

CITY OF KETTERING
CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MINUTES
December 19, 2017

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio met in a workshop session on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 in the Council Chambers, 3600 Shroyer Road, Kettering Government Center. The meeting came to order at 6:05 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 and Economic Development Manager Gregg Gorsuch.

Mr. Sterling Abernathy was also in attendance.

Agenda Review – Mr. Schwieterman reviewed the agenda for this evening’s meeting with the Council members.

Stroop Road Bridge – Mr. Schwieterman stated the contractor is in the process of paving the Stroop Road bridge and it is still on schedule to be open to traffic by the end of the year.

Wilmington Pike Street Lights – Mr. Bergstresser said the light poles are in place and turned on in the Wilmington Pike improvement area between Stroop Road and Marshall Road. Miami Valley lighting will be taking down the old poles in late January or early February.

3600 Wilmington Pike – Mr. Schwieterman said the property located at 3600 Wilmington Pike that participated in the City’s façade and site improvement program has been sold. A tenant will be moving into the entire building and will be selling vintage toys.

1251-1259 E. Dorothy Lane – Mr. Schwieterman stated the buildings a 1251 – 1259 E. Dorothy Lane have been sold to Ohio Conference of Seventh Day Adventists. The buildings were recently vacated by Alternate Solutions Health Network who moved into the 1050 Forrer Building at the Kettering Business Park.

Giving Tree Program – Mr. Schwieterman noted the Giving Tree Program served 351 families at 4 different schools in the City.

Fire Department Gift Wrapping – Mr. Schwieterman stated the Fire Department gift wrapping event will take place on Friday, December 22 at 8:30 a.m. The event will be held at the Fire Department Headquarters on Hempstead Station Drive.

Senior Housing Project – Mr. Schwieterman said he and Mr. Gorsuch had met with a representative from Wallick Communities regarding a potential affordable senior housing project on a site located near Wilmington Pike and Swigert Road. The gentleman was seeking tax abatement for the project. Mr. Schwieterman let him know the project didn’t rise to the level of the City providing tax abatement. The gentleman is now contacting the school board to try and meet with them; we suspect he would be meeting with the school board to see if they would work with the City to abate the schools portion of the taxes since the project would not add school aged children to the community. Mr. Schwieterman said he just wanted to make the Council members aware in case they heard something while they were out in the community. Mayor Patterson said this does not seem like a project we would want to abate the taxes on and set a precedent for future projects.

Fire Station #34 – Mr. Schwieterman informed Council members there will be a ribbon cutting for Fire Station #34 on Woodman Drive on Thursday, December 28 at 9:00 a.m. It is anticipated the Fire Department will move into the station on January 8, 2018.

Purple Heart Communities – Mr. Schwieterman said the representatives from the Purple Heart Communities project will be at the January 9, 2018 Council meeting to give the Council members a presentation.

Small Cell Tower Proposal – Mr. Schwieterman updated the Council members on the law suit the City is a participant in regarding Small Cell Towers being located in public right-of-ways. There is a working committee working on drafting legislation that would be agreeable with local communities for the location of these Small Cell Towers. The working committee is very close to completing the draft legislation. Mr. Schwieterman said he will keep the Council members updated as the process moves forward.

The workshop meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

ATTEST:

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MAYOR

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Clerk of Council