

CITY OF KETTERING
CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MINUTES
May 25, 2021

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in a workshop session on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, in the Deeds Meeting Room, 3600 Shroyer Road, Kettering Government Center. The meeting came to order at 6:01 p.m.

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

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.

CDBG Cares Act Grant Funds for Not-for-Profit Organizations – Mr. Schwieterman explained that a \$30,000 grant was available for Kettering-affiliated, not-for-profit organizations. There were two organizations selected—Brigid’s Path and Backpack Program (summer food)—that will receive awards. The City of Dayton finished their transactions with HUD, and the resolutions will be included in tonight’s agenda. The City has \$194,000 to distribute. We will review organizations and consider re-opening the application process. Mrs. Fisher will abstain from the resolution concerning the Backpack Program as she is a member.

Mr. Duke asked if there are other organizations eligible for funds that have not applied and if the City made direct contact with potential applicants. Mr. Robillard stated that contact was made and more organizations could apply. He also explained that any funds not awarded are required to be returned.

Mayor Patterson suggested increasing the award amounts and advertising

Street Name Change Request – Mr. Schwieterman announced that the request to change the street name due to mail confusion on Lytle and Waving Willow was withdrawn.

Police Memorial Week and Newly-Promoted Sergeants – Mr. Schwieterman stated that three newly-promoted police sergeants will be introduced at the Council meeting. The Honor Guard will present colors in honor of Police Memorial Week which was May 9-16.

Public Healing – Mr. Schwieterman stated that a continuance was requested for the public hearing relative to a Wilmington Pike project to take place June 22.

Far Hills Resurfacing Project – Mr. Bergstresser stated that the contractor plans to begin Phase II of the project Monday, June 7. Completion is anticipated in early July. Manhole covers will remain raised.

Mayor Patterson requested orange paint around the rims for safety.

Tax Credit Awards – Mr. Schwieterman stated that Montgomery County received six awards—four of which are in Kettering. A 50-unit project for families will be built by Spire on Hempstead behind Meijer. A 52-unit project for seniors will be built at the old AT&T location on Woodman by St. Mary Development Corporation. And, 51 units for families will be built by County Corp. No plans submitted for review to date.

COVID-19 Update – Mr. Schwieterman stated that the City reports one positive case and two symptomatic employees. On June 1 at 9:00 a.m., there will be a Town Hall meeting via Zoom at which time the City Manager will present the COVID protocol plan moving forward. Tuesday, June 2, new policies will be in effect. Fully vaccinated employees and customers are no longer required to wear masks. It is recommended that those not vaccinated wear masks; however, there will be no policing. Signage will be removed. Plexiglas at all public-facing locations will remain. Shields inside departments may be removed at the discretion of each director. Travel allowing one person per vehicle will be removed. The City will provide surgical masks to reduce transmission for those employees who choose to use them. Public may meet directly with departments. Socially distanced meeting rooms are still preferred; and, Zoom is still an option for

employees not yet comfortable to meet in person. Policies including vaccination leave, temporary adaptive work and MOUs with unions are scheduled to terminate December 19, 2021. A sticker with updated message from the Ohio Department of Health will be placed over current signage at the Recreation Complex and pool stated vaccinated guests are not required to wear masks.

At the June 8 Council meeting, traditional dais seating will be used.

Firefighters Union Fact Finding Report – Mr. Schwieterman explained that the fact finding report for AFSCME will not be available until June 17 despite being due May 27 and ready for the second Council meeting in June.

Compost Issue – Mr. Schwieterman explained that Mr. Maloney was concerned about the temperature of the City’s compost. It gets much hotter than Mr. Maloney presented. When it gets too hot, the debris is turned and it cools down and is churned again. It is intentionally cooled before delivered to the public. Organic compost includes weeds and underbrush which turns into compost containing those materials. Unless treated with chemicals, there will be a weed element.

Fraze Season Announcement – Mr. Schwieterman explained that a sponsored show will be announced May 27 and the remainder of the lineup will be shared on social media and fraze.com May 28. Tickets will be sold at full capacity June 5 at 10:00 a.m. Fanfare members have right to reserve tickets. Seat licenses were refunded or rolled over. Owners will also receive licenses for 2022.

Board of Community Relations Statement - Mr. Schwieterman announced that Mrs. Fisher presented the statement to BCR Monday night. Council chose to use City of Kettering in the statement, and it will be presented June 8 as a proclamation coming from the Office of the Mayor with signatures from all Council Members.

American Rescue Plan – Mr. Schwieterman advised that Treasury guidelines are in place, and he requested permission to dedicate the June 8 Council Workshop to discussing ARPA beginning at 5:00 p.m. Materials will be delivered prior to the meeting. He then explained the revenue reduction step. If there is a revenue reduction through December 2024, that number would be compared to the amount of funds received. If the loss of revenue is greater than ARPA funds, the ability to use that money is greater. The City will receive \$13.8 million total.

Tax Credits - Resonetics received their State of Ohio credits. Kettering sent comments for their press release.

The City Council Workshop Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

DONALD E. PATTERSON
MAYOR

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Clerk of Council