



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

1) Call to Order

Council President Markham called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

2) Roll Call of Members

Council Members Present: Jennifer Robinson, Sam Marcellino, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Matt Klingler, Jessica Saad

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Presentations/Special Guests

Mayor Kessler spoke about the important role the members of our police department play in our community.

- a) Bexley Police Department Swearing In Ceremony for Officer Iorio
- b) Bexley Police Department Swearing In Ceremony for Lieutenant Holdren, Lieutenant Kenefick, and Lieutenant Overly
- c) Bexley Police Department Swearing In Ceremony for Deputy Chief Gough

Mayor Kessler and Chief Lewis facilitated the swearing in ceremony for the officer, lieutenants, and deputy chief and photographs were taken.

5) Public Comments (Speaker Slip Required)

None.

6) President's Report



Mr. Markham acknowledged Sam Metcalf's service to the City and complimented Ms. Robinson on an excellent strategic retreat for council. Mr. Markham also thanked Chief Lewis for presenting at the retreat and complimented him on his service.

Mr. Markham then acknowledged the conflict in Ukraine and the tragic casualties of this war. Mr. Markham spoke about the dangers of giving too much power to one individual and the need for thoughtful government and checks and balances.

Mr. Markham also spoke about the importance of diversity and stated this was discussed at the Council strategic retreat. He then complimented our Council Members who all work in support of this goal and these values.

7) City Attorney Report

Mr. Fishel spoke about the budget year at the Statehouse. Mr. Fishel mentioned that there are some items under consideration at the Statehouse that would not be favorable to local governments and encouraged everyone to be attentive and that he'd continue to report on these developments.

8) Auditor's Report

No report.

9) Administrative Update

a) Police Department Update – Chief Gary D. Lewis, Jr.

Chief Lewis had nothing to add to his report. Ms. Saad asked about what the community can do to reduce the numbers on car thefts, and Chief Lewis shared some tips for preventing this and plans to look at partnering with some organizations to potentially provide resources for prevention to Kia owners in the community. Ms. Lampke asked for an update on recruiting on filling vacancies, and Chief Lewis provided an update on the physical fitness test with fifteen potential young candidates.

b) Service Update – Andy Bashore



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Mr. Bashore had nothing to add to his report but welcomed questions. Ms. Saad asked for additional information on the safety project at Capital, and Mr. Bashore provided some information on this. Ms. Robinson asked about the presence of orange flags at Broad and Cassingham, and this is a safety resource for students crossing. Chief Lewis added that this is a follow up to a recent meeting with the PTO. Mr. Kessler complimented the great work the Service Department is doing on the Schneider Park trail.

c) Finance Department Update – Beecher Hale

Mr. Hale highlighted income tax and talked about the reasons for the large expenditures over revenues in early year, which is not concerning and is due to timing of planned transfers.

d) Recreation Department Update – Mike Price

Mr. Price reminded everyone there will be a hiring event for summer employment through the Recreation Department and encouraged interested residents 14 and older to look into this. Mr. Klingler asked a question about the pool memberships and asked if the numbers are up and Mr. Price explained that it's challenging to compare because it's a different structure for sales. Ms. Saad also mentioned that the Recreation Board just approved \$40 pool memberships for seniors. Ms. Lampke asked a question about the recruitment day and communication to schools, which Mr. Price answered.

e) Mayor's Update

Mr. Kessler provided some of the highlights of his report, highlighting some of the upcoming event including the New Resident Welcome and the State of the Community address. Mr. Kessler read the joint statement created with Council President Markham.



10) Ordinances with Visiting Presenters

11) Consent Agenda (No Speaker Slip Required)

- a) Meeting Minutes from February 7, 2023
- b) Ordinance 1-23 to appropriate \$61,924 to pay school revenue sharing based on 2021 payroll taxes collected from tenants of Bexley Gateway introduced by Monique Lampke on January 24, 2023.
- c) Ordinance 2-23 to appropriate \$441,220 from the Road and Alley fund and to pay for the uncompleted portion of the 2022 Drexel Avenue and Grandon Avenue Improvement project introduced by Monique Lampke on January 24, 2023.
- d) Ordinance 3-23 to establish a special fund designated the North Columbia and South Remington Road Improvements Fund to record all revenue and expenses associated with the North Columbia and South Remington Road project, to appropriate \$4,969,075 from this fund to pay for the cost of the project introduced by Monique Lampke on January 24, 2023.
- e) Ordinance 4-23 to Amend Section 262.02(c)(3), Holidays introduced by Monique Lampke on January 24, 2023.

Mr. Fishel read the items on the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

All in Favor: Jennifer Robinson, Sam Marcellino, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Matt Klingler, Jessica Saad

Motion passed 7-0.

12) Third Readings (No Speaker Slip Required)

- a) Resolution 1-23 to amend the Jeffrey Mansion Alcohol Policy Framework introduced by Jessica Saad on January 24, 2023.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad provided some background and history on this ordinance. Mr. Klingler commended Mr. Price for the work on this ordinance.



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Ms. Lewis of 663 Euclaire commended Council for going through this ordinance with time and care with this change to the policy.

Mr. Price thanked Ms. Miller for her work on this.

Ms. Saad moved to approve Resolution 1-23.

Ms. Feibel seconded.

All in Favor: Jennifer Robinson, Sam Marcellino, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Matt Klingler, Jessica Saad

Motion passed 7-0.

13) Second Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

- a) Ordinance 5-23 to certify special assessments for the repair of sanitary sewer lines where the work was not done by the owner after being ordered by the City in accordance with Bexley Code Section 1490.15(b)(4)A or Bexley Code Section 1492.04(b)(1) and it was necessary to do the work and assess the owner. Introduced by Monique Lampke on February 7, 2023.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke asked Mr. Kessler to walk us through the proposed amendments, which he did.

14) First Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

- a) Ordinance 6-23 to amend the zoning of certain parcels in the City, in order to zone the property at the southwest corner of Sheridan Avenue and Main Street, herein further described, as Mixed-Use Commercial (MUC) with a Main Street District (MS) overlay, and to amend and replace the Official Zoning Map of the City of Bexley. Introduced by Matt Klingler on February 21, 2023.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Klingler provided some background and rationale behind this ordinance. Mr. Kessler provided some additional information and Mr. Fishel confirmed that we would require a hearing for this, which will require



a 30 day notice. Ms. Robinson asked a question about the location, which Mr. Kessler answered.

- b) Ordinance 7-23 to amend the zoning of certain parcels in the City, in order to zone all property located within Schneider Park as Open Space (OS), and to amend and replace the Official Zoning Map of the City of Bexley. Introduced by Matt Klingler on February 21, 2023.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Klingler and Mr. Kessler provided some additional information.

15) Tabled Ordinances

- a) Ordinance 35-22 to amend Section 1060, in order to require recycling service to be provided at commercial, institutional, and multi-family properties within the City of Bexley, introduced by Lori Ann Feibel on September 13, 2022.
- b) Ordinance 48-22 to create Chapter 837, Tobacco Retail License and Regulations and to remove Chapter 636.16 of the Codified Ordinances, Illegal distribution of cigarettes, other tobacco products or alternate nicotine products introduced by Sam Marcellino on November 15, 2022.

Mr. Marcellino moved to remove 48-22 from the table.

Ms. Robinson seconded.

All in Favor: Jennifer Robinson, Sam Marcellino, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Matt Klingler, Jessica Saad

Motion Passed 7-0.

Mr. Marcellino mentioned some of the suggested changes and requested one other change to delete section four regarding a limitation on the fine to the proposed amendments. Mr. Marcellino then provided some background behind this ordinance at Ms. Saad's request. Ms. Lampke asked if Mr. Marcellino would like to put this to vote or is just covering the proposed amendments for Council's review. Mr. Marcellino would like everyone to have the opportunity to review it but he does intent to bring it up for vote at the next Council meeting. Ms. Saad commended Mr. Marcellino for his work and due diligence on this ordinance. Ms. Feibel spoke in favor of this ordinance and asked a brief question about a date, which Mr. Fishel answered. Mr. Markham asked for the



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thought process behind the deletion of section 4 which Mr. Marcellino answered. Council members briefly discussed this section.

Mr. Marcellino moved to table Ordinance 48-22.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

All in Favor: Jennifer Robinson, Sam Marcellino, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Matt Klingler, Jessica Saad

Motion passed 7-0.

16) Service and Environmental Committee – Lori Ann Feibel, Chair

Ms. Feibel applauded our many landscaping volunteers and spoke about some of the discussion around the Outdoor Reading Garden, and spoke in support of the Bexley Calm Corridors proposal, which she feels has some great ideas included. Ms. Feibel also spoke about National Polar Bear Day.

17) Finance Committee – Monique Lampke, Chair

Ms. Lampke spoke about March 8, International Women's Day.

18) Safety and Health Committee – Sam Marcellino, Chair

Mr. Marcellino spoke about the upcoming library program, *Smile for We, Seeing Black Men in a Different Light*, this Thursday and encouraged everyone to attend.

19) Strategic Committee – Jen Robinson, Chair

Ms. Robinson spoke about the Mayor's goals and the legislative goals which are closely aligned. Ms. Robinson will be forwarding the spreadsheet for legislative goals again for everyone to review and she'll be reaching out to meet with different committee heads to work on this.



20) Zoning and Development Committee – Matt Klingler, Chair

Mr. Klingler has no report.

21) Recreation and Parks Committee – Jessica Saad, Chair

Ms. Saad reminded everyone that the Bexley Education Foundation has created a new Bexley Athletic Hall of Fame fund for those interested in donating. She also mentioned that brick pavers are available through donation and more information can be found with Bexley Education Foundation.

22) Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)

23) Adjourn

Ms. Feibel moved to adjourn.

Mr. Klingler seconded

All in Favor: Jennifer Robinson, Sam Marcellino, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Matt Klingler, Jessica Saad

Motion passed 7-0.

President Markham adjourned the meeting at 7:28pm.