

CITY OF KETTERING  
CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MINUTES  
February 11, 2020

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in a workshop session on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, 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 Klepacz, Mr. Lautar, Mr. Duke, Mrs. Fisher and Mr. Wanamaker. Mayor Patterson and Mr. Scott had excused absences.

Staff Members Present: Assistant City Manager Steve Bergstresser, Law Director Ted Hamer, Economic Development Manager Gregg Gorsuch and Community Information Manager Mary Azbill

Mr. Sterling Abernathy was also in attendance.

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

Resolution 11 – Contract for Landscape Installation – Schantz Bridge – This project will line up with completion of the bridge art installation for late May/early June ribbon cutting.

Sale of Bond – KPD Renovation – This is complete and closing is scheduled for February 12. The City received a 1.77% interest rate. Approximately 12 bond companies responded to the bid for a 20-year bond. The City could potentially refinance in ten years if practical.

Centerville Court Boundary Adjustment – A parcel on Rahn Road, two off of Glenmina and a piece by Pondview Park will be adjusted. The City wants to put all of Pondview Park in Kettering. Staff has been working with Centerville and Montgomery County on the project. Everyone involved is ready to proceed. This should be included on next agenda or in March.

Mr. Klepacz asked if Kettering has been treating the land in Pondview park like it’s theirs.

Mr. Bergstresser confirmed.

The OPRA annual conference recognized Kettering’s Bee Ambitious project in the Haverstick neighborhood which consists of sidewalk mosaics of popular games. The project won first place for historical and cultural arts. Shayna McConville accepted the honor.

Maplecrest Update – Soil boring work was completed. The geology of the hillside is being evaluated to potentially hold sewer lines. There were issues in the 1980s, and the County is doing their homework. Results should be ready by the end of this week and recommendations made. A water main was hit and fixed during soil boring. The County is bringing in a sub-surface utility engineer to gather more information. Everything is on schedule and 90% complete. Plans to move forward should be in place by end of month. Funding strategy will take place after cost estimates are completed. The City should know something by March.

Mr. Klepacz stated that March 16 is the date for final decision according to the letter sent to residents. He then asked if the City is going to get word out to residents.

Mr. Bergstresser stated that we need to get the final number from the County.

Mrs. Fisher said that we need to over communicate to residents and send emails with weekly updates.

Mr. Duke stated that the Maplecrest residents should be updated via email every other week.

Mr. Klepacz asked if they were boring when the main broke.

Mr. Bergstresser confirmed.

Rumpke – The City met with Rumpke in January for the project kickoff. They bring a level of confidence with their services. The number of staff present included key people from each area—sales, government affairs, vice present from the Dayton region and marketing people.

Mr. Lautar asked if Mary Jo Csizma is the contact.

Mr. Bergstresser confirmed.

Mr. Bergstresser continued to say that Ms. Azbill released the initial article in the spring edition of Contact With Kettering. The press release will be sent Thursday morning.

Mr. Duke asked where the press release goes.

Mr. Bergstresser explained that it goes to media outlets.

Mr. Duke inquired about same-size carts with Rumpke as residents have with Waste Management?

Mr. Bergstresser confirmed.

Mr. Klepacz asked if there would be continued communication.

Mr. Bergstresser confirmed and stated that Rumpke and Kettering will send communiques starting end of April to include brochures and answers to frequently asked questions. This transition will be easier than when we switched to Waste Management. There is no re-registration and no preparatory steps required from residents.

Mr. Klepacz expressed concern about residents having no room for both sets of receptacles in their garages.

Mr. Bergstresser stated that Mary Jo Csizma is working with Waste Management and Rumpke to simultaneously switch out the carts in June by following each other on the routes. Rumpke will attend the City Block Party on June 3 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Rumpke will have a big presence. They are bringing a new truck for kids to explore. CNG Trucks are ordered and slated to be delivered on time. Customer service facility for representatives specialized in the Kettering contract will be in place. Management presence on the routes initially to ensure drivers are properly trained. Collection days will remain the same, but the pickup times may change.

Mr. Duke inquired about house-side residents.

Mr. Bergstresser assured him that the database was transferred and size of cart, along with service levels will stay intact.

Mr. Klepacz switched topics to the possibility of having a flagpole at Lincoln Park around the Fraze as requested by a resident in October or November. He asked if the policy on flags in parks was researched.

Mr. Bergstresser stated that when the City looked at this inquiry in the fall, regulations in the zoning code regarding non-public right of way for both Kettering and private properties do not allow two installations on the same property. The Government Center runs to the edge of Lincoln Park. A flagpole in this area may be different due to zoning depending on how tall and ensuring it does not fall into any public right-of-way . Limitations exist within Lincoln Park. A lot of utilities come into play, and there is a

water main that runs down the middle creating fall zone and utility issues. The Civic Commons entrance is public right of way.

Mr. Duke asked if this was the City's zoning code regulation.

Mr. Bergstresser confirmed.

Mr. Bergstresser stated the City has to look into it further. Lit poles will cost \$5,000 to install per Dave Duritsch, Public Service Director.

Mr. Duke asked if the City has an inventory of all poles in the place.

Mr. Bergstresser stated he has to look into this regarding civic buildings and parks.

Mr. Klepacz stated that Lincoln Park is our showcase park and asked how this can be accomplished.

Mr. Wanamaker stated he would like to see the City flag included.

Mr. Lautar concluded to find a spot somewhere in the Civic Common/Lincoln Park area for a flag.

Mr. Bergstresser agreed.

At 7:13 p.m., Mr. Lautar made a motion to enter into executive session under Section 121.06 (k) of the Codified Ordinances for purposes of Property Matters, Economic Development and Conference with Attorney; the motion was seconded by Mr. Wanamaker. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Time did not allow for Conference with Attorney.

At 7:25 p.m., Council exited the executive session and went back on the record.

The workshop meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Clerk of Council