

CITY OF KETTERING
CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MINUTES
September 24, 2019

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio met in a workshop session on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 in the Kettering Meeting Room, 3600 Shroyer Road, Kettering Government Center. The meeting came to order at 6:05 p.m.

Council Members Present included Mayor Patterson, 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 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.

Board of Community Relations (BCR) – Mr. Schwieterman reminded the Council members today’s Workshop Meeting will end at 7:00 p.m. so the Council members can attend the BCR’s 50th Anniversary celebration in the Deeds Room.

Citizen Tree Planting Program – Mr. Schwieterman noted there was a question during the CIP Budget Workshop meeting regarding where the trees that are purchased through the Citizen Tree Planting Program can be placed in a resident’s yard. Mr. Schwieterman said the size of the tree determines where it can be placed in the yard, but the Parks Department has the final say on the location. The tree in this Program are usually planted in the front yard (not in the tree lawn), but in some circumstances it can be planted in the side yard, the trees cannot be planted in the rear yard.

Tornado Sirens – Mr. Schwieterman stated the Fire Department and the Public Service Department are working on the Tornado Sirens. The Fire Department is looking into potential grant funding to make repairs to the sirens. The maximum grant would be approximately in the \$125,000 range. To replace all the sirens would cost approximately \$300,000. The Fire Department will continue to research the possibility of getting grant funding; if successful the grant would be a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant.

Sidewalk Repair Program – Mr. Bergstresser stated staff would like to change the annual timing of the program to give citizens more time to hire a contractor to make the sidewalk repairs. Under the proposed schedule staff would like to have Council pass the resolution of necessity at the second Council meeting in October. Staff would then notify residents in early November and they would have several months to hire a contractor if that is the option they choose. City Council could then approve the bid authorization in January. The Council members agreed this is a good idea and they approved of the proposed schedule.

Centerville Corporation Boundary Adjustment – Mr. Bergstresser noted he is meeting with the City of Centerville staff to begin the process of adjusting the corporation boundary. Mr. Bergstresser has been in contact with the affected Kettering resident and he wants to move forward with the adjustment.

Refuse/Recycling Removal Services – Mr. Bergstresser stated the City received four proposals for refuse removal from the Request for Proposal (RFP) that was sent out. The bids were received from Rumpke, City of Dayton, Republic and Waste Management. He noted the apparent low bidder is Rumpke. Mr. Bergstresser stated the Rumpke bid for regular service (weekly refuse, weekly recycling, curbside automated) would be \$15.25 per month. Currently Waste Management charges \$13.82 a month for that service and

Waste Management's bid for the same service was \$18.90 per month. Mr. Bergstresser reviewed the entire Rumpke bid with the Council members. He noted he and Mr. Schwieterman will be meeting with Rumpke representatives later this week to review the proposal. Mr. Wanamaker asked how Rumpke would handle refuse pick up in the City's alleys. Mr. Bergstresser said there are 875 homes that have trash service in alleys and it was in the RFP that the successful bidder must pick up the alley access refuse at the same price as regular pick up. Mr. Klepacz said Waste Management has been pretty community oriented, will Rumpke be the same way. Mr. Schwieterman said staff can discuss that with them at the meeting on Friday. Mr. Klepacz asked if Rumpke would provide partial funding for the City trash liaison employee. Mr. Bergstresser said yes, that was in the RFP and that was included in all bids submitted. Mr. Schwieterman said the purpose of this discussion was just to let Council know who the apparent low bidder is; staff will continue with their due diligence and report back to City Council with a recommendation.

Mrs. Fisher noted we have received a few resident complaints regarding speeding in certain areas. She asked if the City still has volunteers who sit in the Police car with the large speed indicator sign on the back that shows drivers their speed as they go by. Mr. Schwieterman said yes we still have volunteers that work "speed watch" and reminders can be sent to owners of vehicles that are speeding. And if we receive a specific complaint we address those on individual basis. Mr. Klepacz asked if we have any more of the driver feedback signs that we are planning to put up. Mr. Bergstresser said all the driver feedback signs the City has are in use, they cost around \$5,000 each. Mr. Klepacz and Mrs. Fisher both thought the City should purchase more of the signs and install them. They feel it bring speed to driver's attention and encourage people to slow down.

The workshop meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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