

CITY OF KETTERING  
CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MINUTES  
March 9, 2021

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in a workshop session on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, in the Deeds Meeting Room, 3600 Shroyer Road, Kettering Government Center. The meeting came to order at 6:04 p.m.

Council Members Present included Mayor Patterson, Vice Mayor Klepacz, Mr. Lautar, Mr. Duke and Mrs. Fisher. Mr. Wanamaker attended via video conference.

Staff Members Present included City Manager Mark Schwieterman, Assistant City Manager Steve Bergstresser, Law Director Ted Hamer, Economic Development Manager Gregg Gorsuch and Community Information Manager Mary Azbill.

Mr. Sterling Abernathy was also in attendance.

Agenda Review – Mr. Schwieterman reviewed the agenda with members of City Council stating that the Citizenship Award would be presented by the Kettering Fire Department followed by Mayor Patterson’s presentation of the 2021 State of the City Address.

Rosewood Arts Centre – Authorization to submit grant applications for an ArtsNext Grant from the Ohio Arts Council and a Special Projects Grant from the Montgomery County Arts and Culture District. These two grants would work in conjunction with 1% for the Arts and other agencies to fund a mural to be placed on the west-facing side of the building.

Ohio Supreme Court Grant – Clerk of Courts Rob Scott is applying for funding for the database operating system for the Clerk’s operations. The grant provides 100% funding. If the City does not receive funding, the project will be a capital outlay expense. There are monies in the Municipal Court and Clerk of Court funds, and the City would need to appropriate monies in that fund. If the City is awarded the grant, it will need to be appropriated.

Vectren Update – The City was notified that Vectren will repair a gas main at the intersection of Far Hills Avenue and Stroop Road during overnight hours on April 6. Some or all directions of traffic will need to be closed for 12 to 24 hours to make the repair. Preliminary work is required to isolate the leak. Vectren wants to complete the repair before the replacement project begins.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grant – Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission announced that the region-wide grant application was successful. Kettering was awarded funds for installation(s) at Delco Park and Kettering Recreation Complex. The Government Center installation was not approved. Staff will meet March 10 to determine next steps to accept the grant.

Mr. Lautar asked how many charging stations would be installed. Mr. Bergstresser stated that the number has not been determined yet. Each station costs \$22,500.

Mr. Duke asked if the stations require a credit card payment. Mr. Bergstresser confirmed.

Mr. Duke followed up asking if the stations are fast charging. Mr. Bergstresser stated they were not and explained that funding for fast chargers will be available in 2022.

RTA Presentation - Al Fullenkamp was appointed to the RTA Board. Mr. Bergstresser is the City’s point of contact. Mr. Bergstresser presented routes for which RTA intended to add or change frequency to make quick trips from Point A to Point B in Kettering. There is not an immediate plan to add the routes, but RTA is evaluating the City’s need for them.

Mayor Patterson asked if plans were in place to remove the trolley wires. Mr. Schwieterman will ask Mr. Fullenkamp to look into this.

Mr. Duke asked if RTA plans to fund a Flyer line to serve Kettering—especially families without transportation. Mr. Schwieterman stated that RTA presented improvements to the routing, but not a Flyer line.

Franchise Fee Rebate – Miami Valley Communications Council (MVCC) receives a 20% franchise fee rebate that is given back to the participating cities. Kettering receives \$115,000 annually. MVCC is voting on a resolution to end the rebate and keep the monies.

Mayor Patterson recommended watching how the funds are used ensuring that they are used properly and for necessity. Mr. Schwieterman explained that Gov Tech reviewed the budget each week.

Go Fourth Celebration – The City plans to host the Go Fourth celebration on July 4, with modifications, as necessary. The event may be just fireworks; fireworks and music; or fireworks, music and food vendors. The City needs to go out for bid on the fireworks with at least two vendors.

Fire Marshal Retirement - Bill Ford announced his retirement in mid-June. Recruitment for that position will begin immediately.

Fraze Pavilion - Enabling legislation will be on the March 23 agenda. The City is moving forward with a plan to begin a Fraze season no sooner than July 1. The 30% capacity guideline currently in place is problematic; but, as that percentage goes up, Fraze will be ready to go. Recruitment has already begun for seasonal jobs.

Mayor Patterson asked how the City plans to get employees who will not have other jobs. Mr. Schwieterman advised that the City will announce Fraze jobs starting July 1 which will reduce the hiring pool.

Mayor Patterson asked if the Volunteer Office could help. Mr. Schwieterman advised everything possible would be done.

Vice Mayor Klepacz requested the 2019 statistics showing the percentage breakdown on attendance for each show. Mr. Schwieterman will provide the information.

Mrs. Fisher asked about plans for camps. Mr. Schwieterman advised registration begins March 29.

At 6:30 p.m., Mr. Duke made a motion to enter into executive session under Section 121.06 (k) of the Codified Ordinances for purposes of Personnel Matters; Labor Negotiations; and Conference With Attorney; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Fisher. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

At 7:11 p.m., Council exited the executive session and went back on the public record.

Mr. Schwieterman stated that with CARES Act funding, the City offered mini-grant applications to non-profit organizations in the community. Three of them were awarded (Artemis, Brigid's Path and Backpack Program). There is no final resolution on those yet.

Mayor Patterson stated that, in consideration of local charities, Amazon Smile offers a percentage of purchases to go directly to local charities of choice.

The City Council Workshop Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

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MAYOR

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Clerk of Council