

CITY OF KETTERING  
CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MINUTES  
November 26, 2019

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in a workshop session on Tuesday, November 26, 2019, in the Kettering Meeting Room, 3600 Shroyer Road, Kettering Government Center. The meeting came to order at 6:00 p.m.

Council Members Present included Mayor Patterson, Vice Mayor Lautar, Mr. Klepacz, Mr. Wanamaker, Mrs. Fisher and Mr. Scott. Mr. Duke had an excused absence.

Staff Members Present: City Manager Mark Schwieterman, Law Director Ted Hamer, Community Information Manager Mary Azbill, Economic Development Manager Gregg Gorsuch, Engineering Director John Sliemers and Planning and Development Director Tom Robillard.

Mr. Sterling Abernathy was also in attendance.

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

Edge Program Renewal – There is a resolution on the agenda authorizing the City to enter into a new 10-year EDGE Agreement with the Montgomery County Commissioners. Mr. Schwieterman participated on the committee that reviewed the program and made proposed changes for the next 10 years. The proposed changes are mainly behind the scenes adjustments that will make communities and funding recipients more accountable.

Three Ordinances – First Reading – Emergency

1. Bond Refinancing - The bond levy is callable due to lower interest rates. There will no expense to the City; and, the savings will be \$700,000 by 2028. This will be brought before Council November 26 as an emergency ordinance which is standard procedure.
2. Amendments to tax codes to comply with State of Ohio - A revision to the City’s tax code that will bring it into compliance with the Ohio Revised Code requirements will be brought before Council November 26, 2019, as an emergency ordinance which is standard protocol.
1. Access easement – request to vacate an unnecessary public pedestrian access easement located parallel to the north-south portion of Composite Drive on the property located at 1930 and 2000 Composite Drive. This proposed easement vacation will accommodate the recording of the Composite Subdivision. There will likely be a request for emergency ordinance at the November 26<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting. Developer agreed. No public interaction.

Supplemental Appropriations

1. Money we used to help others – FEMA reimbursement
2. Police pension fund
3. PRCA debt
4. Drainage Fund additions
5. We will appropriate \$25,000 for emergency fund
6. Salt

Community Update – Rumpke – There will be a Resolution to enter into agreement with Rumpke for residential refuse pick up on the December 3 City Council agenda. Mr. Schwieterman will present a detailed presentation at December 3 City Council meeting. Marketing and notifications will begin in March and April. The switch to Rumpke won’t happen until July 1, 2020.

Maplecrest Sanitary Sewer Project – The Montgomery County Commissioners recently held a public meeting regarding the topic and had a few Kettering residents show up. Mr. Schwieterman noted it may be possible for Kettering residents to receive CDBG funds to assist with the required sewer repairs. Mr. Lautar asked if staff could find out a ballpark number the residents may be eligible for and then perhaps staff could send them reminder notices the funds may be available. Mr. Schwieterman said yes, staff will take care of it.

Budget Presentation – The Directors team received the budget presentation from Finance this morning. The Budget Workshop Meeting is scheduled for 5:00 on December 3<sup>rd</sup> staff feels we won't need that much time. Council changed the Budget Workshop Meeting to 5:30 in Deeds Room on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Kettering Health Network – Mr. Schwieterman has a meeting scheduled tomorrow with Richard Haas of KHN and will discuss hospital and City projects and priorities. . Mayor Patterson asked about a crosswalk at Fairmont like those at Kettering Medical Center. Mr. Schwieterman said staff will look into it but it may be cost prohibitive.

School Concert – Fairmont High School's annual holiday concert is December 16 in the evening or at the assembly December 17.

GFOA Award – Finance received GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (CAFR) Program

Skate Park Lot – Car shows still being held in this lot. The Law Department, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts and Police will work to stop these events. They need to ask permission.

Zencity - Zencity is a tool that uses artificial intelligence to monitor social media for public sentiment. For instance, if ten people come to a City Council meeting with concerns about Kettering welcoming a public e-scooter system, do they speak for all? For most? Any? We would use Zencity to measure public sentiment about public e-scooter system on social media to determine a broader spectrum of opinions and sentiment. The City of Dayton sings Zencity's praises regarding its impact during the water boil advisory last summer. Their call center exploded with calls, and they were inundated with comments on Facebook. Zencity creates reports from social media and categorizes everything, by department within the city, taking the guesswork and manual monitoring out of the equation. There is concern about public perception of spying; but, the tool is doing nothing differently than human monitoring, just more thoroughly and timely. Vice Mayor Lautar asked if Kettering social media has enough flow to warrant such a tool. Mr. Schwieterman stated that we don't know. Power users will meet to discuss next week. Then, we will talk to the schools to see if they are interested in partnering. The tool is pro-resident – It helps see relevance. Council asked about Nextdoor app and if that could help the city. The contract would be for one year.

Massage Ordinance – Council said they feel staff has addressed all their concerns. And made it good for all concerned. December 3 Council meeting will be the first reading of the Ordinance and the second reading will be on December 17<sup>th</sup>. – Mr. Wanamaker asked if will affect chiropractors. Mr. Robillard stated Chiropractors are exempt as they are licensed. Massage therapists with separate businesses may need a massage establishment license = \$125/year. Therapist is \$25/2 years.

At 6:43 p.m. Mayor Patterson 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 Vice Mayor Lautar. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

At 7:26 p.m., Council exited the executive session and went back on the record.

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

ATTEST:

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MAYOR

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Clerk of Council