

CITY OF KETTERING
CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MINUTES
April 25, 2017

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio met in a workshop session on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 in the Kettering Conference Room, 3600 Shroyer Road, Kettering Government Center. The meeting came to order at 6:02 p.m.

Council Members Present included Vice Mayor Scott, Mr. Duke, Mr. Wanamaker, Mr. Klepacz and Mr. Lautar. Mayor Patterson and Mrs. Schrimpf had excused absences.

Staff Members Present: Assistant City Manager Steve Bergstresser, Law Director Ted Hamer and Economic Development Manager Gregg Gorsuch.

Mr. Abernathy (resident) was also in attendance.

City Council Meeting Agenda Review – Mr. Bergstresser reviewed the Council meeting agenda with the City Council members.

Fraze T-Shirt Bid Tabulations – Mr. Bergstresser distributed the Frazee T-Shirt bid tabulations for the Council members to review. At the April 11, 2017 Council Meeting a business owner spoke to Council members about this particular bid process and asked if Council would consider giving local preference to businesses in Kettering. Mr. Bergstresser noted all 7 companies who bid on this project were located in the Dayton area and 2 of the companies were located in Kettering. Mr. Bergstresser explained who the bid was awarded to and why. Bids are awarded on the lowest and best quote. Mr. Klepacz noted Council members would like to review the local preference situation at the next City Council retreat.

Lotz Road Utility Pole – Mr. Bergstresser mentioned the Mayor has received a complaint from a resident on Lotz Road regarding a utility pole that caught on fire (transformer). DP&L has placed a new utility pole next to the burnt pole and move all of their facilities over to the new pole. AT&T still has their equipment on the old burnt pole; the resident would like AT&T to move their equipment over to the new pole so the damaged pole can be removed. Staff will make contact with AT&T and make a request for them to relocate their equipment on the new utility pole.

Brown Road Traffic Signal – Mr. Bergstresser noted the plans for the Brown Road traffic signal are complete. Greene County will be putting the mast arm signal out to bid soon; it is assumed construction on the project will begin in mid-summer. Mr. Bergstresser said it has also been determined staff does not need to relocate the City of Kettering entrance sign at this location.

Kettering Business Park (KBP) Master Plan – Mr. Bergstresser stated staff received one response to the KBP Master Plan RFP and the response was from the Kleingers Group. Mr. Bergstresser noted this is one of the better responses to an RFP that he has seen, the company has a good understanding of the project and they have done a lot of similar work. The proposed cost for the Master Plan is \$32,800. Staff will bring legislation before Council at a future Council meeting for this project.

Bike Trail Skyway – Mr. Bergstresser displayed a map indicating where a proposed bike trail could be located. The trail would run from Dayton to Kettering along the Norfolk Southern rail road track. The City of Dayton is trying to purchase the rail road right-of-way from Norfolk Southern, staff will keep Council updated as the project proceeds.

Stroop Road Bridge – Mr. Bergstresser noted Montgomery County and Lockwood, Jones and Beals engineering company had a meeting today regarding the Stroop Road bridge. The project is on schedule and the plans should be completed in early June. The project should go out to bid in June or July with construction starting around the beginning of

August. The bridge will be replaced with a concrete slab style bridge, which can be constructed faster than certain other style bridges. Mr. Bergstresser noted prior to the bridge construction the County will have three consecutive nights of road closures to relocate the water main in that area, exact dates for portion of the project have not been set. Mr. Klepacz asked who is going to communicate these road closures to our residents. Mr. Bergstresser the City will work with the media and take the lead on communicating to the residents. Mr. Klepacz asked if we could use "door hangers" to notify residents in the area. Mr. Bergstresser said he didn't know if we would use that system, but we will make sure people who live in the area are aware of the closures by signage and other methods. Mr. Duke stated he agrees that door hangers are a good way of getting information out to people.

Shroyer Road Project Update – Mr. Bergstresser gave Council members an update on the Shroyer Road construction project. He displayed a map indicating where construction would start on the project. The Kettering portion of the project (repaving) will begin May 30th and should be completed by the end of July. The Oakwood portion of the project (road diet) should start in July and be completed sometime in November. A press release will be done in a couple of weeks.

Stoney Hollow Land Fill – Mr. Bergstresser said City staff met with Waste Management (WM) officials last week to receive an update on the Stoney Hollow land fill. WM showed City staff members a graph indicating complaint calls have decreased since the "cap" was installed at the landfill. WM continues to monitor the air around the landfill 3 times a day, WM will also come out to a complainant's home and test for odor. There will be additional work done at the landfill over the next few months, the "cap" will have to be removed for short periods of time and then replaced. Staff will continue to meet with WM officials on the landfill odor problem for updates as they become available.

Street Lights – Mr. Bergstresser displayed a map indicating where the City owned street lights are located. He stated staff would like to put together an RFP to assist the City in upgrading their street light system to an LED system. Mr. Bergstresser mentioned there are programs available that could upgrade the City system without the City having no capital outlay up front. The Council members agreed to have staff prepare an RFP to try and determine what type of programs might be out there that could help the City upgrade the street lighting system. Mr. Klepacz asked if staff could come up with a baseline of what the City pays now to operate our street light system, so we can compare the cost savings. Mr. Bergstresser said yes, staff can do that.

Ridgeway Bridge – Mr. Bergstresser spoke to the Council members regarding the Ridgeway bridge. The bridge was constructed in 1965 and rehabbed in 2005. The bridge is showing its age and needs repaired, replaced or removed. Traffic volume on the bridge is approximately 900 cars per day. Mr. Bergstresser reviewed several options for the bridge from replacing it as a vehicle bridge, replacing it as a pedestrian only bridge or removing the bridge and not replacing it. Mr. Bergstresser showed some rendering of what the different kind of bridge could possibly look like. Mr. Bergstresser said the question is do we spend anywhere from a half million dollars to two million dollars to replace a bridge that carries 900 vehicles per day. Mr. Duke asked when the traffic count was taken. Mr. Bergstresser said it was taken in July of 2016. Mr. Duke said there might be a difference in traffic counts between summer and winter. Mr. Duke also said his neighborhood uses this bridge a lot. If we close the bridge it will add a lot of traffic to other north and south roads. Mr. Duke also stated this bridge is an ideal place for a public art project, he asked if the City Sites Committee is aware of this yet. Mr. Bergstresser said no, he has not spoken to the Committee about this, but he has spoken to Ms. Thaman and Ms. McConville about the topic. Mr. Bergstresser said he is not looking for an answer this evening, but he would like to start getting public input, such as a survey of the surrounding area residents, to get opinions on what should be done with the bridge. Mr. Klepacz said staff should be sure and talk to Oakwood and Five Rivers Metro Parks about the situation. Mr. Klepacz also asked if the Council members could get a mockup of what the area would look like without the bridge there. Mr. Bergstresser said yes, that will be no problem. Mr. Duke as we begin to look at options we need to realize of we close this bridge that's 900 cars a day that will have to find alternate routes to cross Dorothy Lane, this could be a very dangerous situation. The Council members were in favor of staff starting to collect information from the public about the bridge situation.

