

CITY OF KETTERING  
CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MINUTES  
July 9, 2019

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

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

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

Ohio Bureau of Workman’s Compensation – Mr. Schwieterman informed Council members the Ohio Bureau of Workman’s Compensation will once again this year be conducting the rebate program. The City is expecting to receive over \$400,000 back this year.

Annual City Picnic – Mr. Schwieterman announced the Annual City Picnic and Pig Roast will be held Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at Polen Farm from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

December City Council Meetings– Mr. Schwieterman and the City Council members discussed dates for the December 2019 City Council Meetings. It was decided City Council would hold a meeting on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. On December 3<sup>rd</sup> the City Council will also hold the 2020 Budget Workshop Meeting starting at 5:00 p.m.

Mayors Christmas Tree Lighting – Mr. Schwieterman stated the Mayors Christmas Tree Lighting event will be held on December 6<sup>th</sup> this year. The event will start at 6:00 p.m. with the tree lighting taking place at 6:30 p.m.

Round Robin Event – Mr. Schwieterman informed Council members the annual Round Robin event will take place on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Kettering Sister Cities – Mr. Schwieterman announced pictures will be taken with the Sister Cities exchange students in the Council Chambers at 7:15 this evening. He also announced there is a Sister Cities picnic being hosted tomorrow evening from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Polen Farm to celebrate the Kettering-Steyr youth exchange program.

Karen Durham – Mr. Schwieterman informed the Council members Karen Durham, Manager of the Frazee Pavilion, announced she will be resigning from the City effective sometime in mid-August. Mr. Schwieterman said he will be meeting with Mrs. O’Dell, Director of PRCA and determine how to move forward with replacing Mrs. Durham.

Community Information Manager – Mr. Schwieterman stated the job description for the Community Information Manager is almost complete. The recruitment for the position will begin soon and it will be an internal and external recruitment.

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) – Mr. Schwieterman stated the City of Dayton has responded to HUD regarding the HOME Funds issue. Staff has a copy of the Dayton response document and will be holding a meeting on Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> to review the document. Staff will keep Council members updated on the situation.

Corporation Boundary Line Adjustment – Mr. Schwieterman referred to a letter from the City of Centerville that staff provided to the Council members in their Friday packet. The letter states Centerville is planning to move forward with the corporation boundary line adjustment that was discussed at the April 25<sup>th</sup> public meeting held at the Centerville Government Center. Mr. Schwieterman said the process will most likely begin in August or September and each city will be in charge of taking care of their residents re-plat and rezoning if necessary

Waste Management (WM) – Mr. Bergstresser gave a presentation to Council members regarding the Waste Management contract situation. He stated the current contract began in July of 2015 and ends on June 30, 2020. He noted in July of 2015 WM had 17,275 customers and in July of 2019 they now have 18,100. He also reviewed the percentage of customers that who had curb side pick-up, house side pick-up and the number of income qualified senior service pick-ups. Mr. Bergstresser then reviewed the potential cost increase factors for 2020 and beyond. Those factors included fuel cost due to Ohio Gas Tax increase, increased cost of recycling processing, safety concerns and route inefficiencies with house side service, route inefficiencies with yard waste outside of toters and fewer waste haulers in the residential collection business, which means less competition. Finally Mr. Bergstresser reviewed the options for moving forward with a waste hauler contract. One option is to stay with WM, the other option is to test the market and send out request for proposals (RFP). After discussion, between staff and Council members, it was decided to send WM a letter on August 1<sup>st</sup> informing them of the City's desire to exercise the option for a one year extension. Staff is anticipating WM will object to the option and request a price increase. If this does occur, the months of August and September could be used for contract negotiations between the City and WM. If the City and WM cannot agree on a contract the City would then send out a RFP and accept proposals from selected trash haulers. Mr. Duke said he would like staff to ask WM if conducting all of the house side pick-ups on one day of the week would be an option they would be willing to consider. Mr. Schwieterman said he will check with WM.

Nuisance Abatement – Mr. Schwieterman said staff has completed a draft of a Nuisance Abatement Ordinance. Staff will make a presentation regarding this topic at the July 23<sup>rd</sup> City Council Workshop meeting.

Vacations – Mr. Schwieterman noted he will be on vacation Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> and Mr. Bergstresser will be on vacation the week of July 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Schwieterman will send out an email letting staff and Council members know who the Acting City Manager will be during his absence.

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

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