

CITY OF KETTERING  
CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MINUTES  
August 24, 2021

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in a workshop session on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, in the Deeds Conference Room, Kettering Government Center, 3600 Shroyer Road. The meeting came to order at 6:04 p.m.

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

Staff Members present included City Manager Mark Schwieterman, Assistant City Manager Steve Bergstresser, Law Director Ted Hamer, Planning and Development Director Tom Robillard, CDBG Manager Angela Brown, Economic Development Manager Amy Schrimpf and Community Information Manager Mary Azbill.

Mr. Sterling Abernathy, Ms. Peggy Lehner, Mr. Todd Elzey, Ms. Lisa Duvall, Ms. Tawana Jones and Ms. Elaine Dollenmayer were also in attendance.

Agenda Review – Mr. Schwieterman provided a review of the agenda for tonight’s City Council meeting. He noted the removal of agenda Item 1 to accept or reject the recommendation of the Kettering Planning Commission in Case No. PC-21-002 concerning the property located at 4225 and 4235 Wilmington Pike. This item will be added to a future Council meeting.

Upcoming Events – Mr. Schwieterman reminded Council members of several upcoming events.

- The annual Spass Nacht festival would take place Thursday, August 26 at Fraze Pavilion.
- The September 14 Council meeting has been canceled.
- A special Council Workshop is scheduled for September 2 at 10:00 a.m., to discuss the City’s capital improvement program.
- The Community Block Party will take place Thursday, September 2 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Lincoln Park Civic Commons. Council members will pass out ice cream to attendees.
- A 9/11 Memorial Ceremony will be held Saturday, September 11 at 8:30 a.m., at Seitz Plaza, Lincoln Park Civic Commons at the corner of Ackerman and Lincoln Park.
- The annual Shred Day will be held October 2 from 9:00 to noon at the Government Center.
- The joint meeting with Kettering City School Board will take place November 30 at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Community Relations (BCR) Presentation - Tawana Jones, BCR Chair, and Angela Brown, BCR City Liaison, presented the Racial Equity Survey results. The survey was offered from January through March 24, 2021. The presentation outlined respondent demographics, respondent sentiment, result takeaways and next steps.

Vice Mayor Klepacz asked for confirmation that all 544 respondents were not Kettering residents and the impact it had on the results.

Mayor Patterson asked if the results could be provided with just Kettering respondents.

At 6:37 p.m., Mr. Duke made a motion to enter Executive Session under Section 121.06 (k) of the Codified Ordinances for purposes of Personnel Matters; Property Matters; and Economic Development, seconded by Mr. Lautar. The motion passed unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:05 p.m., the Council exited Executive Session and went back on public record.

Mayor Patterson made a motion to appoint Ken Lackey to the Planning Commission. Mr. Lautar seconded motion. Three Council members approved, one abstained and the motion was passed.

Listing Services Contract – Mr. Schwieterman stated that the contract for listing services with Mark Fornes Realty, Inc., was extended to June 30, 2022.

Mr. Duke asked if an activity report was available showing Fornes Realty services provided to the City.

Mayor Patterson requested a meeting with Fornes Realty.

Fiber to the Home – Mr. Schwieterman discussed Point Broadband as a future fiber-to-the-home service provider. Point Broadband is working with MVCC member cities to provide community fiber to the home for all residential properties. Point Broadband provides bandwidth, and residents are responsible for their own television provider. Fiber will be buried in right-of-way from street to homes. This is good for the community, and more details will be provided in the future.

Mr. Lautar asked for clarification regarding burying cable. Mr. Bergstresser stated that it would be street right-of-way installation rather than behind homes.

Mr. Duke asked if Point Broadband is paying for everything. Mr. Bergstresser stated that Point Broadband will put fiber in front of homes and residents can choose whether or not to tap into it.

Mayor Patterson asked what Point Broadband is selling. Mr. Bergstresser stated they are offering the highest speed available which is beneficial for high-end users.

Mr. Lautar asked about preparation for expansion for what the future holds. Mr. Bergstresser stated the conduit Broadband installs has four separate, smaller conduits that may be left open for future use.

Micro Loans – One of the micro loans granted through CDBG from CARES Act money did not meet the specifications due to data collection requirements. The \$30,000 loan will be rescinded and given back to Planning and Development for redistribution. The original micro loan recipient will receive the money from ARPA funds to waive the data collection requirement. A resolution will be added to a future Council meeting to accomplish this adjustment.

The City Council Workshop Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

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DONALD E. PATTERSON  
MAYOR

LASHAUNAH D. KACYNSKI  
Clerk of Council