



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

6:00 PM

1) Call to Order

President Markham called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2) Roll Call of Members

Council Members in Attendance: Sam Marcellino, Monique Lampke, Lori Ann Feibel, Jennifer Robinson, Jessica Saad, Troy Markham, and Matt Klingler

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Presentations/Special Guests

No Special Guests or Presentations.

5) Public Comments (Speaker Slip Required)

Constance Lewis of 663 Euclair spoke to welcome the newly elected officials and to commend the Mayor on recent parking improvements along Main Street.

Richard Sharp of 845 College Avenue spoke about the Appeal decision announced by City Council at 5:30 pm and about other related zoning topics.

6) President's Update

President Markham spoke about his tenure on City Council and his views on Council leadership, providing some words of encouragement to Council members.

President Markham then introduced the Committee Assignments for Council members for the year.

7) City Attorney's Update

Mr. Fishel had no update this evening.

8) Auditor's Update

Mr. McPeck does not have a report, however did speak about his work with Mr. Harvey, Council Members, and the Mayor.

9) Administrative Updates

A) Service Department Update - Andy Bashore

Mr. Bashore did not have any additions to his written report, but did speak on the continuing leaf pick up around the City. Mr. Kessler said Ms. Lewis graciously credited him with recent work on Schneider Park, and stated that this work has been thanks to Mr. Bashore and Mr. Archer and their team at the Service Department.

B) Police Department Update - Interim Chief Gough

Mr. Kessler introduced Interim Chief Gough, and spoke to Council about Mr. Gough's background and history with Bexley, expressing gratitude for his service. Mr. Gough covered some of the highlights of his written report and several Council members expressed their thanks for his work.

C) Recreation and Parks Update - Mike Price

Mr. Price has nothing to add to his written report, and Mr. Kessler stated there is a lot of good progress at 420 N. Cassady. Mr. Kessler also mentioned that they are still working on a name for this combined space.

D) Finance Department Update - Beecher Hale

Mr. Hale had no monthly report. He hopes to have the year end numbers and the budget up soon for Council's review.

E) Mayor's Update

Mr. Kessler highlighted some of the items in his report, including the upcoming Friday Ask-An-Expert Covid Panel. Mr. Kessler also provided an update on the upcoming workshop for South Drexel which will discuss some of the concepts for improving safety on this corridor. Mr. Kessler also discussed progress on the income-based fines, and the strategy for support restaurants through the transition to single use plastics. He also discussed Elizabeth Ellman's recent hire. Mr. Kessler also provided an update on the Police Chief search process and on AEP Aggregation. Mr. Kessler also highlighted the Voinovich Academy.

Mr. Donald Lewis of 663 Euclaire asked a question which Mr. Kessler answered.

10) Consent Agenda (No Speaker Slip Required)

A) December 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Fishel read the items on the Consent Agenda. Hearing no discussion or questions, Mr. Markham asked for a motion.

Mr. Klingler moved to pass the items on the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Feibel seconded.

All in Favor: Lori Ann Feibel, Jessica Saad, Matt Klingler, Troy Markham, Sam Marcellino, Jen Robinson, and Monique Lampke

Opposed: None

Motion Passed 7-0

11) Ordinances/Resolutions with visiting presenters

None.

12) Third Readings: (No Speaker Slip Required)

No third readings this evening.

13) Second Readings: (Speaker Slip Required)

No second readings this evening.

14) First Readings: (Speaker Slip Required)

A) Ordinance 1-22 to amend Chapter 220.01, Rule 8 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bexley introduced by Troy Markham on January 11, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read the summary of this ordinance and Mr. Markham highlighted the proposed changes and his rationale for proposing them.

B) Ordinance 2-22 to authorize \$15,000 in supplemental appropriations for calendar year 2022 for paying expenses associated with the Chief of Police search process (introduced by Monique Lampke on January 11, 2022)

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke provided some background and reasoning for this ordinance. Mr. Kessler added some additional information regarding this and for his reasoning for hiring a search firm for the recruitment of the future Chief.

15) Tabled Ordinances:

A) Ordinance 41-21 accepting the proposed donation of the Columbia Place private street in the Columbia Place subdivision by the City of Bexley for a public street. (Introduced by Jessica Saad September 28, 2021)

B) Ordinance 24-21 (Tabled), to award the Bexley Electricity Aggregation Program contract to AEP Energy, based upon the terms and conditions provided for in their RFP, as modified by the Board of Control, introduced by Mr. Sharp. (Introduced on May 25, 2021)

C) Ordinance 12-21 (Tabled), 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).

There is no action on Tabled Ordinances at this time.

16) Service and Environmental Committee - Lori Ann Feibel, Chair

Ms. Feibel does not have anything to report in her role as Chair, but announced the new Head of School of Columbus School for Girls and provided information about her anticipated start.

17) Finance Committee - Monique Lampke, Chair

Ms. Lampke reminded everyone that the Livingston Avenue Workshop is being held on January 20. Ms. Lampke also congratulated the new school board members being sworn in. Mr. Kessler also stated that the Livingston Avenue Workshop will have a virtual component.

18) Safety and Health Committee - Sam Marcellino, Chair

Mr. Marcellino spoke about the reports of gunfire in the Bexley area on New Years Eve.

19) Zoning and Development Committee - Matt Klingler, Chair

Mr. Klingler had no report at this time.

20) Recreation and Parks Committee - Jessica Saad, Chair

Ms. Saad spoke about some of the upcoming February 13 ribbon cutting at the senior center on North Cassady and other upcoming meetings.

21) Strategic Committee - Jennifer Robinson, Chair

Ms. Robinson reminded everyone of the upcoming Covid Ask-an-Expert panel and the upcoming Covid Task Force meeting.

22) Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)

No public comment.

23) Adjourn

Mr. Klingler moved to adjourn.

Ms. Lampke seconded.


All in Favor: Lori Ann Feibel, Jessica Saad, Matt Klingler, Troy Markham, Sam Marcellino, Jen Robinson, and Monique Lampke

Opposed: None

Motion Passed 7-0

Mr. Markham adjourned the meeting at 6:53 pm

MINUTES APPROVED: _____



Troy Markham, President of Council



Matt McPeek, Clerk of Council