



Bexley City Council Minutes
May 25, 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 6:02 p.m.

2) Rollcall

a) Members Present:

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

b) Members Absent:

None

3) Pledge of Allegiance - 6:03 p.m.

4) Presentations/ Special Guests

- a) Zac Sutherland, COTA** presented on the East-West Corridor High Capacity Transit Plan. This plan looks at transportation to the 20 mile East-West corridor running from Prairie Township eastward, including Bexley's East Main Street. More information is available at www.linkuscolumbus.com. Mr. Sutherland answered a Council Member's question and Mayor Kessler explained the City's current position on this plan.

5) Public Comments

- a) **Laurie Katz, 299 S. Roosevelt** – Commented about the server and asked about the status of the housing developments; Mr. Kessler and Ms. Feibel responded.

Mayor Kessler explained pre-registration is required for the Zoom webinar and is intended only be used for those who have been unable to be vaccinated against COVID-19 or have underlying health conditions.

President Feibel shared there will be another opportunity for public comment on any topic at the end of the meeting.

- 6) **President's Report** – Thanked Council members for their work, shared the Bexley Celebrations and Events Committee is beginning the summer season on May 31st with Jazz in the Park and the Chamber's Food Truck Festival, and that she and Mayor Kessler met with community leaders at their quarterly roundtable.

- 7) **City Attorney Report** – Mr. Fishel shared the plans for the housing developments are paused and there is a pending appeal.

8) Administrative Updates

- a) **Service Department Update** - Mr. Bashore had nothing to add to written report. President Feibel, Ms. Lampke, and Mr. Sharpe praised the Department.
- b) **Police Department Update** – Chief Rinehart had nothing to add to his written report. Ms. Robinson, Ms. Saad, and Ms. Lampke thanked members of the Department.
- c) **Recreation and Parks Update** – Mr. Price discussed the opening of the David H. Madison Pool. Ms. Saad shared her research on other communities' pool openings. Mr. Price answered Council Members' questions.
- d) **Finance Department Update** – Mr. Harvey indicated there is no report.
- e) **Mayor's Update** - Mayor Kessler provided highlights from his written report. Additionally, Mr. Sharp shared the winners and honorable mentions of the Love Your Alley program and Mayor Kessler lead a moment of silence in memory of George Floyd and made a statement regarding the steps Bexley has taken to fight systemic racism.

9) Ordinances/ Resolutions with Visiting Presenters

- a) Resolution 05-21: A Resolution approving the 2021 Bicycle Friendly Bexley Plan (introduced by Richard Sharp on May 11, 2021) – Catherine Girves of Toole Design indicated Bexley is poised to become one of the most bike-friendly cities in the area and shared her presentation.

Mr. Sharp and Mayor Kessler discussed this.

10) Consent Agenda

- 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)
- b) Minutes from the May 11, 2021 City Council Meeting

**Motion for adoption of the Consent Agenda by Mr. Sharp, seconded by Ms. Robinson
Vote 7-0 PASSED;** Mr. Sharp indicated a typo which will be addressed.

11) Third Readings

12) Second Readings

- a) Ordinance 19-21: An ordinance to amend 262.02 (c)(13), Tuition Reimbursement, in order to allow for tuition reimbursement for employees hired after January 1, 2012 (introduced by Mr. Markham on May 11, 2021)

Mr. Markham said the maximum reimbursement allowed is \$4,000 per calendar year. Mr. Sharp discussed these funds as part of the budget. This item was added to the consent agenda.

- b) Ordinance 20-21: An ordinance to appropriate \$175,000 from the General Fund into the Grants Account for the purpose of paying for reimbursable costs associated with the Livingston Avenue Plan and Jeffrey Mansion HVAC upgrades (introduced by Mr. Markham on May 11, 2021)

Mr. Markham explained this ordinance and Mayor Kessler shared that it looks like the \$100,000 will be granted. This item was added to the consent agenda.

- c) Ordinance 21-21: An ordinance authorizing participation in the ODOT road salt contracts awarded in 2021 (introduced by Troy Markham on May 11, 2021)

This item was added to the consent agenda.

- d) Ordinance 22-21: An ordinance to place proposed amendments to the City of Bexley Charter for voter approval on the November 2021 ballot (introduced by Ms. Lampke on May 11, 2021)

Ms. Lampke led Council, Mr. Fishel, Mayor Kessler, and Auditor Harvey through a discussion of the five proposed bundles. Mr. Sharp commented on a suggestion he proposed at the last meeting.

John H. Offenberg, 33 N. Remington – spoke on his own behalf regarding language on the proposed Section 1.

Jim Wilson, 2404 Bexley Park Road – spoke regarding language on the proposed Section 1 and the requirements for membership of the Tree and Public Garden Commission.

Ms. Robinson and Mr. Sharp expressed their thoughts on the proposed Section 1 language.

- e) Ordinance 23-21: An Ordinance accepting the donation of an Access Easement, Conservation Easement and 1.175 acres of real property adjacent to and east of Alum Creek to the City of Bexley (introduced by Mr. Klingler on May 11, 2021)

Mr. Klingler and Mayor Kessler shared that there will be amendments to this ordinance.

- f) Resolution 06-21: A resolution to adopt the tax budget for calendar year 2022 attached hereto as “Exhibit A” (introduced by Mr. Markham on May 11, 2021)

This item is moved to the consent agenda.

13) First Readings

- a) Resolution 07-21, confirming the Mayor’s appointments of members to the Architectural Review Board; the Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning; the Recreation and Parks Board; the Tree and Public Gardens Commission; the Board of Health; the Civil Service Commission; the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council; the Tax Incentive Review Council, the Board of Tax Review; the Records Commission; and the Bexley Community Improvement Corporation, Introduced by Ms. Lampke (introduced May 25, 2021)

Mayor Kessler discussed the specifics of this resolution.

- b) Ordinance 24-21, 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)

Mayor Kessler explained the RFP and the ordinance. Auditor Harvey discussed the finances associated with this. Council members asked questions about this ordinance.

- c) Ordinance 25-21, to amend Sections 1220.03, 1220.05, 1223.06, and 1223.08 to specify the membership, quorum, and majority vote of the Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning and the Architectural Review Board, introduced by Ms. Saad (on May 25, 2021)

Mayor Kessler, Mr. Fishel, Auditor Harvey, and Council members discussed this ordinance.

14) Tabled Ordinances

- 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).

No action was taken on this ordinance.

15) Recreation and Parks Committee - Matt Klingler, Chair

Mr. Klingler had no report.

16) Judiciary and Strategic Committee - Monique Lampke, Chair

Ms. Lampke reported Dr. Jason Fine, Bexley City Schools' new superintendent will be attending the meeting. Additionally, the Bexley Pride Group's community crosswalk painting will take place on June 3rd at 7:00 PM.

17) Service and Environmental Committee - Richard Sharp, Chair

Mr. Sharp, Mr. Fishel, Mr. Kessler, and Ms. Feibel discussed Council's ability to plan for contingencies for the proposed housing developments.

18) Finance Committee - Troy Markham, Chair

Mr. Markham had no report.

19) Safety and Health Committee - Jen Robinson, Chair

Ms. Robinson shared information about upcoming Juneteenth events.

20) Zoning and Development - Jessica Saad, Chair

Ms. Saad shared that the next BZAP meeting is this Thursday at 6:00 PM and the next CIC meeting is next Tuesday at 6:00 PM.

President Feibel shared the Drexel is reopening and Auditor Harvey said the Memorial Day program is Monday at 11:00 AM.

21) Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required) No one.

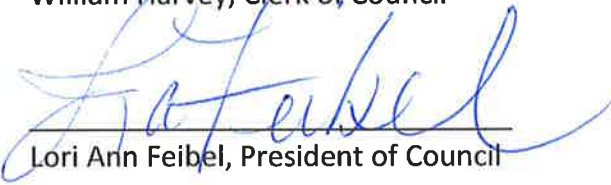
There is no one in attendance to make public comment.

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

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Minutes Approved: JUNE 8, 2021

Attest: 
William Harvey, Clerk of Council


Lori Ann Feibel, President of Council