discussed during the conversation regarding the ordinance.
- e) Mayor's Report
Mayor Kessler provided highlights from his written report.

10) Consent Agenda:

Motion was made to amend Council Minutes from April 13, 2021 by Ms. Saad, so her report on page 6 reads, "Ms. Saad wanted to thank our local Bexley artists: A.J. Oshi, Anna Sokol, and Dalia Koppes for Contributing their Artwork to be showcased in the Bexley Artists bike Rack Series."

Motion was seconded by Ms. Feibel.

Vote 7-0 PASSED

- a) Ordinance 13-21 to appropriate \$8,089.45 from the Unencumbered General Fund to pay for replacement of a Jeffrey Park stage and tent that were destroyed during a storm in 2020, introduced by Mr. Markham (Introduced on 3-30-21)
- b) Ordinance 15-21 to appropriate \$15,700 from the Water Fund to pay for waterline reconstruction in conjunction with the 2021 street reconstruction project, introduced by Mr. Markham (Introduced on 3-30-21)
- c) Resolution 03-21 to confirm the Mayor's appointments of Clare Ceballos to the Recreation Board, introduced by Matt Klingler (introduced on March 30, 2021)
- d) 4-13-21 Amended City Council Minutes

Motion for adoption of the Consent Agenda by Ms. Lampke, seconded by Ms. Robinson. Vote 7-0 PASSED

11) Ordinances/Resolutions with visiting presenters – Resolution 04-21 approving the 2021 Havenwood Park Landscape Plan, introduced by Mr. Klingler, (Introduced on 4-13-21)

This is a second reading; Ms. Elena Andrews shared her Powerpoint presentation detailing the park's history, Havenwood Park Landscape Plan's Guiding Principles (provide an organic experience, maintain the intimate informality of the park, promote education and awareness, provide appropriate hardscape elements, consider a tree succession plan, and provide signage), observations, opportunities, and the design process (new perimeter stone walls, new patio with raised platform and ramp, new shrubs, new trees, new perennials, annuals and furniture), next steps, and special thanks.

Ms. Andrews, Council, and Mayor Kessler discussed the presentation.

Mr. Pitts asked if this is an appropriate time to comment on another matter.

Constance Lewis, 663 Euclaire - Ms. Lewis complimented the job and asked the earliest the project can start, as well as questions about the bench funded by the South Bexley Neighborhood Association.

Mayor Kessler said Ms. Andrews can be an onsite guide.

Mr. Sharp asked a point of order for the initial public comment period.

12) Third Readings:

- a) Amended Ordinance 14-21 to appropriate \$180,000 from the Recreation Fund, and to appropriate \$350,000 from the Unencumbered General Fund and an additional \$150,000 from the Recreation Fund to pay for expenses related to the Jeffrey Mansion expansion, introduced by Mr. Markham (Introduced on 3/30/21)

Council, Mr. Price, and Mayor Kessler discussed the ordinance. **Motion to table Ordinance 31-20 made by Mr. Markham. Motion seconded by Ms. Saad. Vote 7-0 TABELED**

13) Second Readings:

- a) Ordinance 16-21 to amend the Capital Stadium Lights Planning Approval Conditions in light of pandemic-based changes to Capital University's athletics schedule, in order to allow for two night-time licenses in 2021 to operate stadium lighting in which the lights are on past the hour of 9:30 pm but off prior to the hour of 11:00 pm, introduced by Ms. Saad (Introduced on April 13, 2021)

Ms. Saad said the South Bexley Neighborhood Association is in favor of this and reiterated Mayor Kessler's previous comments regarding timing in light of the pandemic and lowered capacity.

Ms. Feibel would like this to be heard again instead of going on the consent agenda.

- b) Ordinance 17-21 to amend Chapter 1476, Unsafe Buildings, to include provisions for unsafe sites, introduced by Ms. Saad (Introduced on 4-13-21)

Council, Mayor Kessler, and Mr. Fishel discussed the ordinance.

14) First Readings:

- a) Ordinance 18-21, to appropriate \$50,000 from the General Fund for the purpose of paying legal fees in 2021, introduced by Mr. Markham (introduced on April 27, 2021)

Council, Mayor Kessler, and Mr. Fishel discussed the ordinance.

15) Tabled Ordinances:

- a) Ordinance 10-21 creating a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area in a specified portion of the Main Street District and enacting regulations and declaring an emergency, introduced by Mr. Klingler (Introduced on 2-23-21)

Motion for removal from the Table of Ordinance 10-21 by Mr. Klingler, seconded by Ms. Robinson. Vote 7-0 REMOVED

Council, Mayor Kessler, and Mr. Fishel discussed the ordinance.

Mr. Tim Pitts, 2707 South Dawson Ave - spoke in favor of this ordinance, citing how this has positively impacted other communities. He encouraged Council to implement and reevaluate, if need be.

Motion to approve Ordinance 10-21 by Mr. Klingler, seconded by Mr. Sharp. Vote 7-0 APPROVED

- a) Ordinance 12-21, to adopt and approve the City of Bexley Electric Aggregation Plan of Operation and Governance, and to declare an emergency, introduced by Mr. Sharp (introduced on March 9, 2021). (t

16) Service and Environmental Committee Reading of Ordinances & Meeting - Richard Sharp, Chair

- a) Old Business
- b) New Business
- c) Service Committee Report – Mr. Sharp and Mr. Kessler discussed me meeting regarding a plan of operation and government ordinance. Mr. Sharp asked Mr. Kessler about any areas of the City with Columbia Gas line issues this year.

16) Finance Committee Reading of Ordinances & Meetings - Troy Markham, Chair

- a) Old Business
- b) New Business:
- c) Finance Committee Report – No report. Mr. Markham said the CIC didn't meet last month but will meet just before the next Council meeting.

17) Safety and Health Committee Reading of Ordinances & Meetings- Jen Robinson, Chair

a) Old Business

b) New Business

c) Safety Committee Report – The BCF is supporting Juneteenth observance and programs, including an upcoming author presentation, and BCS is also part of these programs.

18) Zoning and Development Committee Reading of Ordinances & Meeting – Jessica Saad, Chair

a) Old Business

b) New Business

c) Zoning Committee Report – Ms. Saad met with The College Experts storefront; they will sponsor some of the Juneteenth programs. Ms. Saad is available to assist facilitating a meeting with new businesses. Three Peletonia routes will come through Bexley.

19) Recreation and Parks Committee Reading of Ordinances & Meeting – Matt Klingler, Chair

a) Old Business

b) New Business

c) Recreation Committee Report – Mr. Klingler and Ms. Lampke toured the Mansion; it is in good shape and money has been well spent.

20) Judiciary and Strategic Committee Reading of Ordinances & Meetings – Monique Lampke, Chair

a) Old Business

b) New Business

d) Judiciary Committee Report

a. Charter Review Commission Recommendations

b. April 27th Memo to Council

c. April 27th Powerpoint Presentation – Ms. Lampke reviewed the Charter Review Commission’s progress, as well as Council’s working group recommendations to potentially be included in the November 2021 ballot, noting that the Board of Elections has the final determination on ballot language. The working group is recommending five bundles (diversity equity and inclusion; Citizen Review Board; board, committee, and commission board term lengths; ability to remove City Attorney; and nuances about council meetings and holding elections). Ms. Lampke also shared suggested issues to be considered for possible legislative

action by Council and suggested issues to be considered during future discussions.

Mr. Fishel, Auditor Harvey, and Council discussed the presentation

21) Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)

Jim Wilson, 2404 Bexley Park Road – thanked the Council committee in their work on the Charter Review Commission’s proposed amendments, and urged Council to take their review seriously.

The next Council meeting is scheduled to be held in person.

22) Adjourn – Motion made by Mr. Klinger, seconded by Ms. Saad. Vote 7 – 0 ADJOURNED

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Minutes Approved:

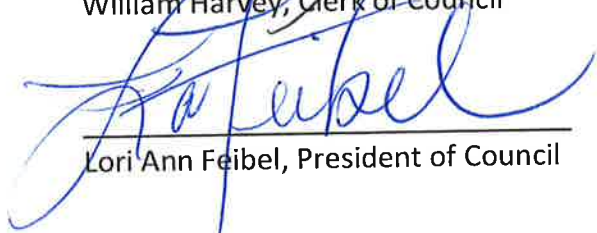
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William Harvey, Clerk of Council

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Lori Ann Feibel, President of Council

