The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in a workshop session on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, in the Kettering Meeting Room, 3600 Shroyer Road, Kettering Government Center. The meeting came to order at 6:03 p.m.

Council Members Present included Vice Mayor Klepacz, Mr. Lautar, Mrs. Fisher and Mr. Scott and Mr. Wanamaker. Mayor Patterson arrived at 6:25 p.m., after serving at a community event. Mr. Duke had an excused absence.

Staff Members Present: Assistant City Manager Steve Bergstresser, Law Director Ted Hamer, Police Chief Chip Protsman, Economic Development Manager Gregg Gorsuch and Community Information Manager Mary Azbill. Mr. Sterling Abernathy was also in attendance.

Agenda Review – Mr. Bergstresser asked if anyone had questions regarding tonight’s agenda. Mr. Gorsuch was asked to speak about resolution number five at the Council meeting.

Bequest to Recreation Center – Mr. Bergstresser explained there was a bequest from the estate of Larry S. Tracy in the approximate amount of $68,000 was given to the Recreation Center. A use for the funds has not been determined. Funds were deposited in PRCA fund.

Mr. Klepacz recommended a plaque or tree to recognize the donor.

Boundary Adjustment Between Kettering and Centerville – Mr. Bergstresser stated there will be an ordinance in first reading on the boundary adjustments between Centerville and Kettering near Pondview Park. Second reading will take place at the March 24 meeting and approval after that. Both cities should be able to submit documentation to County for approval in April. This will take care of property on Rahn Road. There will be another part of this process to re-plat the current owner’s property by combining four parcels. Planning Commission will approve re-platted property and rezone it to be in Kettering zoning. It will not be an issue when he sells. We will follow up to ensure he knows we are moving forward.

Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) Update – Mr. Bergstresser distributed an update on what the City is trying to do to contain the COVID-19. Staying in line with recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and, in particular, Public Health – Dayton and Montgomery County. We need to take Montgomery County’s lead. If it becomes more of a serious issue, then we might need to take additional steps. We are trying to up the hygiene level in work spaces around the City by wiping down surfaces more frequently. Our Facilities department is trying to be more diligent using sanitizing fluids to deep clean things.

The only City employees who enter private residents are from the Police Department, Fire Department, building inspectors from Planning & Development and Vickie Carraher, Senior Services. Building inspectors will ask if occupants have the flu before they enter. Inspections will be suspended if this becomes more serious. The Police Department already has infectious disease protocol. There may be an issue with number of protective equipment if an extended period of usage is required.

Mr. Lautar inquired about a backup plan for Dispatch.
Chief Protsman stated they have an agreement with Centerville dispatch. If this happens, Kettering still has officers trained to work in dispatch, so they could be relied upon, as well.

Mr. Klepacz asked if dispatch would move to Fire Headquarters if contaminated.

Chief explained that KFD backup center is not ready yet. KPD would use Centerville or Moraine. KPD dispatchers would physically transfer to either facility.

Mr. Bergstresser added that if City administration is infected, we have the ability to set up work from home situations. However, we are here to serve unless absenteeism becomes an issue, and we are nowhere near that point.

Mr. Klepacz asked if a plan is devised if the Rec Center closes.

Mr. Bergstresser explained that media channels will be contacted, as well as updates on our website and social media. Unless Montgomery County advises, we will take it a day at a time.

At 7:16 p.m., Mr. Scott made a motion to enter into executive session under Section 121.06 (k) of the Codified Ordinances for purposes of Personnel Matters, Labor Negotiations, Economic Development, Property Matters, Negotiations with Organizations or Individuals and Conference with Attorney; the motion was seconded by Mr. Lautar. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

At 7:28 p.m., Council exited the executive session and went back on the record.

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

ATTEST:

DONALD E. PATTERTON
MAYOR

LASHAUNAH D. KACZYNSKI
Clerk of Council