



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

6:00 PM

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Feibel at 6:02 p.m.

2) Roll Call of Members

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

Ms. Lampke participated via Zoom.

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Presentations/Special Guests

A) Dr. Fine

Dr. Fine, Bexley City Schools' new Superintendent, explained he has received a warm welcome to Bexley. He will be learning and listening to residents during the next 100 days. He is looking forward to the partnership with City Council.

B) Keith Hall

Keith Hall, appointee to the ARB, introduced himself.

5) Public Comments

Ms. Feibel explained this time is dedicated to speaking about non-agenda items. She asked each speaker to keep their comment to 5 minutes and to state their name and address.

There are no registrants or members in the audience for public comment.

6) President's Report

Ms. Feibel indicated Ms. Lampke is joining the meeting via Zoom and that Council is able to meet virtually until June 30th. After that date, members must be in person to vote.

7) City Attorney Report

Mr. Fishel reported that the individuals who filed an appeal regarding the 2300 East Livingston property do plan to file an appeal to common pleas court. Mr. Fishel and Mr. Sharp discussed

Council members commenting on this publicly while it is pending in court.

Mr. Fishel also shared there is pending legislation in the Statehouse that citizens who have worked remotely from home may be allowed a refund from the city from which they pay taxes. Mr. Harvey, Mr. Fishel, Mayor Kessler, and Mr. Sharp discussed the current version of this bill and the potential for disclosure across cities.

8) Administrative Update:

A) Service Department update

Mr. Bashore had nothing to add to his written report. Mr. Bashore and Mayor Kessler answered Council members' questions.

B) Police Department Update

Chief Rinehart had nothing to add to his written report. Chief Rinehart answered Council members' questions.

C) Recreation and Parks Update

Mr. Price had nothing to add to his written report.

D) Finance Department Update

Mr. Harvey had no report.

E) Mayor's Update

Mr. Kessler provided highlights from his written report.

9) Consent Agenda:

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)

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)

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)

D) 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)

E) Minutes from the May 25, 2021 City Council Meeting

F) Minutes from the May 4, 2021 Special City Council Meeting

Motion for approval by Mr. Klingler, seconded by Ms. Robinson, Vote 7-0 APPROVED.

10) Ordinances/Resolutions with visiting presenters

A) 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 shared that a representative from AEP explained the market has been recently volatile due to a bill in the statehouse. AEP would like to have their information organized before presenting, and the City will wait until it has more information to present. The tabled Ordinance 12-21 will continue to be tabled.

11) Third Readings:

A) Resolution 05-21: A Resolution approving the 2021 Bicycle Friendly Bexley Plan (introduced by Richard Sharp on May 11, 2021)

Mr. Kessler shared new information on this plan. There is no one online or in the audience who would like to speak to this. This ordinance will be edited. Ms. Feibel shared concerns that citizens have shared via correspondence with Council.

Mr. Sharp said the ordinance is aspirational and is to be used as a guide. Council members discussed this ordinance.

Motion to amend by Mr. Sharp, seconded by Mr. Klingler.

**Jim Wilson, 2404 Bexley Park Road - Stated he feels these amendments address his concern.
Vote 7-0 AMENDED**

Motion to Table by Mr. Sharp, seconded by Ms. Robinson, Vote 7-0 APPROVED.

i) [Link to proposed Bike Boulevard map](#)

B) 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 gave an overview of this ordinance and allowed for discussion.

Motion to amend SECTION 1 made by Mr. Sharp; there was no second. Mr. Sharp shared his thoughts on this ordinance.

Bethany Hahn-Ambrosius, 708 Chelsea Ave. - explained her opinions on Section 1 and emphasized the importance of keeping the language as written by the Charter Review Committee.

Mr. Harvey asked Council members to review the document and look for edits.

Motion for approval by Ms. Lampke, seconded by Mr. Sharp, Vote 7-0 APPROVED.

- C) 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 5/11/2021)**

Motion for tabling by Mr. Klingler, seconded by Ms. Lampke, Vote 7-0 APPROVED.

12) Second 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 explained potential amendments.

- B) 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 (introduced on May 25, 2021)

Ms. Saad and Mayor Kessler gave an overview of this ordinance.

13) First Readings:

- A) Ordinance 26-21 to amend section 262.02(e) to allow for the payout of sick leave to part-time employees upon termination from service with the City (introduced by Mr. Markham on June 8, 2021)

Mr. Markham, Mayor Kessler, and Mr. Harvey discussed this ordinance.

- B) Ordinance 27-21 to appropriate \$281,500 from the Capital Fund and \$240,000 from the Refuse Fund for the purpose of funding mid-2021 Capital Projects (introduced by Mr. Markham on June 8, 2021)

Mayor Kessler 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).

15) Zoning and Development Committee - Jessica Saad, Chair

Ms. Saad gave an update pertaining to the most recent CIC meeting and Council members discussed the proposed housing developments.

16) Recreation and Parks Committee - Matt Klingler, Chair

Mr. Klingler shared that approximately 1305 people have visited the pool in the past nine days.

17) Judiciary and Strategic Committee - Monique Lampke, Chair

Ms. Lampke explained the PRIDE Community Rainbow Crosswalk Event was rescheduled to June 30th and discussed the potential for a Council financial retreat.

18) Service and Environmental Committee - Richard Sharp, Chair

Mr. Sharp shared he worked to monitor compost at the most recent Main Event, that the Tree and Public Garden Committee has developed standards for tree protection during construction, and that the Historical Society plans to elect new officers.

19) Finance Committee - Troy Markham, Chair

Mr. Markham discussed a budget retreat.

20) Safety and Health Committee - Jen Robinson, Chair

A) Safety and Health Committee Update

Ms. Robinson discussed the upcoming Juneteenth event.

21) Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)

There were no public comments.

22) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Klingler, seconded to Mr. Sharp, Vote 7-0 ADJOURNED.

Adopted:

 6/22/21


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