

CITY OF KETTERING
CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MINUTES
February 26, 2019

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio met in a workshop session on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 in the Kettering Meeting Room, 3600 Shroyer Road, Kettering Government Center. The meeting came to order at 6:04 p.m.

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

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

Also at the meeting were Mr. Alex Ignatiou, Mr. Al Fullenkamp and Mrs. Mary Lou Meers from the Sister Cities Committee.

Mr. Sterling Abernathy was also in attendance.

Mr. Schwieterman introduced Mr. Ignatiou. Mr. Ignatiou gave a presentation on his proposed Biennial Youth Arts Exchange; he noted this is a pilot program proposal. Mr. Ignatiou stated he is a member of the Kettering Arts Council and the Kettering Sister Cities Committee. He noted the purpose of the program is to strengthen cultural relations between the two Ketterings through an alternating, week long Youth Arts Exchange Program starting in June 2021 in Kettering Ohio and continuing in 2022 in Kettering UK. The goals of the program are to exchange artistic ideas, create art based on contemporary themes and challenges in the UK and USA, to reinvigorate the cultural relationship between Kettering, UK and Kettering USA, and to help develop lifelong friendships between participants. Mr. Ignatiou also described how potential funding for the program would work. Mr. Ignatiou stated he did not need any decisions from the Council members this evening; he just wanted to present the program to them and make sure they were aware of the program as it moves forward.

Agenda Review – Mr. Schwieterman reviewed the agenda for this evening’s meeting with the Council members. He noted Council would need to make a motion to remove agenda Item # 5 from this evening’s agenda. This is the animal control Ordinance and there needs to be at least 5 Council members present to vote on this because it is an Emergency Ordinance.

Fire Apparatus Sirens – Mr. Schwieterman stated a resident may speak at this evening’s meeting regarding when the City’s Fire Department vehicles use their lights and sirens and when they do not. If Council wishes they can direct the question to Assistant Fire Chief Robbins.

Cities of Service – Mr. Schwieterman displayed a map showing the recommended neighborhood for the next Cities of Service program. The neighborhood is the Sunny Acres, Irelan Park and Rubicon Heights area. The area is bordered by Marshall Road to the west, Stroop Road to the north, David Road to the south and Hempstead Station to the east. Mr. Schwieterman gave some demographic statistics for the area to the Council members. The Council members in attendance agreed this would be a good “neighborhood” for the next Cities of Service program.

City Council Donation – Mr. Klepacz made a motion to donate a \$150 Frazee gift certificate to the MVRPC Spring Dinner event, the motion was seconded by Mr. Duke and the motion passed unanimously upon roll call.

State Auditor – Mr. Schwieterman stated Kettering has been selected to be part of an audit process. The State Auditor will be auditing the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund. The cost to the City will be approximately \$600.

Police Department Renovation – Mr. Schwieterman informed the Council members the Police Department renovation cost could be reduced if some of the divisions within the Police Department were moved out of the existing facility while the renovations were being completed. Staff is recommending some Police staff and divisions be temporarily relocated to Fire Station #33 on Bobbie Place. The Police Dispatch Center could be temporarily relocated to the Emergency Operations Dispatch Center in the Fire Department Headquarters. Mr. Schwieterman will keep the Council members updated as the project progresses.

MVRPC Grant Awards – Mr. Bergstresser stated his office has received word the City has received grant funding for two projects that were submitted to the MVRPC for funding. Mr. Bergstresser noted the City will receive MVRPC grant funding for both the East David Road (Far Hills to Ackerman) project and the West Stroop Road (Overland to Southmore Circle) sidewalk project.

State Gas Tax – Mr. Schwieterman noted the State is proposing an 18 cents per gallon gas tax. Mr. Schwieterman explained how the funds are distributed between the City and the State. He stated the City was asked by OML and ODOT to testify or send a letter to the Statehouse supporting the proposed tax. Staff has drafted a letter and if Council approves Vice Mayor Lautar could sign the letter and staff will send it to the State. The Council members supported the idea and Vice Mayor Lautar signed the letter supporting the proposed gas tax.

Ridgeway Bridge Project – Mr. Bergstresser stated the engineering consultant is working on the design for the Ridgeway Bridge; it will most likely be a single span bridge with steel beams. He noted there is a public meeting scheduled for the evening of April 4th. The meeting will be held at the Fairmont High School recital hall. At this meeting staff will inform residents about the bridge design, construction timeline, etc. Mr. Bergstresser also noted there is a good chance the chosen artist will be at the public meeting to speak with residents in the area to help create ideas for the Ridgeway Bridge art piece.

At 7:01 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; the motion was seconded by Mr. Wanamaker. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

At 7:10 p.m. Council exited the executive session and went back on the public record.

Edge Connect – Mr. Schwieterman stated a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed for the Fiber Ring project. The committee will now work to try and get a contract with the potential contractor. Mr. Schwieterman will keep the Council members updated on the project.

The workshop meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

ATTEST:

WILLIAM LAUTAR
VICE-MAYOR

LASHAUNAH D. KACZYNSKI
Clerk of Council