

CITY OF KETTERING
CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MINUTES
May 11, 2021

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in a workshop session on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, in the Deeds Meeting Room, 3600 Shroyer Road, Kettering Government Center. The meeting came to order at 6:03 p.m.

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

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

Mr. Sterling Abernathy and Mr. Kyle Boze were also in attendance.

Agenda Review – Mr. Schwieterman provided a review of the agenda for tonight’s City Council meeting.

Public Hearing Continuance – Ron Soliday requested a continuance for P.C. 21-002 - Zoning Map Amendment, and it is rescheduled for May 25.

Go 4th Fireworks - Vice Mayor Klepacz asked if there were any changes to report regarding this year’s fireworks. Mr. Schwieterman stated that the City is planning a regular Go 4th event, and if capacity limits hinder plans, decisions will be made on how to proceed as far as placement of people.

Waving Willow Street Name Change Request – Mr. Schwieterman stated that the request for street name change will appear on the May 25 agenda and asked Council Members to read the resolution to accept or reject the request.

Mr. Duke stated there are no street signs and addresses are hard to read. He recommended putting up normal street signs for Lytle and Waving Willow to eliminate need for name change.

COVID-19 Update – Mr. Schwieterman reported two employees who tested positive for COVID, six are symptomatic and zero in quarantine. A patron reported a positive case regarding a small child. No issues ensued as there was no contact.

Neighborhood Block Parties – Mr. Schwieterman stated that neighborhood block parties will be permitted this year. Police and Fire may not be able to attend as much as previous years.

Tax Update – Mr. Schwieterman stated that tax numbers for April are estimates only. The City anticipates actual numbers by the end of May.

Engineering Updates – Mr. Bergstresser presented updates on several projects.

Ridgeway Bridge – The concrete deck was poured early this morning and will cure for a week. Rain caused construction delay to 5:00 a.m., causing W. Dorothy to open later than anticipated. The contractor is preparing to pour the concrete for the safety walls and both sides of the bridge. Artwork is being fabricated and scheduled to be delivered in late July. The project is going well.

Far Hills Resurfacing Project – Milling and paving between Dorothy and Stroop was finished today. Crews will finish between Stroop and David tomorrow. By Thursday, the first course will be finished. Signal detector loops will then be placed, and single lane closures will be required. The project will be completed in July.

Maplecrest Project – This project is nearly completed with no issues. There will be major work during the summer, and the road will be widened a bit. Thanks to the Law Department for their hard work on this project.

Stroop and Southern Repair - Beginning Monday, May 17, Vectren will be doing more gas main repairs during the day at Stroop and Southern. The City and crews are coordinating with Kettering Medical Center for traffic control. There are no major problems anticipated.

Daycare at Stroop and Woodman – Mr. Schwieterman stated that a letter was received from a concerned resident whose kids go to the daycare located at Woodman and Stroop. A vehicle went

through the fence surrounding the property and play area on a rainy day. Daycare staff and children were inside the facility. John Sliemers contacted the owner to discuss solutions. The owner was very receptive and spoke with parents after the incident. The owner plans to install a series of bollards along the property line.

Mayor Patterson suggested putting something decorative there for a better aesthetic. Mr. Bergstresser stated that it is private property and the City has no responsibility to do that.

Mr. Schwieterman added that an incident occurred earlier today at Ice Ice Smoothie on Wilmington involving a car going through the building.

Charles I. Lathrem Senior Center – Mr. Schwieterman stated that CIL restrictions have been amended by the state, and the facility would reopen May 17, from 8:00 a.m., to 1:00 p.m., with social distancing and registration requirements. No cards offered yet, but drop-in billiards available.

Adventure Reef Water Park – Mr. Schwieterman stated the water park will open May 29. Capacity limits restrict indoor pool usage. As the City increases lifeguard staffing, capacity will increase, as well. The City is charging less while capacity restrictions are in place.

The Fairmont recruitment did not work. Mr. Lautar suggested approaching swim teams at Alter and Fairmont. Council Members will be kept apprised of staffing levels.

Departmental Updates – Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts is going through the accreditation review virtually. The City is trying to fill positions in HR, PRCA, Economic Development and Fire Marshal (in background stage).

Tall Grass Process – Planning and Development takes complaints, completes records, sends to inspector and adds to inspection schedule. The inspector goes to the site, updates the record, notifies support staff who creates violation documents. The inspector posts the violation on site the next day and provides the code and number of days required to correct and schedules re-inspection within 10 days. The site is re-inspected and a cut order is issued. A mowing contractor has five days, and the City inspects the cut. The process takes nearly 20 days. Inspectors are busy because of decreased staff during COVID. Sidewalk complaints are an engineering issue.

Ohio HB 157 – The Senate Finance Committee presented changes to local income tax. A letter from Mayor Patterson was written in response.

Planning Commission Vacancy - Rick Schultz announced his resignation.

UD MPA Program – Mr. Schwieterman will teach beginning January 2022.

Safety Awards – Mr. Schwieterman will present City Safety Awards Wednesday and Friday to Parks Davison and Public Service. This year the City will present gifts, but not at Polen Farm. Ceremonies will take place at roll call.

United Way Award – Mr. Schwieterman stated that the 2021 Pinnacle Award for Medium-Size Organizations was award to the City of Kettering. The City was recognized at a virtual banquet. Congratulations to Amanda Harold for leading the charge. The award is based on percentage participation, dollar amounts and creative programming.

At 6:54 p.m. Mr. Duke made a motion to enter Executive Session under Section 121.06 (k) of the Codified Ordinances for purposes of Property Matters and Economic Development, seconded by Vice Mayor Klepacz. The motion passed unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:11 p.m. the Council exited Executive Session and went back on public record.

The City Council Workshop Meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

ATTEST:

DONALD E. PATTERSON
MAYOR

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Clerk of Council