

CITY OF KETTERING
CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MINUTES
October 9, 2018

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio met in a workshop session on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 in the Kettering Meeting Room, 3600 Shroyer Road, Kettering Government Center. The meeting came to order at 6:02 p.m.

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

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

Ms. Jonelle Carroll, Kettering Youth and Family Resource Coordinator attended the meeting.

Mr. Sterling Abernathy was also in attendance.

Mr. Schwieterman introduced Ms. Carroll who proceeded to give the Council members a progress report on her work as the Kettering Youth and Family Resource Coordinator. She noted she has assisted 229 Kettering families from July 2017 to date. 19 of those families returned for assistance more than once resulting in 21 additional requests for services. She stated the electronic newsletter has 40 subscribers with over 300 readers each month. Ms. Carroll also discussed the Families In need Team Task force (FITT) this is a task force put in place to discuss and to develop local resources for some of the weightier issues facing our families in Kettering. The outcome of that task force has been the Care Center Model designed to provide stop gap services while promoting mandatory self-sufficiency program participation. She noted the population of Kettering is 56,163 with 12.3% poverty rate. Mr. Klepacz asked if any of the students' parents are inquiring about getting jobs or how they can go about getting jobs. Ms. Carroll said yes, she has taken some parents resumes and tried to match them up with businesses in the City who may be hiring at that time, her website also has a "jobs button" that list current open positions at businesses around town. Mr. Scott asked if there are any issues with people losing their housing. Ms. Carroll said yes, she deals with eviction issues, credit issues etc. She does offer counseling; unfortunately some families do end up in shelters. She noted she tries to get to these families before eviction becomes an issue. The Council members thanked Ms. Carroll for the update report.

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

Ordinance Detonation – Mr. Schwieterman stated the Police Department has secured the Moraine Farm land as a location to detonate explosives. However, there still may be instances when they must use other locations in the City for safety reasons.

Indian Riffle Elementary School – Mr. Schwieterman stated the Indian Riffle Elementary School has been named a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School. On Monday, October 29th at 9:00 a.m. there will be an event at the school to celebrate the achievement.

Hilton Drive – Mr. Bergstresser said there will be a neighborhood information meeting on Wednesday, November 28th at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Southdale Elementary School. This will be a reconstruction project that will include assessments for curb, gutter and sidewalk work.

Fiber Ring Project – Mr. Schwieterman stated the MVCC Committee has voted to move the project forward. Next the proposal will be reviewed and acted on by the MVCC Council. Staff will present a Resolution at the October 23rd City Council meeting to

amend the resolution passed earlier regarding the Fiber Ring. The amendment will be regarding the pricing for the project, this is a 2018 budget item and the member cities will be invoiced in 2019 if the MVCC Council approves the project.

LWC Incorporated – Mr. Schwieterman noted LWC Inc. contract is close to finalized for them to produce collateral material to be used in the Rosewood fund raising effort.

Maplecrest Drive Sewer Project – Mr. Schwieterman noted City staff has met with Montgomery County staff members regarding the project. City staff is collecting some information to get back to the County. Mr. Schwieterman said he will keep City Council updated as the project progresses.

National League of Cities (NLC) – Mr. Schwieterman Said staff has been researching the NLC water and sewer lateral insurance program. It appears the NLC works with jurisdictions that are utility providers. Staff has spoken with the County and they are not interested in providing this service County wide. There has also been concern expressed that the insurance coverage focuses on repairs when replacement might be the better option. Also the NLC needs someone to certify that the line is the issue, the City does not currently do that. Staff will continue to look at the issue, we may simply conduct an educational program and let residents pick a vendor, there are multiple vendors in the area.

Poverty Exercise – Mr. Schwieterman said staff is working on setting up the Poverty Training Exercise that Mrs. Fisher brought up at the July 31st City Council/School Board meeting. Staff is trying to get the training set up in 2018 if possible.

Volunteer Firefighter Pension – Mr. Schwieterman noted staff has finalized the closure of the Volunteer Firefighter pension fund. The final numbers are in and under budget. The final closeout payment should be close to \$500,000.

Solicitation Presentation – Mr. Schwieterman stated at Council's request staff will review the City's existing solicitation law and bring it back before Council at a future Workshop Meeting. Staff will also put an article regarding solicitation in a future edition of Contact with Kettering.

Personnel Ordinances – Mr. Schwieterman reviewed what personnel ordinances would be on the City Council meeting agendas for both the month of November and December.

Fire Station #37 – Mr. Schwieterman said the move in date for the Fire Department to move into the new Station #37 is mid-November. Once the move in is complete staff will schedule a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Small Cell – Mr. Schwieterman said the FCC has made a ruling on the House Bill that passed regarding small cell antennas. The ruling appears to pre-empt local law in a lot of cases. More information will be coming regarding this situation in the near future.

City Manager Vacation – Mr. Schwieterman noted he will be on vacation from Tuesday, October 16th through Sunday, October 21st. Mr. Bergstresser will be acting City Manager on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday that week and then he leaves on vacation. Mr. Schwieterman will appoint someone else to be Acting City Manager for the remainder of his vacation days.

Mr. Klepacz noted the paving of the road in the Andrew Road area really looks nice. He asked when the Bigger Road paving is expected to be completed. Mr. Bergstresser said it is expected the Bigger Road paving will be completed the week of October 16th.

The workshop meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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