

CITY OF KETTERING  
CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MINUTES  
OCTOBER 12, 2021

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in a workshop session on Tuesday, October 12, 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, Mr. Duke and Mrs. Fisher.

Staff Members present included City Manager Mark Schwieterman, Assistant City Manager Steve Bergstresser, Law Director Ted Hamer, Assistant Law Director Maggie Pasqualone, GIS Manager Andy Aidt, Economic Development Manager Amy Schrimpf and Community Information Manager Mary Azbill.

Ms. Lisa Duvall was also in attendance.

Mr. Schwieterman opened the meeting with a review of tonight's meeting agenda items including: appointments and proclamations, Fire Department citizenship awards, approval to accept Shuttered Venue Operators Grant award, removal of No Parking signs near Alter High School now that there is sufficient parking and Police Department introduction of newly-promoted Sergeant Sanford.

Oak Creek Swim Club Parking - Mr. Schwieterman advised that Oak Creek Swim Club temporary No Parking signs will become permanent during summer months.

Shred Day - Mr. Schwieterman stated that 2021 Shred Day is now complete. Paper to be shredded was hauled by City trucks to a secured site. The shredding company transported documents to be shredded to their facility. A Certificate of Disposal will be provided.

Kettering Leadership Academy Government Day – Mr. Schwieterman advised that KLA Government Day is Thursday at Presidential Banquet Center. Economic Development Manager Schrimpf and Council Member Duke will provide City and policy information, along with a panel discussion consisting of Finance, Engineering and Public Service. Assistant City Manager Steve Bergstresser will guide a virtual tour throughout the city explaining capital improvement projects.

Residential Leaf Collection – Mr. Schwieterman announced that residential leaf collection starts October 18.

Ridgeway Bridge Block Party – Mr. Schwieterman advised that the Ridgeway Bridge block party is postponed due to supply chain issues with the installation of the permanent vandal protection fence.

Acting City Manager – Mr. Schwieterman appointed Mr. Bergstresser Acting City Manager Friday, October 15 through Monday, October 18.

Body Cameras - Motorola and P&R Communications are installing servers and infrastructure to support new body cameras for KPD. Limited testing of equipment and policy finalization will begin this week.

Mayor Patterson asked if the City is taking advantage of potential grants available. Mr. Schwieterman confirmed all opportunities were researched.

Mr. Lautar asked if policy testing takes place every time body cameras are used. Mr. Schwieterman confirmed this will occur, when necessary.

Mayor Patterson asked the status on the fixed camera license plate readers. Mr. Schwieterman advised these fixed cameras could not tie into the current equipment in place. The cameras have been purchased but have not arrived yet.

Fans at Fitness Center – A resident brought forth concerns at the September 28 City Council meeting regarding the use of fans at fitness centers during COVID. The City made appropriate changes to the HVAC system at the fitness centers to comply with recommended filtration and ventilation guidelines in response to the pandemic. Jeff Cooper, Public Health – Dayton and Montgomery County approved of the extra air circulation the fans provide. Attempts to contact the resident will continue.

Shared Mobility Devices – Ms. Pasqualone presented proposed regulations for shared mobility devices as the one-year moratorium in place ends in February 28, 2022. She explained three options: extend the moratorium, regulate or prohibit. Target markets for shared mobility devices are downtown environments and college cities where short trips would be easier using this type of transportation.

Kettering is not considered a target area at the moment. These devices are bikes and scooters accessible through an app for short-term rental. Devices are dropped at the user's destination. Designated racks or painted squares on the street or sidewalk would be necessary. All operators would be required to complete a permit application and cover fees. A permit fee structure would be maintained and established by the Engineering Department to include covering costs for infrastructure. Permits would be renewable after one year. Use of right-of-way would require an agreement with private property owners or comply with the City's right-of-way code. Operators must have a staff location nearby for 24/7 service. Operators would deploy the devices from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and complete citywide cleanup by 9:00 p.m. A fleet size requirement would help minimize the risk of having too many devices in our city while offering equal number of each type of device. Geo-fencing would also be included to restrict areas for use. Equipment, speed and age restrictions would apply.

Mayor Patterson stated other mayors advised that the service is not working for their cities.

Mr. Schwieterman stated the moratorium could be extended or the City could move forward with regulations in place. He reminded Council members that Kettering is a bike-friendly community and recommended an ordinance to regulate shared mobility devices on the November Council Meeting agendas for consideration.

At 7:13 p.m., Mrs. Fisher made a motion to enter Executive Session under Section 121.06 (k) of the Codified Ordinances for purposes of Property Matters, seconded by Mr. Duke. The motion passed unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:27 p.m., the Council exited Executive Session and went back on public record.

The City Council Workshop Meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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DONALD E. PATTERSON  
MAYOR

LASHAUNAH D. KACYNSKI  
Clerk of Council