BEXLEY CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

Tuesday, April 24, 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

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call of Members – All members present.

III. Other City Representatives: Lou Chodosh, Beecher Hale, Bill Harvey, Mayor Kessler, Bruce Langner, Chief Rinehart and Gary Qualmann.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Review of Minutes for April 10th, 2012- Approved

V. Correspondence: None

VI. Presentations/Special Guests: Mabel Freeman was introduced to Council as the proposed appointee to the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) Board to represent the City of Bexley. Ms. Freeman is retired from The Ohio State University and is currently working at Columbus State University. Mr. Masser said Ms. Freeman was very intelligent and an excellent choice.

VII. Public Comments: None

VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions:

A. Finance Committee – Richard Sharp, Chair

Third Reading.

Ordinance 18-12 to authorize and direct the Mayor and Auditor to enter into a five year employment contract with Lawrence Lee Rinehart as Chief of Police effective April 30, 2012, introduced by Mr. Sharp, (Introduced on 3-27-12).

Mr. Sharp made a motion to adopt Ordinance 18-12. Mr. Masser seconded the motion. **Vote 7-0 - Passed**

Second Readings.

Resolution 08-12 authorizing the Mayor of the City of Bexley to enter into an agreement with central Ohio jurisdictions to discontinue the use of certain economic development incentives to entice companies to move within the central Ohio region, for a period of eighteen months, introduced by Mr. Sharp, (Introduced on 4-10-12). **No Action**

Ordinance 23-12 to enter into an agreement with Capital University to pay the increased cost of water line from 8 inches to 12 inches, introduced by Mr. Sharp, (Introduced on 4-10-12). **No Action**

First Readings.

Ordinance 25-12 to terminate the Bexley Beautification 1992 Fund of Columbus Foundation, Inc. and to authorize the transfer of the funds therein to create the Bexley Beautification Fund of the Bexley Community Foundation of The Columbus Foundation, introduced by Mr. Sharp, (Introduced on 4-24-12). **No Action**

Ordinance 26-12 to pay $8,105 from Account 01-170-1323 for the purpose of sharing payroll tax revenue from 2011, derived from the Bexley Gateway project, with the Bexley City School District in accordance with Section 5709.82 of the Ohio Revised Code, introduced by Mr. Sharp, (Introduced on 4-24-12). **No Action**

Ordinance 27-12 to reduce the appropriation for construction of the police station by $120,679 and to authorize transfer from the General Fund to the Bond Retirement Fund of $120,679 to reimburse the Bond Retirement Fund for the interest to be paid in 2011 on these bonds, introduced by Mr. Sharp, (Introduced on 4-24-12). **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.

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).

Motion to Amend Ordinance 19-12 made by Ms. Lewis. Mr. Masser seconded the vote. **Voice Vote – Amended**

Motion made by Ms. Lewis to adopt Amended Ordinance 19-12. Motion was Seconded by Mr. Sharp. **Vote 7-0 Passed**

Second Readings.
None

First Readings.
None

D. Service Committee – Steve Keyes, Chair

Third Readings.
None

Second Readings.

Ordinance 24-12 to amend Second Amended Ordinance 44-11 authorizing the retail sale of food items from mobile, non-permanent, food carts, introduced by Mr. Keyes (Introduced on 4-10-12).

Mr. Keyes made a motion to Amend Ordinance 24-12. Mr. Masser seconded the motion. Voice Vote to Amend – **Amended**

First Readings.

Resolution 09-12 to appoint Mabel Freeman as the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) representative to the Board on behalf of the City of Bexley, introduced by Mr. Keyes (Introduced on 4-24-12). **No Action**

E. Zoning and Development Committee – Matt Lampke, Chair

Third Readings.
None

Second Readings.

Ordinance 22-12 to amend Section 1490.09 of the Building and Property Maintenance Code, introduced by Mr. Lampke (Introduced on 4-10-12).
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

IX. Committee Reports

Zoning and Development – Matt Lampke- Mr. Lampke said Ordinance 22-12 with be discussed further at the next meeting. The next Zoning Meeting is scheduled for May 8th from 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Strategic Committee – Tim Madison- A Strategic Committee meeting was held tonight. We discussed how the committee divided into sub-groups. May 22nd will be an informational meeting regarding TIF education. He also has met with Capital Law School and the City will be offered a legal internship program.

Finance & Judiciary – Richard Sharp- Mr. Sharp said the Finance meeting discussed the transfer of funds for the Bexley Beautification to the Columbus Foundation.

Recreation and Parks – Mark Masser- The next Recreation Board will be held on May 2nd at 5:30 p.m.

Safety – Anne Lewis- Ms. Lewis said there was a Safety Meeting tonight to discuss a Peddlers and Solicitors policy.

Service- Steve Keyes- Mr. Keyes said he had a meeting with Mr. Harvey and Mr. Koch last week regarding the state of the sewers for the City. He would like to schedule a meeting on May 22nd to discuss an overview of the pipes and sewer system for the City. He thanked Mr. Harvey for the information provided to him.

President's Report – Rick Weber- President Weber said the Clean Up Day was held on April 14th and was very successful. He complimented the Mayor on his State of the City address and said it was a very informative presentation.

President Weber said there would be an Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday, April 25th to be held at the community garden. Trees will be planted during this ceremony and he encouraged Council members to attend.

X. City Official Reports

Ben Kessler, Mayor- Mayor Kessler said he met with Mayor Coleman regarding the Livingston Avenue and North Cassady areas. He also attended a meeting regarding Woodland Meadows becoming a possible shared use with other communities. He will be meeting with Gene Harris, Superintendant of the Columbus Schools, along

with CSG and Capital University representatives to further discuss the topic.

Mayor Kessler said he met with the trustee for the Jeffrey family regarding the possible use of alcohol at the mansion for special events. The family does not have any objections to this proposal.

The Clean Up Day was a great success with approximately 250 people attending, plus 75 individuals from the Friends of Alum Creek. He said there was approximately 8,000 lbs. of metal collected, three tents of Goodwill items and 60 bikes for D.A.R.N.

Mayor Kessler thanked everyone for attending the State of the City Address. He said he met with a candidate (a Capital student) for the Marketing Internship position. Ms. Lewis said she recently noticed on a television commercial for Capital University the use of the "Columbus" address versus the "Bexley" address. Mr. Langner said he has discussed the same issue with Columbus School for Girls. Mayor Kessler said he did mention to President Bowman the fact the web site for Capital also refers to "Columbus".

Mayor Kessler said he is working with Trinity Lutheran to obtain an easement to the creek. He said Mr. Madison had offered to help with this process, pro bono. Mr. Madison asked Mr. Chodosh and Council members if there were any issues and/or conflicts regarding his working on this project. Mr. Chodosh said there were none since the work is pro bono.

Mayor Kessler said he started the "Bexley Blast" which sends a message regarding upcoming events or messages for the City. He said individuals would also be able to sign up via Facebook. He also congratulated the Chief on his contract renewal.

Gary Qualmann, Auditor – Mr. Qualmann said he wanted to remind everyone to review the budget information he had distributed this evening.

Lawrence Rinehart, Chief of Police- Chief Rinehart thanked Council members for the renewal of his contract. He said he truly enjoys serving the residents of Bexley and said the police officers are all outstanding. He reminded Council of the "Ride Bexley Ride" event to be held on May 12th.

William Harvey, Service Director- Cassady will be closed to through traffic while the curb work is being done. Once the street repair work starts, it will be completely closed. The project will start at Broad Street and the repairs will be worked toward Main Street.

Mr. Harvey said north of Fair Avenue, testing will begin on the sanitary sewer line. In order to properly test the line, we will be filling the sewers with dye and smoke.

Next year, we will test the remainder of the City, south of Fair Avenue. He said this is an informational gathering phase. The residents will receive letters to advise them of the testing. Mr. Keyes said a main point is to make sure downspouts are not tied to the sewers.

Lou Chodosh, City Attorney- No report.

Bruce Langner, Development Director- Mr. Langner said the newspaper copy he had distributed was from The Other publication. The article referenced Bexley as the "hip new scene".

Mike Price, Recreation and Parks Director- No report.

XI. Old Business – Mr. Masser suggested Chair members discuss times and potential meeting dates.

XII. New Business – Mr. Qualmann presented a motion for invoice payments. Mr. Hale said this was a "housekeeping" issue for the auditors. Voice Vote taken- Motion approved.

XIII. Remarks from Audience : None

XIV. Adjourned 9:20 p.m.