

CITY OF KETTERING
CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MINUTES
June 27, 2017

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio met in a workshop session on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 in the Kettering Conference Room, 3600 Shroyer Road, Kettering Government Center. The meeting came to order at 6:04 p.m.

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

Staff Members Present: City Manager Mark Schwieterman, Assistant City Manager Steve Bergstresser, Law Director Ted Hamer, Community Information Manager Stacy Schweikhart and Economic Development Manager Gregg Gorsuch.

Mr. Sterling Abernathy was present. Mr. Tremayne Hogue from the Dayton Daily News was also in attendance.

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

Go 4th Celebration – Mr. Schwieterman passed around an attendance sheet for Council members to sign so staff will know who will be attending the event and be announced on the stage. Mayor Patterson asked if the Council members could go on stage later than years past. Mr. Schwieterman said staff will check into that.

Kodak – Mr. Gorsuch informed Council members he was contacted by officials from Kodak last week. The Kodak officials wanted to let the City know they will be placing a “for lease” sign in front of their building in Research Park. The area for lease is approximately 22,000 square feet and is currently unutilized corporate space. This will in no way impact their existing operation. The Realtor for the space is Mr. Richard Meder.

IRG/Tenneco Building – Mr. Schwieterman mentioned staff is currently working with Tenneco and IRG regarding the building located at 2555 Woodman Drive. The building is located in the fireworks discharge site of the Go 4th celebration; therefore, Kettering Fire Officials are working with Tenneco to conduct a pre-fireworks and post-fireworks inspection of the building’s roof. In addition, Fire Officials are working with IRG (building owner) to get formal written approval in accordance with the fire code. The Fire Department will have personnel on the roof of the building during the fireworks show to ensure no damage occurs to the roof.

Montgomery County Solid Waste District – Mr. Schwieterman noted the members of the Montgomery County Solid Waste District are in the process of updating and revising the Intermunicipal Waste Service Agreement with Montgomery County. The City of Kettering will be hosting a meeting at the Fire Department Headquarters in mid-July regarding the Agreement. 30 government entities have been invited to attend the meeting to review and discuss the proposed revisions to the Agreement. Staff will keep City Council updated on any progress.

Woodman Bridge Update – Mr. Bergstresser stated he had sent the Council members a memo regarding the Stroop Road bridge and asked if there were any questions regarding the information contained in that memo. Mr. Duke asked when the signs will be placed on the roadway indicating the bridge has a 6 ton limit. Mr. Bergstresser said in a few weeks, the County is in the process of making the signs. Mr. Bergstresser noted, as of now, the bridge replacement would take place in the Fall of 2018 or the Spring of 2019. Mr. Lautar asked if anyone has contacted the Routsong Funeral Home at the corner of Stroop Road and Woodman Drive to make them aware of the situation. Mr. Bergstresser said no, but he will have the engineering staff contact them.

Stroop Road Bridge Update – Mr. Bergstresser noted the County has completed the moving of the water main under the Stroop Road Bridge. He also reported there will not be a need for overnight road closures as was previously anticipated. Montgomery County has scheduled the bid opening for August 9th and construction should begin right after Labor Day, the project should be completed by the end of the year.

2350 S. Dixie Drive – Mr. Schwieterman informed Council staff has received an offer for vacant fire station #31 at 2350 S. Dixie Drive. We listed the property at \$99,000 the potential buyer originally offered \$70,000 and through negotiations we have a final offer of \$80,000. Mr. Schwieterman's recommendation is to bring legislation to City Council at the July 11th meeting to sell the property for \$80,000. The Council members were in agreement.

4500 Bigger Road – Mr. Schwieterman noted staff sent a staff report to the Council members regarding the vacant fire station #36 at 4500 Bigger Road. Staff's recommendation is to list the property with a residential real estate agent and place a sign in the yard for a certain period of time and see if we get any offers. Mayor Patterson said staff should check on how many cars a resident can park outside, this property has a large garage area and an extremely large driveway. Mr. Schwieterman said staff will check the code for outside storage of vehicles. It was agreed to place a residential for sale sign on the property and if no offers are received to re-evaluate the situation.

Kettering Children's Choir – Mr. Schwieterman said the Kettering Children's Choir has decided to stop renting the Rosewood Art Center and they will move all practices in the future to Wright State University. Natalie DeHorn contacted Mr. Duke and stated the Choir would still like to receive the \$3,500 annually the City is giving them for general operations. She stated these funds would be used as scholarship money for Kettering residents and the Choir name would not change as long as we continue to make the payment. Mr. Duke recommended the City continue to fund the Choir at \$3,500 per year. The Council members had many questions about the Choir and the funding and directed staff to gather more information and report back at a future Workshop meeting.

Recreation Complex Passes – Mr. Schwieterman noted currently there are 186 different types of recreation complex passes available. He went on to describe the different type of passes currently available. The PRCA and Parks Advisory Committee are recommending changing the pass structure so there will be 16 types of passes available. Mr. Schwieterman described those pass classifications. This new pass structure will be available with the August Activities Guide at the same time the PRCA Department will begin using the new RecTrac software program. All Council members were supportive of the changes.

Silver Sneakers Program – Mr. Schwieterman said staff is recommending not moving forward with the Silver Sneaker program due to contract issues, non-resident issues and the reporting requirements. Council accepted the staff recommendation. Mayor Patterson asked for a list of facilities in Kettering that offer the Silver Sneaker Program. Mr. Schwieterman said staff will compile that list. Mr. Schwieterman then presented a concept of offering CIL members over the age of 70 a free fitness pass in place of a Silver Sneaker Program. Mr. Schwieterman noted the lost revenue would be approximately \$40,000 per year. Mayor Patterson said staff would have to show Council this proposition would help our seniors and get more of them active before they can recommend losing \$40,000 of revenue per year. Mr. Lautar said if we decide to go with this option he would like to see the age for free passes dropped down to 67. Mrs. Schrimpf asked how do we handle the equity issue if people 70 and over are getting free passes and 19 year olds are paying \$173 for a pass. Mr. Klepacz asked if the fitness center has the capacity to handle the proposed new CIL usage. It was decided staff will gather more information on the proposal and report back to Council at a future Workshop meeting.

City Council Retreat – Mr. Schwieterman noted the City Council Retreat has been scheduled for August 23rd and 24th, it will be held at the Moraine Farm. He reminded Council members to send him any topics they would like to see discussed at the retreat.

The workshop meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

ATTEST:

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