

CITY OF KETTERING
CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MINUTES
November 10, 2020

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in a workshop session on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, via video conference. Public portions of the Workshop were live streamed at www.youtube.com. Mayor Patterson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Staff Members Present: City Manager Mark Schwieterman, Assistant City Manager Steve Bergstresser, Law Director Ted Hamer, Economic Development Manager Gregg Gorsuch, Human Resource Director Sara Mills Klein and Community Information Manager Mary Azbill.

Agenda Review – Mr. Schwieterman advised that a few agenda items would be discussed before executive session after which Council would return to Workshop. He asked if Council members had questions.

Tony Klepacz inquired about the \$50,000 for legal counsel (public defenders) and how that amount compares to this year. Mr. Hamer explained that the City is well below \$55,000 for 2020, and advised the decrease was most likely COVID related.

Tree Dedication – Mr. Schwieterman reminded Council members of the invitation to Dave Noble's Tree Dedication November 11 at 1:00 at Indian Riffle Park. Dave was a former Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts employee. The Parks Foundation is dedicating Oak trees tomorrow afternoon. It will be near the Skate Park. It will be shown virtually, as well.

Rumpke – Mr. Schwieterman advised that Rumpke notified 660 households who have not yet paid a bill for service. Only 150 customers paid in response to notification which leaves 500 who have not. Customers who have not paid will receive no service this week.

Mr. Lautar asked if Rumpke sent out several notifications to delinquent households. Mr. Bergstresser stated that the first round of correspondence was sent and will continue until paid.

Kettering City Schools Transportation – Mr. Schwieterman met with Superintendent Scott Inskeep who advised there are issues with bus drivers. There is a shortage of drivers which results in a number of routes not being covered yesterday. The district notified parochial schools--with the exception of St. Charles--that bus service is discontinued. This includes their contract with the City of Oakwood.

Income Tax Report – Mr. Schwieterman explained that the City budgeted \$52,260,000 for 2020, and revised it down to \$50,000,000 in September. In October, it was further revised to \$49,240,000. Mayor Patterson asked to see month-to-month projections during the pandemic. Mr. Schwieterman will send tax summaries for comparison.

At 6:13 p.m., Vice Mayor Klepacz made a motion to enter into executive session under Section 121.06 (k) of the Codified Ordinances for purposes of Property Matters; Conference with Attorney; Labor Negotiations; Economic Development; and Negotiations with Organizations or Individuals; the motion was seconded by Mr. Duke. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

At 6:57 p.m., Council exited the executive session and went back on the public record.

Extension of Time to File BZA Appeal to Council – Mr. Lautar made a motion to grant the extension of time for Mr. Jenkins to file the appeal for the property located at 3825 Wilmington Pike; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Fisher. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Mr. Hamer will notify the appellate that his extension has been granted through November 30.

Ice Arena – Mr. Schwieterman advised the ice arena was closed today due to malfunction of Zamboni while it's repaired. The arena will re-open tomorrow or the next day. Klepacz asked if the vehicle maintenance center takes care of the Zamboni. Mr. Schwieterman confirmed.

COVID Update – Mr. Schwieterman explained that the numbers are skyrocketing at 6000 cases today and almost 400 hospitalizations. In conference calls with the Governor's Office, he is asking for the City to lead by example. Rethink and change behavior. Ohio Mayor's Association will receive a letter from Ohio Municipal League asking leaders to take action. Health care staff levels are low. Elective procedures will be prohibited to save staff time. The City started with two positive cases on staff, ten quarantined and nine staff members not working because they are symptomatic. Rosewood re-opened November 3. A patron incident last week involved several volleyball team members who contracted COVID, and they were asked not to play tonight. The City's COVID Task Force continues to meet every Monday and updates our Directors on Tuesday. Mr. Schwieterman is meeting with all departments to urge them to follow COVID-19 protocol while in the office and working to try to limit spread and exposure. Protocol is set up so that if an employee is positive, the entire office is not off for 14 days. The City is masked, distanced and staying apart. Public Health is backlogged on contact tracing. We remain diligent and the right decision was made to meet virtually. The Governor indicated that positive data by ZIP code will be available very soon.

Tony asked when the City will start looking at where they are now and the impact it is going to have tomorrow and things that need to happen now to prepare for events next year. Mr. Schwieterman stated that we will start working on those pieces as soon as the budget document is approved. The City has assumptions for next year with implementation dates for programs and services. Something for PRCA that might be 12 months at 100% might be adjusted to 6 months at 40%. Determinations will be made as the City moves forward.

The City Council Workshop Meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council