

CITY OF KETTERING
CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MINUTES
March 12, 2019

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio met in a workshop session on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 in the Kettering Meeting Room, 3600 Shroyer Road, Kettering Government Center. The meeting came to order at 6:03 p.m.

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

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

Mr. Sterling Abernathy was also in attendance.

NCAA First Four Events – Mr. Schwieterman passed around a sign-up sheet, Council members could sign up to attend the NCAA First Four reception or the receptions Tuesday and Wednesday prior to the NCAA basketball games. He noted the receptions this year will take place at the Carillon Park reception hall.

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

State Gas Tax – Mr. Schwieterman noted the Mayors Alliance and OML are encouraging Cities to send a testimonial letter supporting the proposed gas tax to the Ohio State Senate. Mr. Schwieterman passed around a draft letter, if the Council members approve of the letter the Mayor will sign it and staff will forward the letter to the Ohio Senate. The Council members were in favor of sending the letter to the State Senate.

Charter Salary Post Card – Mr. Schwieterman distributed the post card with certain employee salaries listed on it that is required by the Charter to be sent to Kettering households. The post card is consistent with the requirements of the Charter. The cost to the City to produce and mail the post card is approximately \$6,000. The card will be mailed out on Thursday of this week.

Open Government Portal – Mr. Schwieterman noted the City has recently launched the Open Government Portal section to the City's website. The Portal includes links to such things as the City expenditure database, City employee's compensation, Annual Reports, current budget, comprehensive annual financial report, collective bargaining agreements, employment contracts and City Council meeting agendas, minutes and archive video. This is just another effort to make sure our City government is as transparent as possible.

Alter High School – Mr. Schwieterman stated Alter High School had inquired about having a full time school resource officer. The City has been in conversations with the high school and they have decided they cannot allocate enough resources at the current time to have a full time school resource officer. Alter High School will continue to use the roving resource officer.

Fallen Soldier Street Sign – Mr. Schwieterman stated he has met with Alter High School and the gentleman who would like to do something (Commemorative street sign) to honor a fallen soldier from Alter High School. Since there have been more than one Alter graduate who lost their life in the line of duty the group is looking at ways to honor all of the fallen soldiers. The gentleman is also working with State Representative Butler on this issue. Mr. Schwieterman will keep the Council members updated on the topic in the future.

Rosewood Art Center – Mr. Schwieterman reminded the Council members in previous Workshop meetings he had reviewed the options for the Rosewood Art Center such as moving to another location, demolishing the existing building and building a new center or attempting to renovate the existing center. After those discussions it was decided the best option might be to renovate the existing facility. To that end Mr. Martin Clark (consultant) and Mrs. MaryBeth O’Dell, PRCA Director are identifying potential donors and estimating the amount of funds that might be able to be raised for such a project. The cost to renovate the facility is thought to be approximately \$3.5M. Mr. Clark is currently of the opinion that a fund raising effort could raise anywhere between \$500,000 and \$1M. Mr. Schwieterman stated he wanted to keep Council updated on the situation and Mr. Clark will continue working on the project. Staff will be back before Council prior to moving on to the fund raising stage of the project.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast – Mrs. Fisher stated she is the Council liaison to the Board of Community Relations (BCR). She noted the BCR has expressed an interest in conducting a MLK breakfast every year. The BCR has asked Mrs. Fisher to ask the Council members if they would support such an idea. Mr. Lautar asked what “support: meant does the BCR want financial backing from the City. Mrs. Fisher said no the BCR would just like Council members to attend and support the event each year. The City Council members were all in support of such an event. Mrs. Fisher said she would report back to the BCR that the Council members would support the vent, but the BCR would need to raise the funds, find a suitable location etc.

Corporation Boundary Line Adjustment – Mr. Bergstresser stated the Engineering and Planning Department have been working with the City of Centerville regarding the Oakcreek neighborhood and Pond View Park boundary line adjustment. Staff has prepared some preliminary document and the next step is to schedule a neighborhood meeting to discuss the plan with the residents in the area. Centerville will draft an invitation letter and schedule the meeting, it will be held at the Centerville government center most likely sometime in April. Mr. Bergstresser will get the boundary line adjustment information to Council members once the meeting is set.

At 6:33 p.m. Mr. Scott made a motion to enter into executive session under Section 121.06 (k) of the Codified Ordinances for purposes of Quasi-Judicial Deliberations and Conference with Attorney; the motion was seconded by Mr. Klepacz. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Patterson arrived at the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

At 7:04 p.m. Council exited the executive session and went back on the public record.

907 Forrer Boulevard – Mr. Schwieterman stated the utilities will be shut off to 907 Forrer Boulevard this week in preparation for demolition of the building.

Tactical Crime Suppression Unit (TCSU) – Mr. Schwieterman stated GovTech is discussing options to come up with a sustainable plan to fund the TCSU. The current discussion is in cooperation with the Miami Valley Communication Council (MVCC) and is centered on the franchise licensing fee. Currently 20% of the franchise fee goes back to the members cities in the MVCC, one option is to cut that rate back to 16% and use the remainder of the money to fund the TCSU. The reduction of funds going back to the cities would generate about \$75,000 to \$80,000. In addition, the MVCC is looking at grants and other funding options. Mr. Schwieterman said he would keep the Council members updated on the topic. Mr. Klepacz asked if we could have someone from the TCSU come to a Council meeting and give the Council members an update. Mr. Schwieterman said yes we will set that up.

The workshop meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

ATTEST:

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MAYOR

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