



Mayor's Update to City Council

January 14, 2020

Upcoming on the Calendar:

January 15, 8:30 am	Civil Service Commission Meeting
January 15, 4:00 pm	Tree Commission Meeting
January 15, 6:30	Bexley Bike Plan Kickoff
January 20	MLK Jr. Day - City Hall Closed
January 20	MLK Jr. Day of Learning at Capital U.
January 20, 7:00 pm	Charter Review Commission Meeting
January 21, 6:00 pm	ESAC Meeting
January 23, 9:00 am	Census CCC Summit
January 23, 6:00 pm	BZAP Meeting
January 28, 6:00 pm	City Council Meeting
January 30, 6:00 pm	2nd Annual Bexley Local Brewery Tasting
February 10	State of the Community Roundtable
February 15	Poker Tournament at Jeffrey Mansion

Action on Federal Refugee Resettlement Executive Order

Presidential Executive Order 13888, issued last September, provides the opportunity for political subdivisions (states, counties, cities, etc.) to accept or reject the resettlement of said refugees in their jurisdiction. The Executive Order was written to presume a jurisdiction objects unless it actively consents. An objection would be a change in the status quo of how refugee resettlement has historically been handled in the U.S.

Until the issuance of this Executive Order, refugee resettlement was managed by the federal government by whatever means and manner they deemed best. Political subdivisions like the City of Bexley were not provided an opportunity to either consent or object. The Executive Order presumes that unless you tell the federal government otherwise, a community is not accepting of resettled refugees.

This action by Council affirms the condition prior to the issuance of Exec. Order 13888 in order to maintain the status quo.

The federal government has established rigorous standards for the vetting of refugees before they are deemed eligible for resettlement. The City expects that vetting process to continue along with the collaboration with our local and regional social service agencies and faith-based enterprises that work in this area.

It is important to note that providing consent will not require the allocation of any City resources. Further, the City of Bexley, either through administrative action or through the act of Council, may rescind this consent at any time in the future. Governor DeWine, on behalf of the State of Ohio, and Franklin County have acted to provide their consent to resettlement. The City of Columbus, through

Mayoral action, and the cities of Worthington and Westerville are among local jurisdictions who have already acted; other jurisdictions in the region are expected to act in the same manner.

The attached letter is necessary to maintain pre-existing rights of legal refugees to settle in Bexley, and is sufficient to ensure continuity of these rights under the federal executive order. I plan to send this to Secretary Pompeo tomorrow, as time is of the essence in ensuring continuity of these rights. I welcome input from Council, and would welcome a motion from Council to support the sending of this letter.

Franklin County Public Health is Exploring Flavored Vaping Bans

Recommendations coming soon - wanted to raise the issue at Council.

Bexley Bike Plan Process Launches Tomorrow

Yay Bikes! is excited to lead a public engagement campaign with the goal of creating an even more bike-friendly City of Bexley. The process will assist residents and other key stakeholders in evaluating existing infrastructure, examining best practices from similar communities, and establishing priorities based on the community's values to improve bike friendliness throughout Bexley.

Important Dates:

Wednesday, January 15 – Advisory Group Kick-Off

Wednesday, February 26 – Public Workshop #1 – All are welcome!

Thursday, May 21 – Public Workshop #2 – All are welcome!

Tuesday, June 16 – Recommendations presented to City Council

There are additional stakeholder bike rides and steering committee meetings in the works. Those dates will be communicated as they are solidified!

Livingston Avenue Joint Study Update

I met last week with Mayor Ginther and have a commitment to move forward with the joint planning effort. As a reminder, the scope of work is attached.

Plastic Bag Update

Bexley's single-use plastics ban phases in over the next couple of years. Here are some key dates and associated changes:

January 1, 2020

- Businesses are no longer able to distribute single-use plastic bags, with some exceptions: single-use plastic bags are still allowed for produce, meat, and certain other situations, such as dry-cleaning bags.
- The ban applies in the majority of situations where a retailer is selling a product and providing a bag for carrying the product out of the store.
- A 10 cent fee (not a tax) will be charged for recycled paper single-use bags.
- Retailers may opt to provide compostable bags free of charge.
- Retailers may opt to provide reusable bags free of charge.
- Residents may bring any type of bag (plastic, paper, canvas) to use in any Bexley store they wish with no fees or restrictions.

June 1, 2020

- Reusable bags may no longer be able to be given out free of charge by retailers, and must be purchased at a minimum charge of \$0.10. The intent of this 6 month delay is to help build up the supply of reusable bags among consumers.

Additional restrictions involving disposable single-use cutlery, straws, etc will go into effect starting January 1, 2020 for community events, and January 1, 2021 for businesses.

Bexley's plastics ordinance is intended to make the cost of single-use products transparent to the consumer, and in doing so to encourage the reuse of bags to cut down on waste and pollution. To learn more, visit www.bexley.org/plastics for more details.

