

CITY OF KETTERING
CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MINUTES
October 8, 2019

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio met in a workshop session on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 in the Kettering Meeting Room, 3600 Shroyer Road, Kettering Government Center. The meeting came to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Staff Members Present: City Manager Mark Schwieterman, Assistant City Manager Steve Bergstresser, Law Director Ted Hamer and Community Information Manager Mary Azbill.

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

Introduction of Community Information Manager

Mr. Schwieterman introduced the new Community Information Manager, Mary Azbill, to members of Council. Mrs. Azbill assumed the role September 30, 2019.

Updates

Mr. Schwieterman and Gregg Gorsuch, Economic Development Manager, met with Dean Miller, Senior Vice President, Industrial Realty Group (IRG), regarding a relocation facility for Ohio Task Force 1. Mr. Miller agreed to make this a priority.

The Kettering Community Spotlight will appear in the November 15 edition of the *Dayton Business Journal*. Content ideas will be pitched to *Dayton Business Journal* staff in the coming weeks.

Kettering Leadership Academy will meet at the Kettering Fire Department Thursday, October 10. The session will include the Cost of Poverty Experience simulation.

Mr. Schwieterman will be absent from the next City Council meeting as he will be at the International City/County Management Association annual conference followed by the Ohio Municipal League meeting. Mr. Bergstresser or Mr. Gorsuch will oversee the October 22 meeting.

Americans Disabilities Act (ADA) Presentation – Anna Breidenbach, Compliance and Inclusion Manager, will present ADA updates at Council Workshop Meeting December 17.

Income Tax Update – Mr. Schwieterman stated projections show a greater than \$1 million increase for income tax revenue for 2019 compared to 2018. This will be monitored closely during the next 90-day period.

Community Updates – Mr. Schwieterman noted he will discuss the Frazee Pavilion during the City Council meeting this evening. An article was published in the Dayton Daily News October 7 that was a comingling of several past articles. Mr. Bergstresser’s remarks in the article regarding ticket sales and final numbers not yet available were the only current pieces of information. Interpretation of supplemental appropriations recently approved by City Council led people to believe \$1 million was being used for other things than actually intended. The article did not appropriately reflect what occurred.

Small Cell Installations – Mr. Klepacz requested a status update of small cell installations. Mr. Bergstresser explained that installations recently occurred near the entrance to Irelan Park, on Marshall Road north of Stroop Road, on Rahn Road just east of Far Hills Avenue, and another is planned at on Ackerman Blvd south of Dorothy Lane. For all new small cell installations, a metal pole is required to be installed. If a small cell

installation is proposed to be co-located on an existing wood pole, the wood pole may be utilized. For the installation on Marshall Road north of Stroop, a wooden pole existed and was able to be utilized. For all small cell installations, the maximum total height is 40 feet. Mr. Klepacz requested information be available in the spring edition of *Contact with Kettering*. Mr. Bergstresser explained that, short term, not a lot of installations will be necessary to facilitate areas where cellular coverage is weak. As 5G comes online over the next few years, additional small cell installations may be required. Permits are required by the Engineering Department for small cell installations since they are in the public right-of-way.

Speed Signs – Mr. Klepacz and Mrs. Fisher received complaints from neighborhoods that speed signs are needed on Vale Drive and on Stroop Road. These areas will be included in the Police Department’s speed response/traffic complaint program and the Volunteer Speedwatch Program.

Refuse/Recycling Removal Services - Mr. Bergstresser gave an update on the proposals for Residential Refuse & Recycling Services. A memo was provided to City Council on Friday, October 4 that detailed the proposals that the City received from various haulers. Also, City staff conducted an interview with Rumpke, the apparent low bidder, to clarify several items in their proposal. Mr. Klepacz expressed concern about increased costs for hauling over the proposed term of Rumpke’s contract. Mr. Bergstresser stated that Rumpke will utilize the Collection Cost Adjustment language that was included in the City’s specifications for the Waste Removal Services Request for Proposals. The City’s specifications allow for an annual collection cost adjustment that is based on the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Water/Sewer/Trash, measured on a 12-month basis ending May 31 of each contract year. If the CPI increases from the prior year, the collection costs can be increased by the CPI increase, but shall not exceed 3%. If the CPI decreases from the prior year, the collection costs shall remain the same as the previous year. Collection cost adjustments will be for all levels of service. The City specifications for the new refuse contract dictated that the new hauling contract will be a “cart contents only” program, meaning that refuse will only be collected if it is contained within a disposal cart. The only exception is for the three weeks following Christmas, where additional refuse is permitted to be collected at no additional charge. Rumpke will deploy separate rear-load collection trucks, in addition to the standard automated residential collection trucks, on each collection day to service RTA bus stop refuse collection, properties that abut alleys and all house-side service customers. Mr. Duke is concerned about more trucks being on the streets. Mr. Bergstresser stated they may use split-back trucks, but will clarify this with Rumpke. Mr. Wanamaker expressed concern about residents unable to fit refuse into cart. Rumpke is proposing an Extra Bag Program, where 35 gallon refuse bags will be available for purchase from local retailers for occasional use. Additional carts (96 gal/65 gal/35 gal) will be available to rent from Rumpke on a monthly basis regardless of size, which will also encourage the “cart contents only” program. If the option to use every-other-week recycling is selected, Rumpke will still conduct a weekly bulk item collection service on the regular collection days, with 24-hour prior notice. Council came to consensus that the preference is to stay with weekly recycling collection. Mr. Bergstresser explained the next step is to process the award with Finance to Rumpke, then the City will enter into contract negotiations with Rumpke. Once a contract is developed, legislation approving the contract will be presented to Council in the coming months.

Sidewalk Repair Program – Mr. Bergstresser discussed a trial program than began three years ago in Lincoln Park where trip hazards were sawed off for ADA compliance. No issues have arisen thus far. Engineering is considering using this saw technique within the City’s annual Sidewalk Repair Program. Sawing trip hazards costs 40 to 50 percent less than replacing sidewalk panels. This process allows cutting up to two-inch deflection without destroying sidewalk. In heavily treed areas, such as Ackerman Boulevard, trees will remain and a trip-stop product is typically used. Mr. Bergstresser recommended moving forward with the saw cutting technique as an option in the Sidewalk Repair Program, and keeping with City’s policy to assess the cost for sidewalk repairs to the adjacent property owner. Engineering staff will prepare a list of criteria to be used in determining where the saw cutting method can be used, versus full sidewalk panel replacement. Staff will plan to use the saw cutting method in selected areas as part of the 2020 Program.

The workshop meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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