



Mayor's Update to City Council January 23, 2018

Ferndale/Mayfield Update

As discussed at the last council meeting, environmental test results received in late December of 2017 indicate elevated levels of lead, arsenic, and hydrocarbons in samples taken within the Ferndale/Mayfield right-of-way and at the two properties recently purchased by the CIC, consistent with the suspected use of the underlying land as an unlicensed landfill that operated from approximately 1938 to 1950. Based upon the results of this latest testing, which is the most extensive done to date in the area, the City is working to better understand what, if any, risks the conditions in the area pose to human health and safety. To that end we have engaged an environmental attorney to assist us. Based upon recommendations of our attorney, the City and our legal team are working on the following action items:

- Engaging an environmental risk assessor to:
 - Study the test results and quantify what, if any, risk exists to the residents living on or near contaminated soils
 - Determine if any additional testing is necessary or advisable
 - Help to formulate a communication plan for residents and landlords in the area
- Drafting letters to tenants and landlords, advising them of the test results and next steps

We will update Council as to the status of these items at the upcoming retreat, which will focus on Ferndale/Mayfield, and workshopping appropriate responses to the most recent environmental data gathered.

FOP Negotiations Update

The City is in the process of negotiating the next three-year contract with the FOP. Negotiations to date have primarily focused on contract language and have not yet focused on economics. We should have a negotiated contract in the coming months for review and approval by City Council.

Scheduling Implicit Bias Training

Want to discuss with Council when would be a good date to hold implicit bias training for City elected officials, board and commission members, and directors.

State of the Community is planned for February 26th

The 6th annual "State of the Community" address will be February 26th at 6:30 pm at Capital University's Convergent Media Center. This year we will feature major keynotes from the City of Bexley, Bexley City Schools, Capital University, and the Bexley Public Library. Other institutions that have participated in the past will be asked to provide highlight slides to be played before and after the event.

Coming Up

January 25, 6:00 pm:

BZAP Meeting

January 31, 5:30 pm:

Commonwealth Park Steering Committee Meeting

February 5, 6:00 pm:

Bexley CIC Meeting

February 6, 5:30 pm:

City Council Retreat

February 7, 5:30 pm:

Recreation Board

February 8, 6:00 pm:

ARB Meeting

February 13, 6:00 pm:

Bexley City Council Meeting

February 26, 6:30 pm:

Bexley State of the Community Address

March 3:

Jeffrey Woods Festival