



## City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

**1) Call to Order**

President Markham called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

**2) Roll Call of Members**

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

**3) Pledge of Allegiance**

**4) Presentations/Special Guests**

a) Susanne Kondracke for Pelotonia Team Bexley

Mr. Markham invited Ms. Saad to introduce our special guests, Team Bexley. Ms. Kondracke spoke about Team Bexley which has raised funds for Pelotonia for fifteen years.

**5) Ordinances with Special Guests**

None.

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

Mr. Richard Sharp of XXX College Avenue spoke about i

**7) President's Report**

Mr. Markham reminded everyone that we will not have a meeting on Tuesday, November 7, but we will gather in Council Chambers to tabulate results of voting.

**8) City Attorney Report**

Mr. Fishel has no report.

**9) Auditor's Report**

Mr. McPeck spoke about the Auditor's Report.

## **10) Administrative Update**

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

Mr. Price highlighted some of the key points on his report and shared that they are in serious need for Halloween Patrol volunteers.

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

Mr. Bashore didn't have any additions to his report. Ms. Robinson complimented Mr. Bashore with the timing of the completion of the Drexel Avenue project. Mr. Markham complimented the timing of the new sidewalks on Charles.

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

Mr. Hale briefly highlighted some of the items on his report.

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

Chief Lewis asked for questions first. Ms. Saad complimented the great work of the officers working on HEARTSafe Bexley. Chief Lewis reported on a meeting with the FBI Cincinnati Branch and BPD will have an officer join as a part-time (6:51 pm) Chief Lewis announced town halls at each synagogue which will be held to share steps the police are taking here in Bexley and offer opportunities for questions. Ms. Saad thanked Chief Lewis for these additions and asked him to keep us posted.

### **e) Mayor's Update**

Mr. Kessler addressed some of the highlights of his report, including the progress on the One Bexley RFP submissions, the Alley of the Future draft plan,

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

### **a) Meeting Minutes from October 10, 2023.**

Mr. Markham moved to adopt the consent agenda.

Mr. Klingler seconded.

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

Consent agenda passes.

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

None.

## 13) Second Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

None.

## 14) First Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

- a) **Resolution 7-23** accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor, introduced by Monique Lampke on October 24, 2023.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Kessler provided a brief synopsis and answered questions.

## 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.

Mr. Klingler moved to remove Ordinance 19-23 for brief discussion and update.

Mr. Markham seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Kessler walked Council through a slideshow detailing TIFs and how they can benefit cities and the different aspects. Mr. Marcellino asked about potential concerns that a longer 30 year TIF may create challenges that a 15 year TIF encountered, which Mr. Kessler answered. Mr. Klingler also shared that the TIF conversation prior to the vote occurred at the 1 hour and 19 minute mark on the Board of Education meeting recording. Mr. Klingler thanked the Mayor asked Council to take a closer look at this looking for a potential November vote. Council members discussed potential concerns and questions about approving the TIF conditionally, especially in light of changes or adjustments that could occur through the BZAP process.

Mr. Klingler moved to table Ordinance 19-23.

Mr. Markham seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

- 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.
- c) **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. Marcellino moves to remove Ordinance 35-23 from the table.

Mr. Markham seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Marcellino asked Council to review and consider removing breed specific language from this ordinance.

Mr. Marcellino moves to table Ordinance 35-23.

Mr. Markham seconded.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Council revisited Resolution 7-23 at this time.

Ms. Lampke moved to amend as shown on screen.

Mr. Markham seconds.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Lampke moves to suspend the three reading requirement on Amended Resolution 7-23.

Mr. Markham seconds.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Lampke moves to approve amended resolution 7-23.

Mr. Markham seconds.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

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

Mr. Klingler reminded everyone there is a Land Use Strategy Public Workshop on November 1 and reminded everyone of the upcoming BZAP and ARB meetings.

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

Ms. Feibel reminded everyone of the eco-challenge and encouraged everyone to take part. Ms. Feibel also spoke about a City Council nominee who was uninvited due to support of Israel and encouraged Council Members to refrain from partnering with organization. She shared something that was shared at a recent gathering regarding the struggles her children and family have faced, her feelings on the recent attacks, and her belief in the importance of supporting Jewish neighbors.

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

Ms. Saad shared some of the Mayor's words about Bexley being a safe space for all.

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

Ms. Lampke reminded everyone to sign up for a budget meeting.

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

Mr. Marcellino reminded anyone who has safety concerns in the City to reach out to the City to see how we can help. Mr. Marcellino also encouraged anyone to reach out if they'd like to discuss his stance on any of these issues and again encouraged everyone to reach out with concerns.

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

Ms. Robinson reminded everyone for of the upcoming Strategic Plan Public Workshop. Ms. Robinson shared some of her feelings on some of what's happening in Israel. Ms. Robinson then shed what she'd written regarding the attack on Israel and struggles she's witnessed and her belief that all innocent life must still benefit from our humanity.

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

Mr. Kessler shared some thoughts on his commitment to standing with the Jewish community in Bexley and ensuring the safety of these community members, sharing steps that have been taken to this purpose.

## **23) Adjourn**

Mr. Klingler moved to adjourn.

Ms. Robinson seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.