

CITY OF KETTERING  
CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MINUTES  
February 9, 2021

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in a workshop session on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, via video conference. Public portions of the Workshop were live streamed at [www.youtube.com](http://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. Duke, and Mrs. Fisher. Mr. Wanamaker 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 and Community Information Manager Mary Azbill.

Agenda Review – Mr. Schwieterman reviewed the agenda with members of City Council.

Council Meeting Update – Mr. Schwieterman suggested that City Council meetings and Workshop sessions resume meeting in person beginning March 9. Workshop meetings will be open for public attendance in the lower level of the Government Center. Council meetings will resume in chambers at 7:30 p.m. The State of the City will be presented March 9 (depending on Mayor Patterson's voice), and the citizen lifesaving award will be presented. Members who prefer to join by phone via Zoom should call the Council office.

Vice Mayor Klepacz asked if reserved seating would be available for extra people at Workshop sessions. Mr. Schwieterman confirmed that limited seating would be available for the public and staff presence would be limited, as well.

Police Department Crisis Intervention Specialist (CIS) Introduction – A video was prepared by the police department to introduce the new CIS. Through a grant obtained by Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services (ADAMHS), KPD partnered with South Community to add this valuable position to their department. The CIS will spend time with officers responding to mental health related calls for service, conduct follow up contacts with at-risk individuals, assist in professional placement of those needing assistance, as well as provide relative training for KPD personnel. This position will aid officers and citizens in finding effective solutions and potential treatment in lieu of incarceration.

Mr. Lautar asked if data will be kept on types of situations the CIS is involved with or how they were resolved. Mr. Schwieterman confirmed that the information would be available.

Mr. Duke asked if Kettering plans to promote these services beyond local social media (i.e., OML?). Mr. Schwieterman stated the information would be published in the OCMA newsletter. He explained that the police department has done interviews with Dayton Daily News and WDTN. This project started in 2019 with ADAMHS. The City of Dayton has also hired a social worker from Eastway and implemented a similar program.

Public Records Request for Payroll – Mr. Schwieterman announced that payroll information for 2020 was added to the City's website and sent to a Dayton Daily News reporter upon request. Mayor and Council salaries were published in Contact With Kettering – Spring Edition. The postcard will be published at the end of March or beginning of April on the City's financial transparency page.

Mayor Patterson asked what it costs to send the postcard. Mr. Schwieterman stated it costs approximately \$6,000 to send the postcard to residents.

Mr. Schwieterman stated that the City receives annual public records requests from Dayton Daily News and Dayton Business Journal. The postcard is a Charter requirement and is not in response to the records request.

Kevin Jones Insurance Update – Mr. Schwieterman explained that, as part of the Wilmington Pike Project, Kevin Jones Insurance is approximately five weeks from completion.

COVID-19 Update – Mr. Schwieterman stated that, for the last two days we have zero positive cases to report. Kettering Fire Department continues with second-round vaccinations and hopes to be finished by mid-February. The Friday packet contained a presentation from the Health Department's monthly meeting with City Managers.

Mayor Patterson asked if police would be receiving vaccinations. Mr. Schwieterman stated that police will be vaccinated based on age among the general population. KPD officers have been vaccinated based on their willingness to work at the site downtown.

FARO Scanner – Mr. Schwieterman stated that the Tactical Crime Suppression Unit (TCSU) recommended purchasing this 3D measurement, imaging and realization technology for \$50,000. The scanner would be used by Miami Valley Communications Council and purchased using forfeiture funds. This handheld scanner would be used for on scene evidence collection with enhanced capabilities. The scanner would not be under the City's control, but it will be at our disposal.

Mr. Duke asked how the scanner works. Mr. Schwieterman explained that it is a handheld scanner that looks like a spotlight. It scans the area and uploads thousands of data points to the computer, such as trash can contents, glass debris, light poles, etc.

Fraze Pavilion – Mr. Schwieterman announced that the City is moving forward with the intention that there will be a Fraze season. There will be modifications for social distancing with a July 1 start date. Seasonal recruitment has begun to fill positions.

At 6:25 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; Economic Development; and Negotiations with Organizations or Individuals; the motion was seconded by Mr. Lautar. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

At 7:00 p.m., Council exited the executive session and went back on the public record.

The City Council Workshop Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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