BEXLEY CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
Tuesday, March 27th, 2012
7:00 p.m.

City Council President – Rick Weber
Council Members Steve Keyes, Matt Lampke,
Anne Lewis, Tim Madison, Mark Masser, Richard Sharp

Mayor, Ben Kessler
Auditor/Clerk – Gary Qualmann
City Attorney – Lou Chodosh

If anyone wishes to address City Council on any issue, please fill out a Speaker Request Form and submit Form to President of Council.

I. **Call to Order**

II. **Roll Call of Members:** President Weber, Steve Keyes, Matt Lampke, Anne Lewis, Tim Madison, Mark Masser and Richard Sharp.

III. **Others City Staff present:** Lou Chodosh, Beecher Hale, Bill Harvey, Mayor Kessler, Bruce Langner, Mike Price, Chief Rinehart.

IV. **Pledge of Allegiance**

V. **Review of Minutes for March 6, 2012, March 9, 2012 and March 13, 2012-** Approved.

VI. **Correspondence**

VII. **Presentations/Special Guests: Stephen D. Bruning, Ph.D., Capital University**
The 2012 Bexley Resident survey was presented and distributed to City Council. A presentation was made and Council thanked them for the information provided.

VIII. Land Use Strategy Commission – Update: Mayor Kessler, Mr. Ferdelman and Mr. Helman discussed the progress of the Land Use Strategy goals and explained the progress toward each project to date.

IX. Public Comments: (This time is available for the public to speak, 5 minute limit please, on any issue not otherwise on the Agenda for this meeting). - None

X. Ordinances and Resolutions:

A. Finance Committee – Richard Sharp, Chair

Third Reading

Ordinance 12-12 to amend Ordinance 53-11 to clarify certain benefits for non-union supervisory personnel, introduced by Mr. Sharp (Introduced on 2-28-12).

Mr. Sharp said this Ordinance passed out of committee on March 13, 2012. He made a motion for adoption. Mr. Masser seconded the motion. **Vote 7-0 Passed**

Ordinance 17-12 to appropriate $4,000.00 from the Mayor's Court Fund for the purpose of paying for installation of Granicus public meeting audio/visual recording system, introduced by Mr. Sharp (Introduced on 2-28-12).

Mr. Sharp said this Ordinance had been passed out of committee and made a motion for adoption. Mr. Masser seconded the motion. **Vote 7-0 Passed**

Second Readings.
None

First Readings.

Amended Resolution 03-12 to establish the official meeting dates for City Council Meetings for the calendar year 2012, introduced by Mr. Sharp (Introduced on 3-27-12).

Mr. Sharp said this Amendment was necessary for a change in the date for September, 2012 due to a holiday. He recommended the Amended Resolution be suspended. Motion made by Mr. Sharp to suspend the three reading rule. Motion seconded by Mr. Madison. **Vote 7-0 Suspended.**

Mr. Sharp made a motion for adoption. Motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis. **Vote 7-0 Passed.**

Ordinance 18-12 authorizing and directing the Mayor and Auditor to enter into a five year employment contract with Lawrence Rinehart as Chief of Police effective April 30, 2012, introduced by Mr. Sharp (Introduced on 3-27-12). **No Action.**

Ordinance 20-12 to adopt the revised investment policy for the City, introduced by Mr. Sharp, (Introduced on 3-27-12).

Mr. Sharp recommended the suspension of the three reading rule requirement in order for Mr. Qualmann to provide this report to Franklin County. Mr. Keyes seconded the motion. **Vote 7-0 Suspended.**

Mr. Sharp made a motion for adoption of Ordinance 20-12. Motion was seconded by Mr. Keyes. **Vote 7-0 Passed.**

Ordinance 21-12 to authorize the Mayor, City Attorney and Chief of Police of the City of Bexley, Ohio to enter into a labor agreement with F.O.P. Capital City Lodge No. 9 for the period of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014, introduced by Mr. Sharp, (Introduced on 3-27-12). **No Action**

B. Recreation and Parks Committee – Mark Masser, Chair

Third Readings.
None

Second Readings.
None

First Readings.
None.

C. Safety Committee – Anne Lewis, Chair

Third Readings.
None

Second Readings.
None

First Readings.

Ordinance 19-12 to amend the Bexley City Code, Peddlers and Solicitors, Chapter 832.01 and 832.02, introduced by Ms. Lewis, (Introduced on 3-27-12).

Ms. Lewis said no action would be taken this evening. This Ordinance will be discussed at the Safety Meeting on April 24th, 2012. **No Action**

D. Service Committee – Steve Keyes, Chair

Third Readings.
None

Second Readings.
None

First Readings.
None

E. Zoning and Development Committee – Matt Lampke, Chair

Third Readings.

Ordinance 14-12 to grant a Councilmatic Variance to permit certain uses of an accessory structure on the property at 303 N. Parkview Avenue in the City of Bexley, Ohio, introduced by Mr. Lampke (Introduced on 2-28-12).

Mr. Lampke made a motion to Amend Ordinance 14-12 to include specific language preventing anyone from residing in the structure. Motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis. Voice vote – all in favor – **Amended.**

Mr. Lampke made a motion to adopt Amended Ordinance 14-12. Mr. Sharp seconded the motion. **Vote 7-0 Passed.**

Second Readings.

Ordinance 15-12 to approve a use variance for part of the western portion of property located at 2080 East Livingston Avenue to permit a drive-thru restaurant, introduced by Mr. Lampke (Introduced on 3-13-12). **No Action**

First Readings.
None

F. Strategic Committee – Tim Madison, Chair

Third Readings.
None

Second Readings.
None.

First Readings.
None.

G. Tabled or Referred Legislation –

Ordinance 52-11 to amend Section 232.08 (b) (1) and (2) of the Bexley Codified Ordinances regarding the Budget Stability Fund, introduced by Mr. Sharp (Introduced on 11-29-11). Tabled 12-20-11

XI. Committee Reports

Zoning and Development – Matt Lampke- Mr. Lampke reminded Council of the swimming pool early bird special deadline of April 2, 2012. He thanked Mr. Price for providing a copy of the brochure and information.

He said there would be a public hearing at the beginning of the next Council Meeting on April 10th for Ordinance 15-12.

Strategic Committee – Tim Madison- Mr. Madison said the future Strategic Committee meetings will be held prior to the first Council meeting each month from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. and from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. before the second Council meeting each month.

The next Alternative Revenue Task Force meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 4th at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. They would like City Council to provide them with a dollar amount for their goals.

The City Council Retreat will be held Friday at 3:30 p.m. at the Jeffrey Mansion. Saturday's meeting will be held at the middle school auditorium from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 3:00 p.m. He said the retreat goals have moved away from a set agenda and he does not expect to leave with a list of "specific" goals.

Mr. Madison said he met with a representative of the Capital Law School to discuss starting a law clerk program with the City of Bexley.

Finance & Judiciary – Richard Sharp- No Report

Recreation and Parks – Mark Masser- Mr. Masser said the Recreation and Parks Board retreat will be held on April 4th, 2012 at Capital University.

Safety – Anne Lewis- No Report.

Service- Steve Keyes- Mr. Keyes said he will be meeting with Mr. Harvey, Service Director to discuss the future of the sewer system for the next 20 to 30 years for Bexley. He will be scheduling a future Service meeting to discuss his findings.

President's Report – Rick Weber- President Weber reminded Council of the deadline for the Ethics Form to be completed by April 16th, 2012. He said the Clean Up event will be held on April 14th across the street from the Rusty Bucket. He is asking for volunteers to help at the recycling site from 9:00 a.m. till noon. He encouraged everyone to donate their items.

XII. City Official Reports

Ben Kessler, Mayor- Mayor Kessler said there is an opening for an appointment to the COTA Board. He said he would post this on the web site and suggested if anyone had any recommendations, to please notify the individuals.

- The email at City Hall for all employees has been transferred to Gmail;
- The Mayor met with Trinity Seminary President Mark Ramseth; Trinity Lutheran Seminary has purchased land on Sheridan Avenue and will provide the City an easement. The Mayor suggested Jeff Myers to work on this project;
- Meeting scheduled on April 13th with Mayor Coleman to discuss the Livingston Road and Woodland Meadows projects. The property may be purchased by the Columbus School Board. He said there are some opportunities to partner regarding the property usage. He will be meeting with Gene Harris, Supt. of Columbus Schools to discuss this property. He personally does not think the City should spend substantial funds on the project but he will advocate on behalf of community organizations to have access to the property for recreational uses.

- Economic Agreement – There is no "grandfather" clause on the payroll tax agreement which was made prior to the changes but this agreement would not preclude it.
- Grants – The City applied for a total of six grants through the Bexley Community Foundation. These include Safety Town, Citizen's Police Academy; City branding; kayaks, sidewalk on Parkview to Jeffrey Mansion and the formation or CIC. He said CIC is not a "tangible" item so it may not meet the requirements of the BCF Grant awards.
- Piccadilly and Roll Bicycle Shops were opened by a husband and wife team. He said both spaces have a lot of energy and he suggested everyone visit the businesses. Mr. Madison suggested the City take some action to recognize these businesses.

Gary Qualmann, Auditor- No Report.

Lawrence Rinehart, Chief of Police- No Report.

William Harvey, Service Director- He said they are currently working on the gas pumps at City Hall due to a leakage in the tank. He said Council may see City trucks and police cruisers at the local gas stations while this project takes place.

He said they will work on the water lines on Cassady and traffic will be open on the street. He said the bid for the water line project will be next week.

The next project will be College Avenue. This project will not be started until after Trinity Lutheran's Commencement Ceremony. College Avenue will be closed and traffic will be detoured to Sheridan Avenue. He has notified the residents that parking will not be permitted on Sheridan Avenue during this project in order to keep traffic flowing safely and to allow space for emergency vehicles to pass through. He said this project will probably be starting in either middle to late May.

The alley entry ways will be worked on by the Service Department employees. There are approximately 40 to 45 in need of repair. The sidewalks and handicapped ramp projects are completed with the exception of a few minor details on the punch list.

Lou Chodosh, City Attorney- Mr. Chodosh said due to the warm weather, there have been some incidents occurring with both Capital students and non-Capital students. He is working with Capital and they are doing their best to control these situations.

Bruce Langner, Development Director- Mr. Langner said he and Mr. Qualmann met with the Bexley Housing Council. They did take a tour of Gateway and One Dawson due

to the tax abatement. They did not tour the additional buildings due to the future expiration date of their tax abatements.

He said the Building Department had received their second application for a food cart vendor.

Mike Price, Recreation and Parks Director- Mr. Price said the summer Recreation and Parks brochure would be distributed on Thursday with the local newspaper. He said April 2nd at noon they will begin accepting registrations.

- Recreation Board Retreat. He thanked Mr. Masser for offering to pay for the luncheon on April 4th.
- Easter Egg Hunt – April 7th
- Sidewalk from Parkview and Jeffrey Mansion. Mr. Price said this could only be accomplished if they receive the grant funds.
- Parking on south. He said this is a safety issue in addition to causing damage to the property. He will be taking some actions to try to limit this from continuing.

XII. Old Business - None

New Business – Ms. Lewis reminded Council of the parade for the 4th of July and asked them to plan on participating. Mr. Madison said BCA also needs volunteers for the evening activities on the 4th as well.

XIII. Remarks from Audience: None

XIV. Executive Session: Council went into Executive Session pursuant to Section 223.03(d) to prepare for, conduct or review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.

XV. Adjourned 9:30 p.m.