



## **City Council Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

### **1) Call to Order**

President Markham called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm and offered his thoughts to the people of Ukraine.

### **2) Roll Call of Members**

Council Members in Attendance: Matt Klingler, Jess Saad, Monique Lampke, Sam Marcellino, Lori Ann Feibel, Troy Markham, Jen Robinson

Mr. Markham mentioned that Mr. McPeek is out this evening.

### **3) Pledge of Allegiance**

### **4) Presentations/Special Guests**

#### **a) Lieutenant Overly to Present Scholarship Awards**

- a. Brooke Elliot
- b. Joshua Holdren

Mr. Nathans presented scholarship awards to both Brooke and Joshua who shared briefly about their future plans. Mr. Nathans then shared some of the updates and work he's doing with planning for more public AED devices.

Ms. Feibel and Ms. Lampke expressed their gratitude for Ms. Elliot and Mr. Holdren for sharing their families with the City and for the service of their fathers.

- b) P. R. Casey, Deputy Chief of Staff for Franklin County Auditor's Office

Mr. Casey was not present at this time – did arrive later in the meeting.

## **5) Ordinances with Special Guests**

- a) **Ordinance 17-23** to approve and authorize the Mayor and the City Auditor to sign the Bexley Office Incentive Agreement and Tax Increment Financing Agreement between the City of Bexley and CSD Bexley LLC (COHatch); to provide incentives available for public infrastructure improvements in the Main Street Incentive District; and to establish the CSD Bexley LLC Account introduced by Matt Klingler on May 23, 2023. This is the second reading of this ordinance.

- a. Matt Davis of CoHatch to present

Ms. Williamson read the ordinance and Mr. Klingler briefly discussed the background and rationale behind this ordinance and invited Mr. Davis of CoHatch to speak. Mr. Davis spoke about the history of the CoHatch company and his vision for the proposed development in Bexley. Several Council members asked questions about purpose, use, parking concerns, timelines, and other relevant information which Mr. Davis answered.

Mr. Markham thanked Mr. Davis for speaking and asked Mr. Kessler to walk Council through the proposed financial incentives which he did.

## **6) Public Comments (Speaker Slip Required)**

Michael Meckler of 919 South Roosevelt spoke about his therapy dog, Pippin who has been visiting City Council for a few weeks for socialization and expressed gratitude to Council for their support.

Mr. P.R. Casey of the Franklin County Auditor's Office arrived at this time and presented on 2023 Property Reappraisals.

## **7) President's Report**

Mr. Markham discussed the suggestion of moving the August 8 City Council meeting to August 15 and asked Mr. Kessler to research the proper way to make this change.

## **8) City Attorney Report**

No report.

## **9) Auditor's Report**

No report.

## **10) Administrative Update**

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

Chief Lewis had nothing to add to his report but welcomed questions. Hearing no questions, Mr. Kessler moved on. Chief Lewis did mention some media coverage for their partnership with NOBLE.

### **b) Recreation Department Update – Mike Price**

Mr. Price had nothing to add to his written report but offered to answer questions. Ms. Feibel and Ms. Saad complimented his numbers and also complimented Mr. Price for being so hands on as a Recreation Director. Ms. Robinson asked about asked for an update on the senior center use, which Mr. Basore answered.

### **c) Service Department Update – Andy Bashore**

Mr. Bashore had nothing to add to his written report but invited questions. Ms. Saad asked about safety of bicyclists during the Drexel project and the possibility of including this on the Blast.

### **d) Finance Department Update – Beecher Hale**

Mr. Hale is not present.

e) Mayor's Update

Mr. Kessler spoke about the draft of his strategic plan and his recent presentation at the PACE Annual Summit. Ms. Lampke asked about the flexible hours of the HR job posting which Mr. Kessler answered.

**11) Consent Agenda (No Speaker Slip Required)**

- a) Meeting Minutes from May 23, 2023
- b) Resolution 2-23 to adopt the Tax Budget for calendar year attached hereto as Exhibit A, introduced by Monique Lampke on May 9, 2023 .

Mr. Markham moved to adopt the items on the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

**12) Third Readings (No Speaker Slip Required)**

No third readings.

**13) Second Readings (Speaker Slip Required)**

- a) Resolution 3-23 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 Citizen Review Board; and the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee introduced by Jen Robinson on May 23, 2023.

Ms. Williamson read the ordinance and Ms. Robinson asked about potential amendments to the ordinance to add new candidates.

- b) Ordinance 16-23 to approve the supplier for the City of Bexley Electric Aggregation Program introduced by Lori Ann Feibel on May 23, 2023.

Ms. Williamson read the ordinance and Ms. Feibel provided some background and logic behind this ordinance. Mr. Kessler confirmed that we anticipate receiving pricing before next meeting.

- c) Ordinance 17-23 to approve and authorize the Mayor and the City Auditor to sign the Bexley Office Incentive Agreement and Tax Increment Financing Agreement between the City of Bexley and CSD Bexley LLC (COHatch); to provide incentives available for public infrastructure improvements in the Main Street Incentive District; and to establish the CSD Bexley LLC Account introduced by Matt Klingler on May 23, 2023.

Already read. No further discussion.

**14) First Readings (Speaker Slip Required)**

No first readings.

**15) Tabled Ordinances**

None.

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

Ms. Feibel spoke about the upcoming Tree and Public Gardens Commission meeting and spoke about some of the great recent and upcoming events and encouraged everyone to come to Pedal for Pancakes on Saturday. Ms. Feibel also reminded everyone that Bexley Bloomers are working very hard every Thursday at 9:00 am to help the Service Department keep our parks beautiful.

**17) Recreation and Parks Committee – Jessica Saad, Chair**

Ms. Saad reminded everyone that we'll be hearing from Kristen at the next Council meeting for a report on the Senior Center and also spoke about Pelotonia.

**18) Finance Committee – Monique Lampke, Chair**

Ms. Lampe reminded everyone that we will soon be turning to budget season shortly after returning from recess and encouraged Council members to be thinking of that during the break and while reviewing the strategic plan.

**19) Safety and Health Committee – Sam Marcellino, Chair**

Mr. Marcellino spoke in opposition to the proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution requiring a 60% majority vote for any constitutional changes. Mr. Marcellino encouraged others to be sure to vote on this important issue.

**20) Strategic Committee – Jen Robinson, Chair**

Ms. Robinson reminded everyone that Stacey Grossman is the new chair of the Bexley Historical Society and reminded everyone to join us at the Juneteenth Bexley Community Cookout.

**21) Zoning and Development Committee – Matt Klingler, Chair**

Mr. Klingler confirmed that the convocation center will be done and reported on some great scholarship numbers earned by St. Charles scholars. Mr. Klingler also reminded everyone of upcoming BZAP and ARB meetings. Mr. Klingler also reported on the Land Use Strategy 2.0 meeting which will be meeting once a month.

**22) Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)**

None.

Mr. Kessler did report on his research.

Mr. Markham moved to amend the City Council Meeting Calendar to change the August 8, 2023 Council meeting to August 15, 2023.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

**24) Adjourn**

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

Mr. Markham seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Adjourned at 7:54 pm