

CITY OF KETTERING
CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MINUTES
July 25, 2017

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio met in a workshop session on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 in the Kettering Conference Room, 3600 Shroyer Road, Kettering Government Center. The meeting came to order at 6:06 p.m.

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

Sister City Meet and Greet – Mr. Schwieterman stated the Workshop meeting will end this evening around 7:15 p.m. so the Council members can meet with the Sister City Committee and their guest for a photo opportunity upstairs in the Council Chambers.

Vice-Mayor Scott arrived at 6:16 p.m.

Montgomery County Auditor Update – Mr. Schwieterman handed out and reviewed information from the Montgomery County Auditor's 2017 Triennial Update. Properties within the City of Kettering increased in value by \$235,071,940. This increase will result in an estimated gain in revenue of approximately \$468,969. Mr. Schwieterman mentioned property owners can meet with the County for informal reviews of the property value the week of August 7th at the Presidential Banquet Center.

Kettering Children's Choir – Mr. Schwieterman reminded the Council members at a previous Workshop meeting Council discussed the fact 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 had contacted Mr. Duke and stated the Choir would still like to receive the \$3,000 annually the City is giving them for general operations. Mr. Duke has recommended the City continue to fund the Choir at \$3,000 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. Staff gathered the requested information and provided it to Council members in a Friday packet. Mr. Schwieterman asked the Council members how they would like to handle the situation. Mrs. Schrimpf stated she has some concerns about the agreement to fund the Choir at \$3,000 per year. She asked what happens if other organization use the City's name and then come in and ask Council for funding, she also wanted to know when the agreement ended, is there an end date? Mr. Duke said the agreement could end whenever Council feels it is appropriate to stop funding the Choir. Mr. Lautar asked if it would be a requirement of the funding that the Choir keep their current name. Mayor Patterson and Mr. Klepacz stated they did not oppose funding the Choir at \$3,000 per year. The City Council members decided to fund the Kettering Children's Choir in an amount of \$3,000 per year with three stipulations. The Choir must keep their current name, they must perform each year at the Mayor's Christmas Tree lighting ceremony and they must perform annually at the December Holiday City Council meeting.

City Council Retreat Topics – Mr. Schwieterman and the Council members discussed what topics would be covered at the City Council Retreat scheduled for August 23rd and

24th at Moraine Farm. The topics generally decided on to be covered at the Retreat include Frazee Operations, Police Master Plan, Public Safety Overtime, Local Preference, Opioids, Miami Valley Research Park, Oak Creek Plaza, Aging Issues and Assistant to the City Manager position. The Retreat will be from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. both days.

City Owned Street Lights – Mr. Bergstresser stated the City received several response to the request for proposals to change the City owned street lights to LED. Staff is in the process of reviewing the responses at this time. He stated there are 967 City owned street lights in the City.

The workshop meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

DONALD E. PATTERSON
MAYOR

LASHAUNAH D. KACZYNSKI
Clerk of Council