



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

6:00 PM

1) Call to Order

Council President Lori Ann Feibel called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

2) Roll Call of Members

Council Members in Attendance: Matt Klingler, Monique Lampke, Richard Sharp, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Jessica Saad, Jen Robinson

Council Members Absent: None

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Presentations/Special Guests

No presentations or special guests this evening.

5) Public Comments

Mr. Peter White of 108 North Cassingham spoke to City Council on behalf of BRAIR, Bexley Residents Against Institutional Racism, regarding a recent study on traffic citations from November through April of 2020. Upon reaching five minutes of speaking, Ms. Feibel asked Council members if they would allow a five minute extension of Mr. White's time. Seeing no Council Member opposed, Ms. Feibel invited Mr. White to continue. Mr. White continued speaking regarding this same traffic citation study.

Mr. Korkeya Toney of 89 North Remington spoke to City Council regarding institutional racism and discriminatory policing. Upon reaching five minutes of speaking, Ms. Feibel asked Council if they would be willing to extend Mr. Toney's time. They agreed to do so. Mr. Toney continued and concluded his comments.

6) President's Report

Ms. Feibel noted that the Bexley Celebrations and Events Team finished the season with the event on Capital's lawn last Friday with the Bexley's Got Talent Main Event. Ms. Feibel also notified everyone the League of Women Voters has rescheduled the Candidate Night which was interrupted by a power outage to October 20, 2021.

7) City Attorney Report

The City Attorney is not present -- no updates at this time.

8) Administrative Update:

A) Service Department- Service Director, Andy Bashore

Mr. Bashore does not have anything to add to his written report. Ms. Saad expressed her appreciation for the Service Department and the many things they're taking on. Mr. Sharp asked about the back-flow programs and any anticipated costs and reimbursements, and Mr. Bashore answered. Ms. Lampke asked about leaf pick up and when that will begin, and Mr. Bashore answered stating an anticipated start date of October 25th. Mr. Sharp reminded residents that it is not permissible to put leaves in street and to notify contractors of the same. Ms. Robinson asked about street sweeping and asked if there is a schedule that can be reviewed and then mentioned that our ESAC group did recommend leaving some leaves on the lawn to feed the soil.

B) Police Department Update- Chief Rinehart

Chief Rinehart had no additions to his report. Ms. Feibel asked Chief Rinehart to speak regarding the upcoming award for Officer Glick, and Chief Rinehart highlighted some of the details about this award and Officer Glick's work. Ms. Feibel thanked him for this. Mayor Kessler pointed out comments about some recommendations to protect residents from crimes of opportunity.

C) Recreation and Parks Update- Mike Price

Mr. Price had nothing to add to his report. Mr. Sharp asked about the grant application for the senior center, which Mr. Price answered. Ms. Lampke asked about the section in reports discussing meeting with contractors regarding the senior center, which Mr. Price answered, speaking briefly regarding some of the items of focus. Mr. Klingler congratulated Mr. Price and his department on a successful pool season.

D) Finance Department Update- Bill Harvey

Mr. Sharp asked a question about the significant increase in real estate tax numbers, which Beecher answered, but Mr. Sharp asked for additional research on this increase so they could be

aware of any potential drop off in second half.

E) Mayor's Update

Mr. Kessler noted an issue with his calendar in the report, and then provided some details about the sewer remediation program. Mr. Kessler then spoke about the new format and mailing of the Bexley Times, and the Livingston Avenue Workshop tomorrow evening, and then asked Ms. Saad to share about the artist bike racks, which she did. Mr. Kessler also spoke briefly about the locations of the bike repair stations.

Mr. Kessler then spoke regarding the BRAIR report, starting with thanking Mr. White for his presentation, and agreeing that many of the principles in this report are agreeable to all, and spoke regarding the importance of following just and equitable practices. Within his comments Mr. Kessler also provided some information about some of the programs the City is implementing to address some of the items mentioned in Mr. White's comments.

Mr. Klingler asked a question regarding the sewer remediation program and whether receiving an inspection necessitated compliance with recommended repairs. Mr. Kessler answered this. Mr. Sharp asked about the timeline and process for the project with the senior center, which Mr. Kessler answered. Mr. Sharp then asked a question about rent, which Mr. Kessler answered. Ms. Saad added comments about the senior space, commenting that it will also be used for teens. Mr. Klingler asked some questions about the timing of the senior center's temporary use.

9) **Consent Agenda:**

- A) September 28, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes
- B) September 28, 2021 City Council Budget Meeting Minutes
- C) Ordinance #37-21 accepting the donation of a Recreation Easement consisting of two sites (0.981 acres and 1.471 acres respectively), adjacent to and west of Sheridan Avenue to the City of Bexley. (Introduced by Matt Klingler on September 14, 2021)
- D) Resolution #12-21 Accept tax amounts and and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. (Introduced by Troy Markham on September 14, 2021)

Mr. Harvey read the items on the Consent Agenda.

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

Ms. Lampke seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion Passed 7-0

10) Ordinances/Resolutions with visiting presenters

- 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)

Ms. Saad presented the ordinance and summarized supporting information. Mr. Kessler provided an overview of information provided by City Engineer, Dave Koch. Mr. Koch then spoke, presenting information, history, and considerations relevant to the potential acquisition of this private property. Mr. Sharp asked a question about the history of the earlier agreement with Sessions. Mr. Klingler asked questions related to Mr. Koch's comments about ADA accessibility issues, which Mr. Koch answered. Mr. Harvey asked about some of the estimated lifespans, which Mr. Koch answered. Mr. Markham asked about remediation responsibility, which Mr. Koch answered. Mr. Sharp asked about sidewalks, which Mr. Koch answered. Ms. Lampke asked if there would be any additional information provided prior to the third reading, which Mr. Koch answered. Ms. Lampke also asked about the potential of getting estimates on the remediation costs, which Mr. Koch answered.

Mr. Behal, Attorney for the homeowner's association of Columbia Place, many of whom were present, spoke regarding the title research and history of the property, along with the homeowner's position on sidewalk remediation. Ms. Saad recognized Mr. Behal as our BZAP chairperson and complimented his leadership and knowledge of the City. Mr. Sharp asked about the impetus behind the motivation to make this proposal, which Mr. Behal answered.

Joel Marcovitch of 500 Columbia Place, spoke regarding this matter.

Dr. Karen McCoy of 510 Columbia Place spoke about the matter.

Mr. Sharp asked a question about another private street, Jeffrey Place, which Mr. Kessler answered. Mr. Sharp also asked if there had been other ideas considered a rebate of a portion of taxes, which Mr. Kessler answered.

11) Third Readings:

- A) Ordinance #39-21 to amend the Bed and Breakfast at 519 South Drexel Avenue in the City of Bexley, Ohio. (Introduced by Jessica Saad on September 14, 2021)

Mr. Harvey read the summary of the ordinance and Ms. Saad summarized the purpose and background of this ordinance.

Mr. Saad moved to approve Ordinance 39-21.

Ms. Lampke seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion Passed 7-0

- B) Resolution #13-21 to adopt the 2021 recommendations of the Bexley Tax Incentive Review Council regarding tax-abated properties in the City of Bexley. (Introduced by Troy Markham on September 14, 2021)

Mr. Harvey read the items on the Consent Agenda and Mr. Markham summarized the content and background of this ordinance.

Mr. Sharp expressed concerns about the language in regard to the expiration, which Mr. Kessler answered.

Mr. Markham moved to adopt Resolution #13-21.

Mr. Sharp seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion Passed 7-0

- C) Ordinance #38-21 to amend Chapter 1230.42, Impervious Cover definition, and Chapter 1230.49, Lot Coverage, Overall definition, in order to specify the treatment of artificial turf as impervious cover for the purposes of lot coverage calculations. (Introduced by Jessica Saad on September 14, 2021)

Mr. Harvey read the items on the Consent Agenda and Ms. Saad summarized the content and background of this ordinance.

Ms. Lampke asked about discrepancies between the ordinance and the summarization of the ordinance on the Agenda. Mr. Harvey re-read this ordinance at Ms. Lampke's request.

Mr. Sharp noted that he would be voting against this ordinance because he feels it's too restrictive.

Mr. Saad moved to pass Ordinance #38-21.

Mr. Sharp seconded.

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

Opposed: Mr. Sharp, Matt Klingler

Motion Passed 5-2

12) Second Readings:

- A) Ordinance 40-21 to specify overtime pay provisions for City employees who worked

community events on July 4, 2021 and September 5, 2021 (Introduced by Troy Markham 9/28/21)

Mr. Harvey read this ordinance and Mr. Markham summarized the content and purpose of this ordinance. Ms. Lampke asked about the cost associated with this, which Mr. Kessler will bring to the following meeting.

Mr. Sharp asked about the circumstances which made this year different, which Mr. Kessler answered.

13) First Readings:

- A) Ordinance #42-21 to authorize a transfer from the Road and Alley Fund of \$2,379 to the Bond Retirement Fund and to appropriate \$2,379 from the Bond Retirement Fund, to appropriate \$43,307 from the Water Fund and to appropriate \$1,904 from the Sewer Fund to pay debt service related to the South Roosevelt and Ashbourne Improvement Project. (Introduced by Troy Markham on October 12, 2021)

Mr. Harvey read the summary of the ordinance, and Mr. Markham deferred to Mr. Harvey for more information on this ordinance, which he provided.

Mr. Sharp asked a question for clarification and Mr. Kessler mentioned it might be wise to check with Mr. Bashore and Mr. Archer regarding any upcoming projects in 2022.

- B) Ordinance #43-21 to authorize the Mayor and Auditor to enter into a contract between the City of Bexley and Franklin County Public Health. (Introduced by Jen Robinson on October 12, 2021)

Mr. Harvey read the summary of the ordinance, and Ms. Robinson briefly expanded on the purpose of this ordinance.

Ms. Lampke asked Mr. Kessler about an amount listed in the contract, which Mr. Kessler and Mr. Harvey answered.

- C) Ordinance #44-21 to authorize a transfer from the General Fund to the City Hall TIF Fund (Fund 52) in the amount of \$20,250. (Introduced by Troy Markham on October 12, 2021)

Mr. Harvey read the summary of the ordinance, and Mr. Markham deferred to Mr. Harvey or Mr. Kessler for more answers on this. Mr. Kessler briefly expanded, but will need additional information. Mr. Harvey will bring this information to the next meeting.

Ms. Saad asked a clarifying question, which Mr. Kessler answered. Mr. Sharp asked a clarifying question, which Mr. Harvey addressed.

14) Tabled Ordinances:

- A) 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)

- B) 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).

No action on tabled ordinances at this time.

15) Service and Environmental Committee - Richard Sharp, Chair

Mr. Sharp had nothing to report, but did request time to have an Executive Session to discuss potential real estate purchases and litigation.

16) Finance Committee - Troy Markham, Chair

Mr. Markham asked Mr. Kessler for a budget update. Mr. Kessler will be circulating a first draft of the budget on October 15, 2021. On October 26, our department heads will be presenting

17) Safety and Health Committee - Jen Robinson, Chair

Ms. Robinson reminded everyone that the Youth Interaction Policy Survey was also included in last week's blast, and she urged everyone to complete this.

Ms. Robinson also spoke briefly regarding an earlier question from Mr. Sharp regarding further discussion of the public comment from Peter White from BRAIR. Mr. Kessler also spoke briefly regarding this issue. Mr. Sharp also spoke briefly regarding a public records request regarding citations.

18) Zoning and Development Committee - Jessica Saad, Chair

Ms. Saad reported that ARB is October 16 at 4pm, and BZAP will be meeting on 10/28 at 4pm, and CIC is on 11/2 at 5pm. Ms. Saad also provided an update from the Bexley Education Foundation.

19) Recreation and Parks Committee - Matt Klingler, Chair

Mr. Klingler reminded everyone the Harvest Festival is coming up on October 22.

20) Judiciary and Strategic Committee - Monique Lampke, Chair

Ms. Lampke thanked everyone for their support of the food truck festival for Hispanic Heritage Month. She also reminded everyone about the upcoming Hispanic-themed trivia night at Drexel Theater. Ms. Lampke also reported her upcoming completion of the FBI Citizen's academy, and briefly reported her thoughts on this experience.

21) Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)

Donald Lewis of 663 Euclaire spoke expressing appreciation to Mr. White for his earlier comment.

Constance Lewis of 663 Euclaire spoke to Council regarding the potential acquisition of Columbia Place outlined in proposed Ordinance 41-21.

Joel Marcovitch of 500 Columbia Place spoke to Council regarding Mr. White's public comments specific to a Biblical parable cited in Mr. White's comment.

22) Adjourn

Mr. Klingler moved to adjourn

Ms. Saad seconded.

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

Opposed: None

Motion Passed 7-0

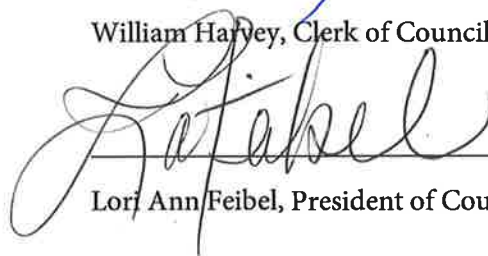
City Council President Feibel adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

MINUTES APPROVAL DATE: 11-9-21

ATTEST:



William Harvey, Clerk of Council



Lori Ann Feibel, President of Council