

CITY OF KETTERING  
CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MINUTES  
October 24, 2017

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio met in a workshop session on Tuesday, October 24, 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 Mayor Patterson, Vice Mayor Scott, Mrs. Schrimpf, Mr. Wanamaker, Mr. Klepacz, Mr. Duke and Mr. Lautar.

Staff Members Present: City Manager Mark Schwieterman, Assistant City Manager Steve Bergstresser, Law Director Ted Hamer, PRCA Director MaryBeth Thaman Economic Development Manager Gregg Gorsuch.

Also in attendance Kettering City School Coordinator of Community Relations and Auxiliary Services Kari Basson, Youth and Family Community Resource Coordinator Jonelle Carroll, Mr. Martin Clark and Mr. Sterling Abernathy.

Youth and Family Community Resource Coordinator Report – Ms. Basson introduced Ms. Jonelle Carroll who gave the Council members an update. Ms. Carroll displayed a sample newsletter that she distributes to residents; the newsletter contains resources that can be used by families in need of services. Mayor Patterson asked if the City Council members could be added to the list so they receive the newsletter. Ms. Carroll stated that would not be a problem she will add the addresses to the distribution list. Ms. Carroll then went on to show what services and resources are requested every month and the number of requests she receives. Mr. Klepacz stated he is impressed how much information and how many referrals Ms. Carroll has made in such a short time. Ms. Schrimpf asked is there a need in Kettering that is not being met. Ms. Carroll said there are a group of students that go to Alter High School, but live in other jurisdictions. These students often have a two hour commute, they are also often at a different academic level than other students at Alter. These students cannot stay after school for extracurricular activities etc. Ms. Carroll is working with the Alter High School Administration to form a mentoring program to help these students. She also noted transportation is a big need; several families don't have a means to get their children to and from school. The Council members thanked Ms. Carroll for her presentation.

Study of Fund Development for the Renovation and Enhancement of the Frazee Pavilion and the Rosewood Arts Centre – Mr. Schwieterman introduced Martin Clark, the consultant who conducted the subject report. Mr. Clark noted the Council members already have the report and he will be glad to answer any questions they have, he then stated he would like to review some of the highlights of the report. Mr. Clark stated the major recommendation of the report is that the City through the Kettering Parks

Foundation (KPF) adopt a fund development approach that is most likely to result in long term and continuing success. It is further recommended that neither the City nor KPF launch a capital campaign or a campaign feasibility study at this time for the Frazee Pavilion or the Rosewood Arts Centre projects. A capital campaign at this time would be an attempt at a short term solution that has a highly questionable probability of success. Mr. Clark said so one question is does the City want to make fund development a long range goal. If so, it appear the best way to do that is to change the KPF into a long term fund development organization. Mayor Patterson stated only about 50% of Rosewood users are Kettering residents, it is difficult to continue to use City dollars for venues that are not more resident driven. He stated it would be nice if other communities would participate in funding venues like the Rosewood Art Centre. Mr. Klepacz noted the report says the KPF members feel their purpose is not to be fund raisers. He asked do you have in mind regarding the KPF becoming a fund raising organization. Mr. Clark said at some point it may involve having a paid Director of the KPF to try and expand their role to include fund raising. If this does not work perhaps another foundation could be created, but that could cause another set of problems so we must be careful. Mr. Clark thanked the Council members for the opportunity to conduct this study. Council will take the recommendations under advisement.

Planning Director Tom Robillard and Community Development Manager Angela Brown arrived at the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Miami Valley Housing Opportunities (MVHO) – Mr. Robillard noted the City has received a letter from MVHO stating their funding levels to this point have fallen short and they don't have the ability to provide 24 hour staff coverage. Therefore, MVHO is requesting \$90,000 to provide security personnel in the building from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday and all weekend coverage. This is a one year temporary funding request. Mr. Robillard noted the City receives approximately \$150,000 of HOME funds per year and Kettering is in a consortium with the City of Dayton to receive the HOME funds. Kettering primarily uses the HOME funds for the First Time Homebuyer Program, The Residential Rehab Program and Affordable Housing such as the Franklin Foundation. He stated there is approximately \$450,000 in the rolling reserve fund balance. Ms. Brown noted some of that reserve balance is appropriated for other projects and some is program income. If we use these funds it will take money away from other programs such as the First Time Homebuyer Program and the Residential Rehab Program. Mr. Lautar noted it appears security would be pretty high on the priority list, why didn't MVHO trim something else out of the budget so they could fund security. Mr. Robillard said MVHO did not get the grant they were hoping for to cover security. The Mayor stated he has a problem funding daily business operations; we do not do that for other businesses. Mr. Lautar said he would rather spend the money on First Time Homebuyers and housing rehabilitation. The Mayor asked who was in favor of funding the \$90,000 to MVHO. Vice Mayor Scott said no, Mr. Lautar said no, Mr. Wanamaker said no, Mrs. Schrimpf said yes, Mr. Klepacz said yes, Mr. Duke said no – not at this amount, Mayor Patterson said no. The Council decided not to fund the MVHO \$90,000 request.

At 7:17 p.m. Mr. Scott made a motion to enter into executive session under Section 121.06(k) of the Codified Ordinances for purposes of: Personnel Matters the motion was seconded by Mr. Lautar. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

At 7:26 p.m. Council exited the executive session and went back on the public record.

The workshop meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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MAYOR

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Acting Clerk of Council