

ORDINANCE NO. 01-24

By: Monique Lampke

**An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 220.01, Rule 8
of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bexley**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 220.01, Rule 8 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bexley, the President of Bexley City Council shall appoint the Standing Committees, Chair, and members at the first regular meeting in January; and

WHEREAS, Bexley City Council desires to modify Chapter 220.01, Rule 8 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bexley to provide for a more balanced division of responsibilities among the various committees, and to provide a description of the roles and responsibilities of the committees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEXLEY:

Section 1.

Chapter 220.01, Rule 8 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bexley is hereby amended as follows:

Rule 8. Standing Committees.

Standing committees shall be appointed by the President at the first regular meeting in January in each year, and the first named member of any committee shall be the Chairperson. Membership of standing committees shall be “committee of the whole”, unless the majority of Council agrees to change the size of a committee. Committee members shall serve for the period of at least one (1) year or until their successors are appointed. Standing committees shall be as follows:

1. Strategic & Health Committee

The role of the Strategic & Health Committee shall include, but not be limited to: planning council retreats and strategy sessions; coordinating and curating the strategic vision of city council; ~~overseeing ordinances and resolutions pertaining to the creation, redaction, or amendment of laws and rules not otherwise covered by other committees~~; formally incorporating updates to the codified ordinances; reviewing and approving the Mayor’s Strategic Plan upon submittal to Council and any subsequent amendments thereof (ref. Charter, Section 3); confirming the appointment of members of the Records Commission; ~~confirming appointments to the Civil Service Commission and Board of Health~~; confirming the appointment of the City Attorney; confirming members of boards and commissions not otherwise covered by other committees.

2. Zoning and Development Committee

The role of the Zoning and Development committee shall include, but not be limited to: overseeing quasi-judicial functions such as zoning appeal hearings, councilmatic variance hearings, and the like; overseeing ordinances and resolutions pertaining to changes to the zoning code and the building and housing code; and overseeing ordinances and resolutions pertaining to development incentives and programs; confirming the appointment of members of the Board of Zoning and Planning, the Architectural Review Board, the Bexley Community Improvement Corporation, the Tax Incentive Review Council, ~~the Tree Commission~~ and the Community Reinvestment Area Council; confirming the appointment of the Building and Zoning Director.

3. Finance Committee

The role of the Finance committee shall include, but not be limited to: overseeing the annual budget and payroll ordinance review and approval process; overseeing ordinances pertaining to mid-year appropriations not otherwise specifically covered by other committees; overseeing ordinances involving bond financing; confirming appointments to the Board of Tax Review; confirming the appointment of the Finance Director.

4. Recreation and Parks Committee

The role of the Recreation and Parks committee shall include, but not be limited to: overseeing ordinances and resolutions pertaining to Recreation and Parks programming and mid-year appropriations; confirming appointments to the Recreation and Parks Board; confirming the appointment of the Recreation and Parks Director.

5. Safety and Health Committee

The role of the Safety and Health committee shall include, but not be limited to: overseeing ordinances and resolutions pertaining to Police, Fire, and Public Health Services, and related mid-year appropriations; confirming appointments to the Bexley Board of Health; overseeing ordinances and resolutions pertaining to Mayor's Court; confirming the appointment of the Chief of Police.

6. Service and Environment Committee

The role of the Service and Environment committee shall include, but not be limited to: overseeing ordinances and resolutions pertaining to Service Department functions and related mid-year appropriations; overseeing ordinances and resolutions related to OPWC grant funding and related infrastructure funding; and authorizing rates for water, sewer, and refuse services; confirming appointments to the Tree and Public Gardens Commission; confirming the appointment of the Service Director.

The Chairperson of each standing committee, in consultation with the President of Council, shall have the right to create subcommittees and/or specific areas of responsibility for the committee members relating to the nature and purpose of the committee.

Section 2.

That this Ordinance shall go into effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: Feb 13 2024

Attest: Monique Lampke
Clerk of Council

Monique Lampke
Monique Lampke, President of Council

Approved: Feb 13 2024

Benjamin Kessler
Benjamin Kessler, Mayor

Ordinance Timeline:

First Reading: January 9, 2024
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Third Reading: February 13, 2024

