



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 24, 2023

1) Call to Order

Mr. Markham called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

2) Roll Call of Members

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

Council Members Absent: Sam Marcellino

Mr. Markham moved to excuse Mr. Marcellino's absence.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Presentations/Special Guests

Susan Quintenz spoke about Arbor Month and trees in Bexley.

- a) Land Use Strategy Commission Appointees
 - a. Brian Ashworth
 - b. Steve Tugend

Mr. Tugend introduced himself and spoke briefly about his background and interest.

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- b) Bryan Drewry BMPA Legacy Award Proclamation

Mr. Kessler presented a proclamation to Mr. Drewry for his BMPA Legacy Award and the many ways he serves the community.

5) Public Comments (Speaker Slip Required)

None.

6) President's Report

Mr. Markham thanked Mayor Kessler, Ms. Andrews, and Mr. Price for the tour of the dog park, and the locations for the river birch walk, the Alum Creek pedestrian bridge, and the splash pad before the meeting and spoke about how exciting it is to see these underutilized areas being put to good use.

7) City Attorney Report

Ms. XXXX is present in place of Mr. Fishel.

8) Auditor's Report

Mr. McPeek spoke about a report he's been reviewing.

10) Administrative Update

a) Finance Department Update – Beecher Hale

Mr. Hale spoke about the deficit that shows on the budget currently. This is due to debt service being paid early in the year and other anticipated expenses. This is expected in the beginning of the year and will shift through the year.

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

Chief Lewis had nothing to add to his written report. Mayor Kessler complimented Chief Lewis's posts on LinkedIn. Mayor Kessler also spoke about the new officers and reminded everyone there will be a swearing in ceremony at the next Council meeting. Chief Lewis also clarified that they are in process of reviewing the top candidates for the sergeant positions. Ms. Saad asked about a couple of the highlights in the report about BPD working with youth in the community and Chief Lewis provided more information on that. Ms. Feibel complimented an officer.

c) Recreation Department Update – Mike Price

Mr. Price thanked Bexley Bloomers and St. Charles for work on removing honeysuckle, which is an ongoing issue in the parks. Mr. Price also mentioned that program registration opened today with more than 1500 registrants in the first day. Ms. Saad also highlighted a recent approval for a new festival, Jeffrey Jams Music Festival on Saturday October 7, which will raise funds for Year of the

Parks and some other nonprofit organizatons. Ms. Saad also asked about a teen event at the Senior Center, which Mr. Price discussed.

d) Service Department Update – Andy Bashore

Mr. Bashore is on vacation, and did update that there is a Board of Control meeting about street projects. Ms. Lampke complimented some of the changes occurring on Drexel and the Mayor added some comments on that. Mr. Klingler asked a question about storm lining, but Mr. Kessler wasn't positive on the timeline.

e) Mayor's Update

Mr. Kessler provided some updates on upcoming events including the AAPI festival and an upcoming groundbreaking at Commonwealth. Mr Kessler also spoke about the Undesign the Redline exhibit. Mr. Kessler then spoke about many of the recent events in the community.

11) Consent Agenda (No Speaker Slip Required)

a) Meeting Minutes from April 11, 2023

Mr Markham moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

12) Third Readings (No Speaker Slip Required)

a) Ordinance 9-23 to establish the rate of pay for the Police Department Communications Technician at \$31.86 per hour effective January 1, 2023. Introduced by Monique Lampke on March 28, 2023.

Ms. Williamson read the ordinance and Mr. Kessler mentioned there needs to be an amendment.

Ms. Lampke moved to amend this ordinance to reflect an hourly rate of \$31.83 not \$31.86.

Mr. Markham seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Lampke moved to adopt amended Ordinace 9-23.

Ms. Robinson seconded.

All in Favor: Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Jen Robinson, Monique Lampke, Matt Klingler, Jessica Saad
Motion passed 6-0.

b) Ordinance 10-23 to amend Chapter 1060.09, in order to expand the ability of residents to recirculate household items. Introduced by Lori Ann Feibel on March 28, 2023.

Ms. Williamson read the ordinance and Ms. Feibel provided some background. Council briefly discussed this ordinance. Mr. Markham addressed some thoughts on the ordinance. Ms. Saad asked for a reminder on the intent for this ordinance, which Ms. Feibel provided. Council members continued to discuss this ordinance for a few minutes.

Mr. Don Lewis of Euclaire suggested a small amendment.

Ms. Feibel moved to amend Ordinance 10-23.
Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Feibel moved to adopt Ordinance 10-23.
Ms Saad seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

c) Ordinance 11-23 to amend Chapter 289, Land Use Strategy Commission, and to appoint members to the Land Use Strategy Commission. Introduced by Matt Klingler on March 28, 2023.

Ms. Williamson read the ordinance and Mr. Klingler and Mr. Kessler provided some additional information and background on this ordinance. We are still waiting for additional members, Ira Kane, Ken Gold, and Josh Sikich to potentially meet Council.

Mr. Klingler moved to table Ordinance 11-23.

Mr. Markham seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

d) Ordinance 12-23 to amend Section 886 of the Bexley Codified Ordinances, in order to amend the Bexley Community Reinvestment Area program. Introduced by Matt Klingler on March 28, 2023.

Ms. Williamson read the ordinance and Mr. Klingler spoke about the background and rationale of this ordinance along with a document he emailed. Mr. Klingler said his intent is to table this to provide more time for Council to review and digest this lengthy ordinance.

Mr. Kessler then provided a presentation on Community Reinvestment Area and answered some questions.

Mr. Klingler moved to table Ordinance 12-23.

Ms. Robinson seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

13) Second Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

- a) Ordinance 13-23 to provide for an advance to the Main Street Streetscape TIF Fund from the general fund, repayable over a ten-year period commencing in 2024, in order to provide funding for TIF-eligible public space improvements, introduced by Monique Lampke on April 11, 2023.

Ms. Williamson read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke and Mr. Kessler provided some information about the rationale and background. Council members asked questions and discussed this ordinance for a few minutes.

14) First Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

- a) Ordinance 14-23 authorizing the Mayor to accept the donation of real property from the Columbia Place Association and providing for the amendment of the Columbia Place PUR, conditional upon the completion of certain repairs and upgrades under the conditions outlined herein introduced by Lori Ann Feibel on April 25, 2023.

Ms. Williamson read the ordinance and Ms. Feibel provided some background on this, including discussion of an earlier version of this ordinance and how this new proposed ordinance has changed. Mr. Kessler provided some additional information on this and how it has changed.

- b) Ordinance 15-23 to Amend 618.15, Dogs on City Park and Recreational Property, introduced by Jessica Saad on April 25, 2023.

Ms. Williamson read the ordinance and Ms. Saad discussed some of the background and intent behind this ordinance. Mr. Kessler provided some additional information. Ms. Saad and Mr. Kessler answered some questions.

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.

No action on tabled ordinance.

16) Safety and Health Committee – Sam Marcellino, Chair

Mr. Marcellino reminded everyone of Open Office hours for City Council and thanked fellow Council members for signing up.

17) Strategic Committee – Jen Robinson, Chair

Ms. Robinson spoke about the success of the first One Bexley workshop.

18) Zoning and Development Committee – Matt Klingler, Chair

Nothing to report.

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

Ms. Feibel stated that April is a busy month of ESAC and the Tree and Public Garden Commission and complimented Ms. Ellman's capstone initiative with OSU students. Ms. Feibel also spoke about the Green Bexley Cleanup event. Ms. Feibel also spoke about Bexley Bloomers.

Mr. Kessler spoke about 2023 Landmark Trees.

20) Recreation and Parks Committee – Jessica Saad, Chair

Ms. Saad spoke about the recent workshop on DEI with Lachandra Baker and a follow up Ms. Baker provided. Ms. Saad also spoke about the BRAVO event.

21) Finance Committee – Monique Lampke, Chair

Ms. Lampke reminded everyone that the Bexley Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association is collecting shoes for international support. She also spoke about an upcoming program with AED devices and provided an update from the Bexley Women's Club.

22) Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)

Ms. Lewis of 663 Euclaire asked a question about signage along Main Street which Mr. Klingler answered.

Mr. Lewis of 663 Euclaire followed up with additional concerns about this signage.

23) Adjourn

Mr. Markham moved to adjourn.

Mr. Klingler secoded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.