

CITY OF KETTERING
CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MINUTES
September 25, 2018

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio met in a workshop session on Tuesday, September 25, 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 Mayor Patterson, Vice Mayor Lautar, Mr. Duke, Mr. Wanamaker, Mr. Klepacz, Mr. Scott and Mrs. Fisher.

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

Representative Jim Butler attended the meeting.

Mr. Sterling Abernathy was also in attendance.

Mr. Bergstresser introduced State Representative Jim Butler.

Rep. Butler gave the City Council members an update on Bills that were currently before the State Senate and House of Representatives. He did note the House is currently on recess and the Lame Duck session would be coming up soon with the gubernatorial election happening in November. The Bills he reviewed included HB 716. Rep. Butler stated military spouses look for a new job every one to three years and around 35 percent of them work in an occupation that requires some form of re-credentialing every time they move across state lines. Ohio House Bill 716 would require any state or local agency to issue temporary licenses and certificates to members of the military and their spouses who are licensed in other states and have moved to Ohio for active duty assignments. To qualify, military family members must present “adequate proof” that they have a license or certification that is current and “in good standing” in another state, according to the bill. The agency in Ohio that issues the temporary certification will be required to conduct an annual verification that the recipient’s license in another state remains in good standing. The licensure would last six years. Next Rep Butler spoke about HB 345 the “Cure Bill”. The law will set up a multistate compact to offer prizes for curing major diseases equal to five years of taxpayer savings. After several states have joined, the amount of prize money for a disease, like Alzheimer’s, would be over \$10 billion, a substantial incentive for the private sector. If there is no cure, no payment from the compact will be made, providing no risk to taxpayers. This innovative model has the potential to cure major diseases in the near future, once sufficient prizes have been established and companies and organizations have large enough incentives to fund cure-driven research. He said right now drug companies and private companies are treating diseases not trying to cure them because there is more profit in providing long term treatment. Rep. Butler also discussed HB568 “Sophie’s Law”, which would amend the Revised Code to authorize a law enforcement officer to arrest a driver of a motor vehicle if the officer has probable cause to believe that the driver committed a moving violation and that the moving violation was a contributing factor in an accident that caused serious physical harm to or the death of another person, to authorize the officer to request a warrant to conduct a chemical test to determine whether the driver was under the influence of drugs or alcohol if there is probable cause to do so, to authorize the officer to order the administration of a chemical test under specified circumstances, and to require the mandatory bind over (for trial as an adult rather than a juvenile) of a 16- or 17- year-old who is alleged to have committed aggravated vehicular homicide. Rep. Butler also discussed such topics as energy efficiency, the Regional Transit Authority, gas tax issue and medical billing issues. The Council members thanked Rep. Butler for the update.

Rep. Butler thanked the City Council for meeting with him at this point Rep. Butler left the meeting.

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

Local Development Priority Letter – Mr. Robillard informed Council there is a developer pursuing the development of 60 to 70 apartment units on the vacant property on Swigert Road just east of Wilmington Pike. The developer is seeking approval of low income housing tax credits for the development. As part of the competitive process the Ohio Housing Finance Agency will grant extra points if there is a designated local development priority letter. The City is permitted one designated local priority in each round of tax credit applications. He briefly described the proposed project, there would be 60 to 70 housing units consisting of one, two and three bedroom units. Based on HUD income limits the maximum project rents would be in the mid \$700’s for one bedroom, high \$800’s for two bedroom and mid \$1,000’s for a three bedroom unit. The units could be rented by households earning up to 80% of the area median income. Depending on household size, renters will need to earn between +/- \$30,000 to \$60,000 to be eligible to rent in this complex. He explained this is not a subsidized housing project. Tenants will undergo income verification as part of the standard application process. Mr. Klepacz asked what is the current inventory for this type of housing in Kettering. Mr. Robillard stated it is getting harder to find this type of housing in the City. Mayor Patterson said it is hard to say yes or no until he knows what the project would look like etc. Council members decided they would like a few weeks to review the situation. Mr. Klepacz stated he would like to know how many units in this price range are available in the City. Mr. Robillard said he will check into it and report back to Council.

At 6:51 p.m. Mr. Klepacz made a motion to enter into executive session under Section 121.06 (k) of the Codified Ordinances for purposes of Personnel Matters, Economic Development and Conference with Attorney; the motion was seconded by Mr. Scott. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

At 7:17 p.m. Council exited the executive session and went back on the public record.

Vice Mayor Lautar ask if there was a motion to authorize the Mayor to give notice to Mark Schwieterman of City Council’s intent to extend his employment agreement? Mr. Klepacz stated, so moved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott, the motion passed unanimously upon roll call.

Mr. Duke brought up the subject of Issue 1, which will be on the November ballot. He noted the Ohio Municipal League has come out in opposition to the Issue. A short discussion followed. City Council members agreed to continue monitoring the Issue.

The workshop meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

ATTEST:

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