

CITY OF KETTERING
CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MINUTES
February 25, 2020

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in a workshop session on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, in the Kettering Meeting Room, 3600 Shroyer Road, Kettering Government Center. The meeting came to order at 6:02 p.m.

Council Members Present included Vice Mayor Klepacz, Mr. Lautar, Mrs. Fisher and Mr. Wanamaker. Mr. Scott arrived at 6:08 p.m. Mayor Patterson and Mr. Duke 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

Ms. Stacy Wall Schweikhart, Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) and Mr. Sterling Abernathy were also in attendance.

Long Term Disaster Recovery Project Update – Mr. Bergstresser introduced Stacy Wall Schweikhart who presented the Long Term Disaster Recovery Project's purpose, updates and next steps relative to the destruction of the Memorial Day 2019 tornados impacting Montgomery, Greene and Miami Counties. MVRPC is the designated leader of the Long-Term Community Disaster Recovery Network helping the impacted communities create a plan for recovery and resiliency. The advisory group will support both the individual and community long term recovery networks. It will be comprised of 16 community leaders. An individual is in place for individual household assistance planning.

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) announced a \$900,000 grant to MVRPC for the Disaster Recovery Management project. The Dayton Foundation provided the required 20% local match for the EDA grant out of the Miami Valley Disaster Relief Fund. This award will allow MVRPC to hire a full-time Disaster Recovery Manager to provide direct assistance to all impacted jurisdictions for the next five years. The role of the Disaster Recovery Manager will be to advise impacted jurisdictions on programs, services and funding available to support recovery and resiliency.

The Long Term Disaster Recovery framework calls for the formation of a Disaster Recovery Leadership Advisory Board to provide strategic leadership, oversight and transparency for the community regarding recovery efforts. The Board will also assist with fundraising, communications and potential policy and protocol creation to aid the community in rebuilding and recovering post-disaster. Term limits will be three years to match with the three phases within the recovery timeline. Members will rotate off the board in staggered succession. MVRPC will provide the administrative support for the Board and will appoint a representative to serve as Board Chair.

The United Way 211 HelpLink is the best way to get help navigating the recovery and rebuilding process. Once callers identify themselves as a tornado victim, the 211 operator will register them for one-on-one disaster case management assistance.

Teams of skilled volunteers from reputable Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOADs) will arrive in the Miami Valley this Spring. The teams will tackle as many properties in impacted communities as we can have ready for them.

MVRPC is convening a task force to assist in this effort. MVRPC will seek funds from the EDA to facilitate a new Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Region. A current CEDS for the region will unlock additional funding opportunities, related to and beyond the disaster. Dayton Development Coalition has agreed to partner with MVRPC on this process ensuring that the new CEDS will cover the entire region. The estimated cost of the new CEDS will be \$200,000. MVRPC will apply for \$160,000 from the EDA. The application will require 20% local match of \$40,000 which will be comprised of in-kind expenses related to staff leadership and facilitation of the process.

Mr. Klepacz asked how damages will be measured north of town, he said he still sees a lot of blue tarps on roof tops

Ms. Schweikhart stated this will not change for three years due to the lack of insurance in Harrison Township and Trotwood.

Mr. Klepacz asked how we can identify that in three years, results will be accomplished. What's being done?

Ms. Schweikhart stated that a data committee will develop a list of every impacted property. Many properties were vacant and already in disrepair. They will identify zombie properties and determine how the new builds would be effective.

Mr. Lautar asked how many individuals left the area.

Ms. Schweikhart explained that the impact on renters was very significant. Transient population is easier to go somewhere else. Middletown has seen an influx of displaced people. MVRPC is anticipating another wave of people leaving.

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

Archbishop Alter High School Varsity Girls Soccer State Champions – Mr. Klepacz will present.

Martin Luther King Essay Contest Winners presented by Mrs. Fisher. One winner will read an essay.

Battalion Chief Mitch Robbins will provide executive summaries on resolutions one and two.

Chief Protzman will speak for resolution number three.

Mr. Bergstresser will speak for resolutions four, five and six.

Traffic Control - Rahn Road at Bigger – Mr. Bergstresser stated Bigger Road was just repaved. Rahn is extra wide for parking and through lane. At Rahn and Bigger, there is a left turn lane and a through lane and right turn lane—both can go through and two vehicles are coming through at same time without a receiving end on the other side. Kettering Police and Traffic Engineering reviewed and decided to create a through and right turn only on both sides. This will be a forced right turn lane.

Mr. Lautar asked if bicyclists are required to use through lane.

Mr. Bergstresser said yes and explained that at Rahn and Wilmington, lanes are designated but aren't channelized. Lane-use controlled by signs for right turn and through lane.

Rahn and Marshall between Centerville and Washington Township are already marked.

Mr. Klepacz asked if markings will be on the pavement.

Mr. Bergstresser replied that there are channelizing lines but not lane arrows. The City's philosophy is to let channelized lines do their job, as well as lane control signs.

Forrer and Woodman - Prior to 2011, Forrer was two lanes each direction until bike lanes put it to one lane. On the opposite side of Forrer is Woodman Drive access road. Prior to November 2018, there was a No Turn on Red sign because there were no receiving lanes. After analysis, Traffic Engineering removed signs. The City never legislated that to make it official. It is just a matter of bookkeeping.

Mrs. Fisher asked if Rahn Road signs will encourage single lane.

Mr. Bergstresser confirmed and explained it would also eliminate drag racing situation.

Joint School Board Meeting – Mr. Bergstresser stated the meeting would be held March 31 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., in the Deeds Conference Room.

Flight Line Bikeway Project – Mr. Bergstresser noted the City continues to work with Dayton to develop bikeway from Tenneco past Ascension beyond the root beer stand into downtown Dayton. Dayton renewed negotiations with the railroad, but no final price was established. Dayton is also working on a funding scenario for their local match for what the purchase price would be. Kettering will most likely be asked to pay 20% of the

cost, and Dayton is determining how they will fund 75% of cost. Meetings are scheduled with the Water Department who had more funds available for land projects and acquisitions. Dayton is going through the master planning process. There might be a need for acquisition of land for their facilities. If that is the case, they can help fund the land acquisition costs. The Water Department will not have an answer until later this year. Dayton will work with Norfolk Southern Railroad to make sure they still hold onto it working within our timeframe. The City will meet regularly and try to figure out other sources of funding.

Mr. Lautar asked if Dayton thinks the railroad will decide not to parcel it out.

Mr. Bergstresser stated that the railroad agreed to hold it for the City of Dayton. Targeting next round of Clean Ohio for March 2021. This time next year, the City will probably submit application for funding.

Mr. Klepacz asked if this would have an impact on the pumping station.

Mr. Bergstresser stated there could be potential impact, and the City will monitor that.

Rumpke – Mr. Duke sent an email stating he received a note from a resident who's neighbor did not have trash collection asking what can be done with the new contract with Rumpke. This will be discussed next workshop after meeting with Rumpke March 4.

CDBG Funds – Mr. Bergstresser stated the City received our CDBG allocation for the upcoming year—two percent increase on \$500,000.

At 7:01 p.m., Mr. Scott made a motion to enter into executive session under Section 121.06 (k) of the Codified Ordinances for purpose of Conference with Attorney; the motion was seconded by Mr. Lautar. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

At 7:22 p.m., Council exited the executive session and went back on the record.

Mrs. Fisher inquired about a resident who did not pay income tax and owes the City money creating financial burden. Mr. Bergstresser explained the City tries to recover money quickly. The IRS has a rule that fees must be paid in five years. The City offers payment plans for back taxes.

Mr. Gorsuch stated that only earned income is taxed. Residents are required to file a form stating they have no earned income.

Mr. Klepacz stated that Kettering is a mandatory filing city. Residents who do not file or provide appropriate information are notified. He suggested scheduling someone from the Tax Department to present the process at a future workshop.

Everyone was in agreement.

Mr. Scott reminded the group of the amnesty program put into place five years ago allowing a period of time for residents to step forward without penalty.

The workshop meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

ATTEST:

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