

CITY OF KETTERING
CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MINUTES
May 22, 2018

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio met in a workshop session on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 in the Kettering Meeting Room, 3600 Shroyer Road, Kettering Government Center. The meeting came to order at 6:09 p.m.

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

Staff Members Present: City Manager Mark Schwieterman, Assistant City Manager Steve Bergstresser, Assistant Law Director Maggie Pasqualone, Community Information Manager Stacy Schweikhart 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.

Funding for Art Projects – Mr. Schwieterman reviewed the funding sources for both the Oak Park Art Project and the proposed Haverstick plat Art Project. Both of these Art Projects are associated with Cities of Service areas. Mr. Schwieterman reviewed funding sources and amounts, the funding sources included the Ohio Arts Council, the City Match from 1% for the Arts and a CFFK Grant. Mr. Schwieterman noted there is a \$30,000 supplemental appropriation being requested on tonight’s agenda for a new ArtLocal program. The ArtLocal project will commission a new permanent piece of public art work that is significant to the Haverstick neighborhood residents. This project will be created in partnership with Cities of Service and their work in the Haverstick neighborhood for the year 2018-2019. The project estimate is \$30,000, approved by Art in Public Places Committee through the City Sites Public Art Fund. This project, as part of the City Sites Program, will utilize the 1% for the Arts Fund. He also noted no transfer from the General Fund will be required.

Legal Fees for the Human Resources (HR) Department – Mr. Schwieterman stated the HR Department’s budget for legal fees in 2018 is \$57,880; the amount spent year to date is \$40,294 with \$16,900 of the being spent on lawsuits. The amount spent on Fact Finding from January through April is \$15,000. Therefore, there is a supplemental appropriation of \$120,000 being requested on this evening’s agenda for the Human Resources Department operating expenditures related to legal services for employment related matters.

CIP Fund - Landscaping – Mr. Schwieterman mentioned there is a request for a supplemental appropriation on the agenda this evening for the CIP Landscaping fund. He reviewed the funding and budgets for the Government Center Project, the Prugh Woods signage and landscaping project and the Delco Park landscaping project. He noted a supplemental appropriation of \$85,000 is requested for the Prugh Woods signage, landscaping and tree replacement project. He stated this expenditure will require a corresponding transfer from the General Fund.

Joint School Board and City Council Meeting – Mr. Schwieterman asked the City Council members to save the date of July 31st at 6:00 p.m. This is the date for the next joint meeting of the School Board and City Council; the School Board will be hosting the meeting at a location to be determined.

Police Officer Swearing In Ceremony – Mr. Schwieterman stated there will be a new Police officer sworn in at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 29th in the City Council Chambers. All Council members are invited to attend.

Bureau of Workers Compensation – Mr. Schwieterman noted the Bureau of Workers Compensation will be “refunding” \$379,700 back to the City; this amount is equal to 85% of the premiums charged to the City. The money is expected to arrive at the City in July.

Private Art Collection – Mr. Schwieterman stated there is a private citizen who resides on Tait Road, this citizen has a large Art collection that he is interested in donating the City so the collection can be displayed as public Art. Mr. Schwieterman noted no assessment of the collection has been conducted at this point in time. Mr. Duke asked if the collection could be moved to another location. Mr. Schwieterman said at this point he is not sure. Mayor Patterson asked what the cost to maintain the collection is, Mr. Lautar asked how the neighbors feel about having a public Art display in their neighborhood. Mr. Duke asked how many pieces of Art make up the collection. Mr. Schwieterman said if City Council has an interest staff will meet with the resident and gather more facts about the situation. Staff will gather some answers and report back to the Council members.

Maplecrest Drive Sanitary Sewer Issue – Mr. Bergstresser displayed an aerial photograph and updated the Council members on the Maplecrest Drive sanitary sewer issue. Mr. Bergstresser noted he has noted he met with the Montgomery County Engineers Office and at this point no one has a really good handle on what is going on with these sewer lines. It appears the sanitary sewer lines from the houses on Maplecrest are “Daisy Chained” through the sewer lines for the homes on Heritage Point Drive. Mr. Bergstresser said the County Engineers Office is going to study the problem and then hold a public meeting to explain the situation to the homeowners in the area. He also noted it may take an assessment project to correct the problem. Mayor Patterson asked if the City is just facilitating the project. Mr. Bergstresser said the County is getting quotes for some preliminary engineering findings; City staff could assist with some of the engineering work. Mr. Bergstresser will keep the Council members updated as more information becomes available.

Fraze Fan Club – Mr. Schwieterman stated there is a Frazee Fan Club member who would like their membership fee refunded to them because they are not happy with the Frazee concerts that have been announced. The Frazee staff members and Mr. Schwieterman has informed the person the City does not refund membership dues because someone isn’t happy with the scheduled concerts. Mr. Wanamaker and Mr. Lautar said they are very concerned about setting a precedent. Mr. Duke asked if it was this person’s first year of being a Frazee Fan Club member. Mr. Schwieterman said no they are long time members. The City Council members were all in agreement not to issue a refund.

Brigid’s Path - Mr. Schwieterman stated the sewer issue has been repaired at the Brigid’s Path facility. After the Brigid’s Path fund raising efforts, donations and the Montgomery County CDBG contribution there is approximately a \$27,000 gap between the funds raised and the cost of the repair. Mr. Schwieterman noted Kettering received a 10% increase in our CDBG funding this year, so there are CDBG funds available to assist Brigid’s Path and this is an eligible CDBG use. Brigid’s Path had to take the \$27,000 out of their operating budget to pay for the sewer repair; they are seeking the funds to put back in their operating budget. Mayor Patterson asked if there was anything else we could assist Brigid’s Path with that might be more project oriented. Mr. Schwieterman said staff will determine if there are other options for the City to provide relief. Mr. Klepacz said he is in favor of using the CDBG funds as long as there are unallocated funds. Mr. Lautar said there are CDBG funds above what we thought we were going to receive; Mr. Schwieterman said that is correct. Staff will communicate with Brigid’s Path and report back to City Council.

PRCA Staffing – Mr. Schwieterman discussed with City Council members his plan to increase staffing in the Park, Recreation and Cultural Arts division. He stated he would like to create the position of Superintendent of Recreation. This position would be in charge of the ice arena, facilities, recreation and Polen Farm. The position of Superintendent of Administration and Superintendent of Parks would remain, all three of these positions would report directly to the PRCA Director. Mr. Schwieterman stated this is a value added plan not a cost recovery plan. He also added this would be a good succession plan for the PRCA Department. Mr. Schwieterman stated if Council is in agreement this would be an Ordinance change in 2018. All Council members agreed Mr.

Schwieterman should continue moving forward with the plan. Mr. Schwieterman stated he will keep Council members updated as the process moves forward.

The workshop meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

ATTEST:

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MAYOR

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