

CITY OF KETTERING  
CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MINUTES  
July 13, 2021

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in a workshop session on Tuesday, July 13, 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 and Mrs. Fisher.

Staff Members Present included City Manager Mark Schwieterman, Assistant City Manager Steve Bergstresser, Law Director Ted Hamer, Police Chief Chip Protsman, Economic Development Manager Amy Schrimpf and Community Information Manager Mary Azbill.

Mr. Sterling Abernathy was also in attendance.

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

Road Salt Purchase for 2021-2022 – Mr. Schwieterman explained that the SWOP4G local cooperative purchasing program received two-year bid prices and went with their agreed upon price in 2020 for the 2021/2022 winter season which is \$10 per ton higher than last year. Salt storage comes into play valuing what the City has at the end of year compared with first-of-year amount. In November, Finance reconciles amounts to determine if more money is needed. The City is using the Salt budget line item to balance out the Streets budget in November through the supplemental process. The estimate for salt is 5,500 tons at \$56.80 per ton. The price went up 22% compared with last year.

Tait Road Fire Station – Mr. Schwieterman advised that he will mention the potential sale of the Tait Road Fire Station at the Council meeting.

Holiday at Home Float Storage - Mayor Patterson asked if the Holiday at Home committee could use the fire station at Woodman and Patterson to store floats. Mr. Schwieterman advised that he is working with Bill Bradley on options.

KPD Renovation Tour – Mr. Schwieterman announced that the July 27 Workshop will consist of a tour of the police department.

Meeting Attendance – Council member Jacque Fisher will be absent from the August 10 Council meeting. All other members must attend in order to have a quorum. There is a quorum issue with the September 14 meeting, and Council will reconvene September 28.

Mr. Hamer explained that for an emergency ordinance, five members need to be in attendance. For a regular ordinance, a simple majority of four is required.

Volunteer Administrator – Mr. Schwieterman announced that on Monday, July 19, Dawn Kirchner will join the City of Kettering in the role of Volunteer Administrator. She comes to the City from Boonshoft.

Absence – Mr. Schwieterman announced that he will be on vacation Thursday, July 15 through Wednesday, July 21. Steve Bergstresser was appointed Acting City Manager.

Rosewood Renovation Phase 1 Results – Mr. Schwieterman reported Phase 1 results for the Rosewood Renovation Project stating the need to increase the amount to be awarded due to revised project costs. The first phase of the renovation project includes building exterior (roof, windows, doors façade, etc.) and interior improvements (new main entrance/lobby, administrative offices, gallery and main restrooms). Phases 2 and 3 are scheduled in the 2022 and 2023 CIP budgets, respectively. The amount budgeted includes the \$450,000 OFCC grant. The original 2021 project budget is \$1,685,000. The revised project cost of \$2,393,000 includes some work from future CIP phases (\$340,000), specifically the main restrooms and the complete fire alarm system and \$200,000 in contingency funding and thus will require a supplemental appropriation for \$708,000 July 27. Bids came in higher than anticipated, as well. ARPA funds can be used as an option.

Tactical Rescue Vehicle – Chief Protsman explained that the SWAT team requested purchase of a tactical rescue vehicle. Their current mode of transportation is a bread truck with no ballistic

protection and not meant for the type of work they do. The team rides in minivans to some locations. The tactical rescue vehicle has four wheels with armor and ballistic protection up to 50-caliber weapons. A study completed by the National Tactical Officers Association and International Association of Chiefs of Police showed that when SWAT is called to a scene, chances of using deadly force are a lot less likely than officers on regular duty. Chief Protsman identified several cases in Kettering where weapons were involved and shots fired. KPD calls Dayton PD to use their armored vehicle to assist. Every SWAT team in Ohio has a tactical rescue vehicle except Kettering. The price is \$286,291. Miami Valley Communications Council would use \$30,000 of their forfeiture money. Kettering would pay \$93,354 toward the vehicle. Mr. Schwieterman stated the City will utilize seizure funds to cover one-third and will get the difference from General Fund. MVCC is issuing a contract to purchase the vehicle, and member cities will make contributions. It is anticipated the money will arrive in 2022 when the vehicle is ready.

Mr. Lautar asked about the lifespan of the vehicle. Chief Protsman stated the vehicle will not be driven a lot or for long distances and estimated 20 years.

In response to Mr. Lautar's question regarding vehicle specifications, Chief Protsman stated the vehicle runs on a Ford 350 chassis that can be worked on by City. Dayton has two vehicles, Montgomery County Sheriff has two, Greene County Sheriff's Office has two and Kettering will have one.

Vice Mayor Klepacz asked who owns the vehicle. Chief Protsman explained that MVCC and TCSU will maintain and store the vehicle.

Fixed License Plate Reader Cameras – Chief Protsman advised that KPD would like to purchase fixed license plate reader cameras to be placed on the same poles as existing traffic cameras for power at major intersections. These cameras will take pictures of vehicles from the rear and capture license plate information and will be used as a crime investigation tool. Rather than taking up to a month to find a particular vehicle while on patrol, these cameras would expedite the process. Vehicle description or license plate information would be added to a database. If that particular vehicle drives through the intersections, KPD will be alerted. If there is an area where thefts occur, the tool allows investigators to look at camera footage and follow up that way, as well. Cameras are rented, not purchased at \$2,500 per camera per year. There is a \$500 installation fee. No dedicated server is required as information is stored via the cloud. This gives KPD the ability to work with other jurisdictions, as well. No monitoring is necessary. These are also helpful with Amber Alerts and Silver Alerts.

Mrs. Fisher asked how many intersections would need to be equipped. Chief Protsman stated that ten are necessary to cover the major intersections leading to highways including Dixie/Dorothy, Rahn/Far Hills, etc. If the cameras do not meet the City's needs, they will be removed in six months at no charge.

Mayor Patterson asked if there is capability to tap into the current equipment already in place. Chief Protsman will research this possibility.

Juneteenth Holiday – Mr. Schwieterman stated that the City's Personnel Ordinance states that there are ten holidays allowed. Patrol and police supervisors exchanged New Year's Eve for the day after Thanksgiving. To add a holiday requires changing the ordinance in December to adjust the holiday schedule to include Juneteenth. Unions would need to adjust their schedules, as well. If the holiday falls on the weekend, the City Manager allows for Friday or Monday observation.

Fraze Body Scanners – Mr. Schwieterman announced that scanners at Fraze are in place for Thursday's first concert. Six scanners were purchased due to shortage of staff to screen patrons. Bag checks are still required and tickets are self scanned.

At 7:02 p.m. Mr. Lautar made a motion to enter Executive Session under Section 121.06 (k) of the Codified Ordinances for purposes of Conference with Attorney, seconded by Mrs. Fisher. The motion passed unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:07 p.m. the Council exited Executive Session and went back on public record.

At 7:08 p.m. Mr. Lautar made a motion to enter Executive Session under Section 121.06 (k) of the Codified Ordinances for purposes of Conference with Attorney; Property Matters; Economic Development; and Negotiations with Organizations or Individuals, seconded by Mrs. Fisher. The motion passed unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:29 p.m. the Council exited Executive Session and went back on public record.

Hot Dog Roast – Two hotdog roasts will be hosted with Kettering City Schools and Partners for Healthy Youth, School Resource Officers and Crisis Intervention Specialist. Dates and times are forthcoming.

The City Council Workshop Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

ATTEST:

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DONALD E. PATTERSON  
MAYOR

LASHAUNAH D. KACYNSKI  
Clerk of Council