



City Council Minutes
Tuesday, December 10, 2024

1. Call to Order

Council President Lampke called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

2. Roll Call of Members

Council Members in Attendance: Alex Silverman, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Danny Hurley, Lori Ann Feibel, Jess Saad, Sam Marcellino

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments regarding items not on the Agenda (Speaker Slip Required)

5. Tabled Ordinances with Special Guests

- a) **Ordinance 35-24** authorizing appropriations for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2025; to reappropriate all unexpended OPWC project appropriations for 2025, to authorize general Fund Transfers in 2024 and to confirm the appointment of Marc Fishel as City Attorney, introduced by Jess Saad on October 22, 2024. This ordinance is tabled.

Ms. Saad moved to remove Ordinance 35-34 from the table.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

All in Favor: Alex Silverman, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Danny Hurley, Lori Ann Feibel, Jess Saad, Sam Marcellino

Motion Passed 7-0.

Mayor Kessler spoke briefly about the changes included in the proposed amended ordinance.

Mr. Hurley asked a clarifying question about proposed appropriations, which Mayor Kessler answered.

Ms. Saad moved to amend Ordinance 35-24.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

All in Favor: Alex Silverman, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Danny Hurley, Lori Ann Feibel, Jess Saad, Sam Marcellino

Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Saad complimented the Mayor, Directors, and Council members on a great budget process.

Ms. Saad moved to adopt amended Ordinance 35-24.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

Ms. Lampke also spoke, complimenting the budget processes she's experienced and noted that while this is a conservative budget in line with anticipated revenue, she appreciates the Mayor's efforts to fund important projects.

Mayor Kessler spoke complimenting Ms. Martin on stepping into her role mid-year and improving the budgeting process. Mayor Kessler also complimented Ms. Meyer for her partnership and collaboration on the budget effort.

All in Favor: Alex Silverman, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Danny Hurley, Lori Ann Feibel, Jess Saad, Sam Marcellino

Motion passed 7-0.

- b) **Ordinance 39-24** to establish compensation rates for non-bargaining unit employees of the City of Bexley, effective as of January 1, 2025, introduced by Jess Saad on October 22, 2024. This ordinance is tabled.

Ms. Saad removed Ordinance 39-24 from the table.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

All in Favor: Alex Silverman, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Danny Hurley, Lori Ann Feibel, Jess Saad, Sam Marcellino

Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Lampke asked about needing emergency language to meet the January 1 effective date. Mr. Fishel agreed that this was necessary.

Ms. Saad moved to amend Ordinance 39-24, including the addition of emergency language.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

All in Favor: Alex Silverman, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Danny Hurley, Lori Ann Feibel, Jess Saad, Sam Marcellino

Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Saad moved to adopt amended Ordinance 39-24

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

Alex Silverman, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Danny Hurley, Lori Ann Feibel, Jess Saad, Sam Marcellino
Motion passed 7-0.

6. President's Report

Ms. Lampke shared that she was able to attend the Bexley Senior Center lunch and provided some other highlights from her week.

7. City Attorney Report

No report.

8. Auditor Report

No report.

9. Administrative Update

a) Mayor's Update

Mayor Kessler had no additions to his report and there were no questions.

b) Development Department, Megan Meyer

Ms. Meyer did highlight the upcoming clean energy award the City will receive for the aggregation program. Ms. Lampke acknowledged Ms. Meyer's upcoming anniversary with the City and thanked her for her service.

c) Finance Department, Karrie Martin

Ms. Martin briefly covered the highlights of the October 2024 update.

d) Service Department, Andy Bashore

Mr. Bashore is out of the office.

Mayor Kessler briefly included some highlights of Mr. Price's written report which was included in the packet.

10. Consent Agenda (No Speaker Slip Required)

a) Meeting Minutes from December 3, 2024

Mr. Fishel read the item on the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Lampke moved to adopt the consent agenda.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

All in Favor: Alex Silverman, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Danny Hurley, Lori Ann Feibel, Jess Saad, Sam Marcellino

Motion passed 7-0.

11. Third Readings (No Speaker Slip Required)

- a) **Resolution 11-24** to establish the dollar threshold of blanket purchase orders in the City of Bexley, introduced by Jess Saad on November 12, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read the Resolution and Ms. Saad provided some brief background on this Resolution and the purpose of the proposed amendment. Ms. Lampke asked about the potential of needing emergency language and this was included in the amended version being proposed.

Ms. Saad moved to amend Resolution 11-24

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

All in Favor: Alex Silverman, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Danny Hurley, Lori Ann Feibel, Jess Saad, Sam Marcellino

Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Saad moved to adopt amended Resolution 11-24

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

All in Favor: Alex Silverman, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Danny Hurley, Lori Ann Feibel, Jess Saad, Sam Marcellino

Motion passed 7-0.

- b) **Ordinance 41-24** authorizing the Mayor and Auditor to sign a Consent and Hold Harmless Agreement on behalf of the City of Bexley with the property owner 2409 Plymouth Ave. (Parcel No. 020-000309-00), regarding improvements made upon and within the City owned right-of-way between the sidewalk and the property line, introduced by Sam Marcellino on November 19, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Marcellino provided some background on this ordinance. Mr. Hurley asked a question about some of the language included in the amendments, including the additional Council review and the rationale behind this.

Mr. Marcellino moved to amend Ordinance 41-24.

Ms. Markham seconded.

All in Favor: Alex Silverman, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Danny Hurley, Lori Ann Feibel, Jess Saad, Sam Marcellino

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Marcellino moved to adopt amended Ordinance 41-24.

Mr. Markham seconded.

All in Favor: Alex Silverman, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Danny Hurley, Lori Ann Feibel,

Jess Saad, Sam Marcellino

Motion passed 7-0.

- c) **Ordinance 42-24** to grant area variances, with conditions, from the minimum lot requirements to the property located at 700 Grandon Avenue zoned R-6 residential in order to allow that single lot to be split and to form two new lots that would not meet existing R-6 minimum lot requirements, and to grant additional variances to the applicable R-6 development standards for minimum yard requirements, introduced by Sam Marcellino on November 19, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Marcellino didn't have any additions. Ms. Lampke reminded Council members that this will need to be tabled and a hearing will need to be set. Ms. Saad provided some clarification on why the hearing is needed. Ms. Lampke also asked about the timing of the hearing, which Mr. Fishel clarified can be on a Council meeting date.

Mr. Marcellino moved to table Ordinance 42-24

Mr. Markham seconded.

All in Favor: Alex Silverman, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Danny Hurley, Lori Ann Feibel,

Jess Saad, Sam Marcellino

Motion passed 7-0.

- d) **Ordinance 43-24** authorizing the Mayor and Auditor to sign a Consent and Hold Harmless Agreement on behalf of the City of Bexley with the property owner 44 S Parkview (Parcel No. 020-004348-00), regarding improvements made upon and within the City owned right-of-way between the sidewalk and the property line, introduced by Sam Marcellino on November 19, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Marcellino briefly discussed some background.

Ms. Feibel complimented the project and Mr. Markham complimented the homeowners for asking for permission from Council prior to construction.

Mr. Marcellino moved to adopt Ordinance 43-24.

Mr. Markham seconded.

All in Favor: Alex Silverman, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Danny Hurley, Lori Ann Feibel,

Jess Saad, Sam Marcellino

Motion passed 7-0.

12. Second Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

- a) **Resolution 12-24** to enter into a professional services agreement between the City of Bexley and Koch Engineering Group, LLC for general consultation and engineering services, introduced by Jess Saad on December 3, 2024.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad spoke briefly about the background of this ordinance.

13. First Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

None.

14. Tabled Ordinances

- a) **Ordinance 24-24** to create Section 452.24, Electric Vehicle Charger Metered Parking, in order to provide for the placement and enforcement of metered parking for on-street electric vehicle charging infrastructure, introduced by Alex Silverman on August 13, 2024.

Mr. Silverman moved to remove Ordinance 24-24 from the table.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

All in Favor: Alex Silverman, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Danny Hurley, Lori Ann Feibel, Jess Saad, Sam Marcellino

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Silverman shared that the proposed amended ordinance does include the removal of language that would limit the use to EV vehicles only. Mr. Hurley asked about any decisions on a vendor, and Ms. Meyer shared that the City will be going with ParkMobile due to the more robust parking history information and name recognition. Mr. Hurley also asked about some of the specifics in the language. Mr. Marcellino thanked the Mayor for the changes and expressed his intent to vote for this ordinance given the changes to allow non-EV vehicles to utilize paid spaces as well. Mr. Silverman also his express his support for the ordinance.

Council members did discuss the signage for a few minutes with Mr. Marcellino and Ms. Saad expressing a preference against any EV-only or EV-preferred language and Mayor Kessler also sharing his preference for cleaning language that would not encourage judgment or confusion. Mr. Silverman also agreed with this. Ms. Lampke expressed her appreciation for the discussion and thoughts but expressed that she will not vote for the amendments because she did feel these spots were selected for a reason. Mr. Marcellino asked again about signage and whether it would include EV preferred language. Mayor Kessler shared that he does not intend to include that language but he's not comfortable committing to never doing that in the future. There were a few additional questions regarding this item.

Mr. Silverman moved to amend Ordinance 24-24.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

All in Favor: Alex Silverman, Troy Markham, Danny Hurley, Lori Ann Feibel, Jess Saad, Sam Marcellino

Against: Monique Lampke

Motion passed 6-1.

Mr. Silverman moved to adopt amended Ordinance 24-24.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

Mr. Hurley asked a question about revenue which Mr. Fishel answered.

All in Favor: Alex Silverman, Jess Saad, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Lori Ann Feibel

Against: Monique Lampke, Sam Marcellino

Motion passed 5-2.

16. Public Comments (Speaker Slip Required)

None.

17. Safety Committee – Troy Markham, Chair

No report.

18. Service and Environmental Committee – Alex Silverman, Chair

Mr. Silverman expressed his regrets to miss the Mayor's & Solicitor's Party and shared about an event he'll attend.

19. Finance Committee – Jessica Saad, Chair

Ms. Saad spoke about the work done in 2024 and congratulated Mr. Hurley and Mr. Silverman on their first year.

20. Strategic and Health Committee – Danny Hurley, Chair

Mr. Hurley provided an update about Land Use Strategy and CIC and some other items he's excited for.

21. Recreation and Parks Committee – Lori Ann Feibel, Chair

Ms. Feibel shared her appreciation for the Recreation Department and complimented them on their work. She also thanked the Mayor and Department Heads for the way they led Council through the budget process this year.

22. Zoning and Development Committee – Sam Marcellino, Chair

Mr. Marcellino expressed his gratitude and thanked Council, the Mayor, Marc, Natalie, and the Department Heads for the great work they do for the city.

Mayor Kessler covered the highlights of the Citizen Review Board for 2024 and shared that they will be at an upcoming meeting in January of 2025 to respond to any questions and thanked everyone for their work this year.

23. Adjourn

Ms. Lampke thanked everyone for a wonderful year and reminded Council that the first meeting of 2025 will be January 14, 2025.

Ms. Lampke moved to adjourn.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

All in Favor: Alex Silverman, Troy Markham, Monique Lampke, Danny Hurley, Lori Ann Feibel, Jess Saad, Sam Marcellino

Motion passed 7-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm.

MINUTES APPROVED: January 14, 2025

Monique Lampke
Monique Lampke, President of Council

Matt McPeak
Matt McPeak, Clerk of Council