

CITY OF KETTERING
CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MINUTES
April 9, 2019

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio met in a workshop session on Tuesday, April 9, 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, Mr. Wanamaker, Mr. Klepacz, Mr. Duke, Mrs. Fisher and Mr. Scott. Vice Mayor Lautar 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.

Mr. Sterling Abernathy was also in attendance.

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

Shoe 4 The Shoeless – Mr. Schwieterman stated about 20 staff members will be going to Greenmont Elementary School on Friday morning 4/12 to distribute shoes and socks to disadvantaged children. Staff members donated about 300 pairs of socks for the event.

Cassano’s Event – Mr. Schwieterman informed City Council members Cassano’s has rented out the Frazee for a 65 year anniversary celebration. The event will take place on Friday, June 21st. Cassano’s has hired a band named King of Chaos, which plays heavy metal music.

Trotwood Education Foundation – Mr. Schwieterman noted the City has been asked to donate two Frazee tickets for a silent auction that will benefit the Trotwood Education Foundation. Mr. Klepacz moved to approve up to \$150 for Frazee tickets to be donated, Mr. Duke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously upon roll call.

Berwin Railroad Right of Way (R.O.W.) – Mr. Schwieterman stated the City now owns the Berwin Railroad R.O.W. property that staff and Council had previously discussed obtaining.

Dayton Daily News (DDN) – Mr. Schwieterman noted the DDN is running articles regarding crime statistics in local communities. The City has sent the DDN crime information and data. As of this time the DDN has not reached back out to the City for additional information or to request an interview on the topic.

Trench Collapse – Mr. Schwieterman noted there was a fatal accident recently in Sugarcreek Township caused by a trench collapse at a construction site. Kettering public safety crews were on the scene to help with the recovery. After that event Channel 22/45 did a story on trench rescue training from the trench rescue training facility behind Fire Station #34.

Gas Tax – Mr. Schwieterman reviewed the recently passed Gas Tax implications. He noted the estimates indicate the City will receive an additional \$1.2M in revenue for the CIP Roadway projects. Mayor Patterson wants to make sure these funds are accounted for separately and utilized only for Roadway improvements.

CAFR Results – Mr. Schwieterman presented the CAFR results for 2018. He noted there was a General Fund balance decline of \$2M and there is \$36M in available ending General Fund balance. He also stated the Frazee subsidy for 2018 was \$94,953 in 2018; the subsidy was budgeted at \$300,000.

Personnel and Finance (P&F) Committee – Mr. Klepacz noted there was an income tax revenue decline at the end of 2018. The P&F Committee requested a meeting to review the situation. He stated staff did a trend analysis and gave the P&F Committee a presentation; he then turned the meeting over to Mr. Schwieterman. Mr. Schwieterman noted there was an income tax decline in the 4th quarter of 2018. He stated refunds were up and estimated payments were down, he feels this is mainly due to Federal and State law changes. He stated the income tax revenue came in \$1.8M below forecast, in the 4th quarter the income tax revenue was down by \$2M and estimated payments were down by \$612K in the 4th quarter. He also noted refunds were up 61% or \$600K, this can be a reflection of the new law changes. Currently the 2019 estimate for income tax revenue is 6% over 2018; staff will monitor the situation to see if this needs to be adjusted. Mr. Schwieterman also presented the P&F Committee recommendations regarding the strategic plan. It has been decided to move forward with the National Resource Center (NRC) survey at a cost of approximately \$15,000. The Directors team and other staff members will meet in the 3rd and 4th quarter of 2019 to review the current strategic plan and present recommendations for changes to the City Council. Council members will review the information in late 2019 or early 2020.

Dayton Event – Mr. Schwieterman stated there is an event scheduled for May 25th and Kettering will be sending approximately 16 Public Safety personnel to the event.

Solicitation Ordinance – Mr. Hamer presented the current state of Solicitation Ordinances. He reviewed a recent Englewood, Ohio court case with the Council members. He noted Kettering currently has a Codified Ordinance that states if a resident has a “No Soliciting” sticker on their door solicitors are not to knock on the resident’s door. If a solicitor does knock on the door the resident can call the Police Department and they will send an officer to the location and the solicitor can be trespassed from the property. Staff recommended and Council members agreed that we not make any changes to the ordinance and that staff prepare no solicitation stickers for distribution to residents who request them. No solicitation stickers will also be given away at the community Block Party and there will be a printable version available on the City website.

Maplecrest Sanitary Sewer Project – Mr. Schwieterman stated Montgomery County has requested the City of Kettering pay \$65,000 from their General Fund to the Maplecrest Sanitary Sewer project. Mr. Schwieterman recommended the City not contribute the \$65,000 to the project because this is a County issue and he feels the City should not have to contribute from the General Fund. He did note the City could possible assist the homeowners with CDBG funds if the homeowner financially qualifies for the program. Mr. Schwieterman noted the total project cost is in the \$240,000 range. City Council agreed with the staff recommendation not to contribute an additional \$65,000 to the Maplecrest Sanitary Sewer project.

At 7:22 p.m. Mr. Klepacz made a motion to enter into executive session under Section 121.06 (k) of the Codified Ordinances for purposes of Property Matters; the motion was seconded by Mr. Scott. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

At 7:29 p.m. Council exited the executive session and went back on the public record.

The workshop meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

DONALD E. PATTERSON
MAYOR

LASHAUNAH D. KACZYNSKI
Clerk of Council