

CITY OF KETTERING  
CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL WORKSHOP MINUTES  
September 2, 2021

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in a special workshop session on Thursday, September 2, 2021, in the Deeds Conference Room, Kettering Government Center, 3600 Shroyer Road. The meeting came to order at 10:05 a.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, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Director Mary Beth O'Dell, Public Service Director David Duritsch, Finance Director Nancy Gregory, Budget Manager Kelly O'Connell, Economic Development Manager Amy Schrimpf and Community Information Manager Mary Azbill.

Mr. Sterling Abernathy, Ms. Peggy Lehner, Mr. Todd Elzey and Mr. Nick Blizzard were also in attendance.

Special Workshop Agenda Review – Mr. Schwieterman opened the Workshop explaining agenda items including Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and miscellaneous updates.

Capital Improvement Program Budget – Mr. Schwieterman stated that ARPA funds are not included in the proposed 2022 CIP budget. Current CIP Outlay for 2022 is \$9,431,000. The CIP Outlay will be drawn down from the City's General Fund reserves (\$4.0 million); Capital Improvement Fund (\$3.0 million), Gas Tax revenue (\$1.0 million) and Miscellaneous CIP revenue (\$1.4 million). He then turned the meeting over to Mr. Bergstresser who began presenting the 2022 Capital Improvement Program.

Mr. Bergstresser began a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Capital Improvement Program for 2022 to 2026. Mr. Bergstresser discussed several Capital Improvement Projects including traffic controls, roadway improvements projects, streetscape projects and drainage projects.

During the Traffic Controls portion of the presentation, Mr. Bergstresser stated the Traffic Signal Replacements, Phase 3, budgeted for 2022 totals \$1,823,000 with \$383,000 coming from the City and \$1,440,000 from FAST Act CMAQ. He also mentioned \$10,000 has been budgeted for traffic controls maintenance items, \$20,000 for miscellaneous transportation and \$25,000 for the pavement marking program. Mr. Bergstresser mentioned that the traffic signal replacement projects will be replacing the wire traffic signals with mast arm signals.

Mr. Bergstresser also reviewed the Roadway Improvement Summary with the Council members. He mentioned \$1.0 million will be spent on the general asphalt resurfacing program in 2022. Asphalt resurfacing will take place in the area surrounding NCR south of Stroop Road and east of Southern not quite to overland trail, as well as in the Richland Heights neighborhood (\$750,000). The Crack Sealing Program will begin next year budgeted for \$25,000. It is recommended that attention be given to streets that were repaved five to ten years ago to maintain and prevent further damage. State gas tax revenue of \$1.0 million will be paired with \$750,000 for streets in the Greenmont neighborhood and those behind the Government Center.

Mayor Patterson asked what \$25,000 would buy as far as crack sealing. Mr. Bergstresser advised it would cover costs for one to two neighborhoods.

The thoroughfares, arterials and collector street improvements have been budgeted at \$565,000 for 2022. This includes Spaulding Road (\$275,000), Isaac Prugh (\$160,000) and Mad River Road (\$130,000). Mr. Bergstresser stated curb, sidewalk and drive approach work to be done in various areas of the City in 2022 is proposed at \$750,000. He noted there is \$116,000 in the plan for the ADA Curb Ramp Replacement Program.

Mr. Bergstresser went on to note that right-of-way work would be done on East David Road (\$60,000), as well as work on the Hewitt Avenue Bikeway (\$129,000 – Kettering, \$119,000 –

Centerville, \$247,000 – Fast Aid TA totaling \$495,000). Ridgeway Road Bridge landscaping is planned at \$175,000. Resurfacing projects include Smithville Road from Wilmington to the north corporation line (\$575,000), Southern Boulevard from Stroop to Big Hill (\$400,000) and Woodman Drive between Wilmington and Stocker (\$590,000). The City is hoping to receive \$400,000 from CRRSAA funds reducing outlay to \$190,000. The Ansel Drive bridge will be replaced at \$459,000 (\$23,000 – Kettering; \$436,000 – ODOT Municipal Bridge). The West Avenue bridge rehabilitation design will begin in 2021 (\$60,000).

Mr. Lautar asked how many bridges Kettering has and how many are left for repair. Mr. Bergstresser stated there are 44 bridges--27 maintained by the City, 15 thoroughfare bridges that cross over water are maintained by Montgomery County and 2 on SR 835 are maintained by ODOT. There are six on the watch list within the next five or ten years. Flesher and Galewood are on watch.

At this point in the meeting Mr. Bergstresser moved on to the planned Streetscape Projects. He noted there is \$10,000 budgeted for the Bike Program and \$20,000 for the Pole Painting Program. Right-of-way for a sidewalk on West Stroop from Overland to Southmoor Circle NW is budgeted for \$25,000.

Mr. Lautar asked if surface street analysis determines inclusions for resurfacing. Mr. Bergstresser explained it is for residential streets. For thoroughfares, a 12-15 year cycle is used.

Mr. Duke asked why the budget for Marshall is zero for 2022, but \$1.3 million in 2024 and construction in 2026 to 2027. Mr. Bergstresser explained the City is not confident federal funds will be received. If awarded federal funding, the City can hold it together until the money is available. If the City is not awarded funding, the project will be split into two phases using local funds.

Finally, Mr. Bergstresser stated \$25,000 will be budgeted for miscellaneous drainage projects. And, the storm water master plan is slated for \$100,000.

Next, Mrs. O'Dell reviewed with Council several miscellaneous PRCA improvements proposed for 2022 including; park playground equipment (\$100,000), PRCA unplanned CIP items (\$30,000), Park Painting / Repair Program (\$30,000) and 1% for the Arts (\$20,000).

Mrs. O'Dell mentioned there is \$79,000 proposed for tennis / basketball courts, \$95,000 budgeted for Civic Commons landscape improvements, \$24,000 budgeted for ADA improvements at State Farm Park and \$239,000 budgeted for Beavertown Cemetery.

The Tree Planting and Landscaping Programs include citizen tree planting program, public street landscaping and street construction tree replacement totaling \$240,000.

Mayor Patterson stated the tree removal will allow people to watch shows from across the street; and, the trees provide a natural wall providing an intimate feel.

Mr. Lautar asked if current trees could be pruned. Mrs. O'Dell stated the pine trees are no longer good.

Mr. Lautar inquired about the white buckets of water by new trees at Irelan Park. Mrs. O'Dell will get clarification.

Vice Mayor Klepacz asked if there will be a dog park. Mrs. O'Dell explained this is a common request. Mr. Schwieterman explained that parking is a concern. Mrs. Fisher advised that disrupting residents would be a consideration. Mr. Duke suggested Research Park.

Mr. Duritsch took the floor to discuss facility projects. He stated \$40,000 is being budgeted for the Indian Riffle park restroom improvements. He then noted the Recreation Complex, Water Park and KFC improvements including KRC floor refinishing (\$10,000), KRC/CIL boiler replacement (\$225,000), KIA glass and netting (\$25,000), Water Park / Main Pool painting (\$30,000) and Water Park slides maintenance (\$23,000).

Polen Farm barn ramp repair is budgeted at \$45,000. Rosewood Arts Centre Renovation – Phase 2 is budgeted at \$1,365,000.

Mr. Duritsch explained that \$125,000 is necessary for electric service updates at the Parks Maintenance Facility on Valleywood. A concrete floor and electric service update is requested for the Vehicle Maintenance Center (\$50,000).

Mr. Duke advised that the ramp at Polen Farm is too steep.

American Rescue Plan Act – Mr. Schwieterman presented conceptual allocations for ARPA funds showing the different scenarios that led to the proposed model. The four categories for which ARPA funds would be used are ARPA Community Programs (12%); Capital Equipment (27%); Capital Improvement Program (44%); and Existing Community Programs (17%). This proposed model considers community programs already available and potential restrictions. CDBG programs will be available to residents, as well. The City will take a more active role in administering community programs. It is recommended that the Wilmington Pike Improvement Project be offered citywide.

Mayor Patterson prefers to use economic development funds for small businesses. Mr. Schwieterman advised that a needs analysis would be completed.

Mrs. Fisher would like follow up from Planning & Development to be done on the person in need who was in the news.

The \$13.8 million must be used by 2024.

Vice Mayor Klepacz wants to ensure purchases are needs, not wants. Mr. Bergstresser assured him that there are no wants and mostly replacement items.

Mayor Patterson suggested hiring someone to administer the program. Mr. Schwieterman will look into this.

The City Council Special Workshop Meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

ATTEST:

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MAYOR

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