



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

1) Call to Order

President Markham called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

2) Roll Call of Members

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

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

Ms. Lampke seconded.

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

Motion Passed 6-0.

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Presentations/Special Guests

a) Dave Kauffman for Capital University

Mr. Kessler spoke of the many events that Capital University has hosted throughout this past and many other seasons. Ms. Lampke also thanked Mr. Kauffman for the support of the Capital Family and the willingness to offer space. Ms. Saad and Mr. Markham both also acknowledged the support and expressed gratitude.

b) Emily Buckley, HR Coordinator

Ms. Buckley introduced herself and spoke briefly of her role and her first few weeks at the City and some of the broader initiatives she's working on.

c) Natalie Richards

Ms. Vawter (Richards) spoke about her writing career and expressed gratitude for the work she's fortunate to do with Mayor Kessler and the Council Members.

5) Ordinances with Special Guests

None.

6) Public Comments (Speaker Slip Required)

None.

7) President's Report

Mr. Markham spoke about the difficult things the world has faced during his term and spoke against the acts of terrorism that occurred in the Middle East this weekend.

Mr. Markham moved to reaffirm Resolution 12-22.

Ms. Feibel seconded.

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

Motion Passed 6-0.

8) City Attorney Report

Mr. Fishel shared his gratitude for the people who have stood with the Jewish people of this community and spoke of the importance of this support.

9) Auditor's Report

Mr. McPeek's report was not attached and will be presented at the next meeting.

10) Administrative Update

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

Ms. Feibel spoke about the presence and support of our police officers during this difficult time for the Jewish community, and thanked Chief Lewis for her efforts. Mr. Kessler also reaffirmed the commitment he and the Chief have to the safety of our Jewish community and complimented the Chief on his efforts to consistently revisit and monitor this. Mr. Markham complimented the Coffee with a Cop event and thanked Chief Lewis for his continued commitment to true community policing, meeting residents and visitors regularly at events like this. Ms. Saad also complimented the success and reach of this event, and urged Chief Lewis to consider doing something similar in north Bexley at Bexley Coffee Shop. Chief Lewis thanked Council.

b) Service Department Update – Andy Bashore

Mr. Bashore added to his report that he believes the Drexel Avenue project will be completed in the next few weeks.

c) Recreation Department Update – Mike Price

Mr. Price covered some of the highlights of his report, specifically covering the pool membership report for the 2023 season and the positive feedback received on Swim Safe management. Mr. Klingler complimented the new pricing model for the pool which he feels is a huge win and the increase in memberships is a win. Ms. Saad gave a shout out to Natalie Mullin for her work. Ms. Lampke asked about feedback on the new concession stand vendor, which Mr. Price provided.

d) Finance Department Update – Beecher Hale

Beecher did not have a report but did speak about a couple of motions that will be needed during the meeting.

Ms. Lampke moved to approve payment of \$3,500 to Squire, Patton, Boggs for Continuing Disclosure

Mr. Markham seconded.

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

Motion Passed 6-0.

Ms. Lampke moved to approve payment of \$5,805 to OHM Advisors for Jeffrey Park Master Plan.

Mr. Markham seconded.

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

Motion Passed 6-0.

e) Mayor's Update

Mr. Kessler covered some of the highlights of his report including an update on the Year of the Parks projects, and celebrating the success of the One Bexley Gathering. Mr. Kessler also spoke about some of the recent and upcoming workshops. He also spoke about the success of Into the Woods and the success of the author talk and the upcoming Big Table event at the library. Mr. Klingler also commended the library, the Markhams, the City of Bexley, and Bryan Drewry on the Intel on Intel program.

11) Consent Agenda (No Speaker Slip Required)

- a) Meeting Minutes from September 26, 2023
- b) **Ordinance 34-23** to establish the position of Administrative & Public Records Manager and to establish the pay range at \$27.26 per hour to \$41.61 per hour, and to declare an emergency, introduced by Monique Lampke on September 12, 2023.
- c) **Ordinance 36-23** to authorize supplemental appropriations for calendar year 2023, introduced by Monique Lampke on September 12, 2023.

Mr. Fishel read the items on the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Markham moved to approve the items on the consent agenda.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion Passed 6-0.

12) Third Readings (No Speaker Slip Required)

- a) **Ordinance 30-23** to amend section 618.16 of the Bexley Codified Ordinances to authorize the Animal Control Officer to designate an animal as dangerous or vicious pending the review and adjudication by the Bexley Mayor's Court of any criminal charges filed pursuant to the codified ordinances, and to declare an emergency, introduced by Sam Marcellino on September 12, 2023.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and in Mr. Marcellino's absence Mr. Kessler reported Mr. Marcellino would like Council to vote on this ordinance but would like to request that Council table Ordinance 35-23.

Ms. Lampke spoke in favor of this ordinance and feels it is a good measure to increase the safety of residents. Ms. Saad spoke in favor of this ordinance.

Mr. Jim Hughes of 673 Montrose asked about the emergency declaration language and asked if this offers the Animal Control Officer the authority to declare an emergency. Mr. Markham invited Mr. Fishel to answer, which he did, explaining that this language permits the ordinance to go into effect immediately without the waiting period.

Mr. Markham moved to approve Ordinance 30-23.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion Passed 6-0.

- b) **Ordinance 32-23** to add Section 618.25 Animals in Unattended Motor Vehicles, in order to protect the health and welfare of animals in unattended vehicles, introduced by Sam Marcellino on September 12, 2023.

Mr. Fishel read this ordinance and Mr. Markham provided some background and his belief that Mr. Marcellino wanted this ordinance to go to vote as well.

Mr. Markham moved to approve Ordinance 32-23.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion Passed 6-0.

- c) **Ordinance 33-23** to amend Chapter 1456.01 Registration Required; and to add Chapter 1494, Mosquito Control Treatment, introduced by Lori Ann Feibel on September 12, 2023.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Feibel stated that per the City Attorney, this ordinance needs to be withdrawn and invited Mr. Fishel to provide more information, which he did, explaining that this ordinance is in opposition to an existing state law.

Ms. Feibel moved to withdraw Ordinance 33-23.

Mr. Markham seconded.

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

Motion Passed 6-0.

- d) **Ordinance 35-23** to amend section 618.16(a)(5) of the Bexley Codified Ordinances to amend the definition of “Vicious Animal”, and to reorder and amend existing Section 618.16(a)(8), introduced by Sam Marcellino on September 12, 2023.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Markham reported Mr. Marcellino's request to table this ordinance.

Mr. Markham moved to table Ordinance 35-23.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Motion Passed 6-0.

- e) **Resolution 6-23** adopting the 2023 recommendations of the Bexley Tax Incentive Review Council regarding tax-abated properties in the City of Bexley introduced by Monique Lampke on September 12, 2023.

Mr. Fishel read the resolution and Ms. Lampke provided some brief background.

Ms. Lampke moved to adopt Resolution 6-23.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Klingler

Motion Passed 6-0.

13) Second Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

None.

14) First Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

None.

15) Tabled Ordinances

- a) **Ordinance 19-23** declaring the improvements to the former Trinity Seminary apartments site to be a public purpose; declaring such improvements to be exempt from real property taxation; requiring the owners thereof to make service payments in lieu of taxes; designating the public infrastructure improvements to be made that will directly benefit the real property; establishing a public improvement tax increment equivalent fund for the deposit of service payments; authorizing a revenue sharing agreement with the Bexley City School District; and authorizing a tax increment financing and redevelopment agreement with the developer of the site introduced by Matt Klingler on June 27, 2023.
- b) **Ordinance 27-23** to amend Chapter 452.06, “Unattended Vehicles: duty to lock ignition, remove key, set brake, etc.” in order to modernize provisions of this section and to expand restrictions on idling for the protection of both the health of citizens and the environment, and to add Section 618.25, Animals in Unattended Motor Vehicles, in order to protect the health and welfare of animals in unattended vehicles; introduced by Lori Ann Feibel on August 15, 2023.

No action.

16) Zoning and Development Committee – Matt Klingler, Chair

- a) Motion to approve the extension of variances granted for 81 N. Drexel Avenue on or about September 27, 2023 until September 27, 2024.

Mr. Klingler moved to approve a one-year extension.

Ms. Feibel seconded.

Council members paused to allow Mr. Fishel explain this situation more thoroughly.

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

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

No report.

18) Recreation and Parks Committee – Jessica Saad, Chair

Ms. Saad invited everyone to attend the Harvest Festival this weekend. She also spoke about some of the great workshops the Bexley Education Foundation brings to Bexley students. Ms. Saad also spoke about the Jeffrey Mansion workshop and the Skate Park survey.

19) Finance Committee – Monique Lampke, Chair

- a) Motion to approve payment of \$3,500 to Squire, Patton, Boggs for Continuing Disclosure
- b) Motion to approve payment of \$5,805 to OHM Advisors for Jeffrey Park Master Plan

Motions were made earlier.

Ms. Lampke encouraged everyone to reach out to Natalie to schedule budget meetings with department heads.

20) Safety and Health Committee – Sam Marcellino, Chair

None.

21) Strategic Committee – Jen Robinson, Chair

Ms. Robinson spoke about the strategic plan meeting tentatively scheduled for November 15.

22) Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)

Mr. Don Lewis of 663 Euclaire Avenue thanked for everyone's kind words about Israel and stated that this act was a massacre.

Ms. Constance Lewis of 663 Euclaire Avenue urged community members to pray in the face of the attacks on Israel.

23) Adjourn

Mr. Markham moved to adjourn.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

President Markham adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

MINUTES APPROVED:_____

Troy Markham, President of Council Matt McPeak, Clerk of Council

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