

CITY OF KETTERING  
CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MINUTES  
OCTOBER 26, 2021

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in a workshop session on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, in the Deeds Conference Room, Kettering Government Center, 3600 Shroyer Road. The meeting came to order at 6:06 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, Administrative Systems Director Drew Miller, Economic Development Manager Amy Schrimpf and Community Information Manager Mary Azbill.

Mr. Sterling Abernathy and Ms. Peggy Lehner were also in attendance.

Mr. Schwieterman opened the meeting with a review of tonight's Council agenda items including: Sister Cities 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary presentation by Al Fullenkamp; Art in Public Places Award presentation for Gerry Busch; National Arts and Humanities Month presentation; and State of the Arts presentation.

Mr. Schwieterman provided brief City updates for Council members including: U.S. Treasury Rental Assistance Program in full swing; Court Amnesty Weeks end Friday, October 29; leaf collection continues throughout the city currently in District 9; Beggar's Night October 31; joint meeting with School Board November 30; Legends video interviews in process with MVCC filming current and past employees and City leaders.

TJ Chumps – Mr. Schwieterman stated that TJ Chumps was outbid on a property of interest. No further details.

Tait Road Fire Station – Mr. Schwieterman announced that the closing on the purchase of the former fire station on Tait Road took place earlier today.

Tenant Assistance Grant Update – As of today, 298 applications have been received, 119 processed and awarded totaling \$453,000. The average award is \$4,256. Human Resources is working to hire a contractor to help manage this program. Montgomery County increased the dollar amount for Phase 2 to \$1 million. Phase 1 was \$500,000.

Cyber Security – Mr. Miller presented the City's efforts regarding cyber security. Cyber security is an ongoing effort provided by four IT employees as time permits. There are no trained cyber security experts on the team due to cost. Information is issued from the Center for Internet Security in a regularly updated document that is reviewed and prioritized internally. The City has several important safeguards in place. An inventory of administrative jobs is taken using a tool that analyzes and rates our agency from 0 to 100. A multi-factor authentication is in place to protect passwords. A boundary defense--traditional firewall—is intact. Regular scans from outside to inside are performed. MS-ISAC, a Division of Homeland Security, helps government agencies through focused cyber threat prevention, protection, response and recovery. IT staff provides them a list that is scanned on a weekly basis and reports actionable tasks.

Mr. Duke mentioned communities being held for ransom and asked about the City's level of risk. Mr. Miller stated that the City has an external firewall, security zones where there is a gatekeeper inside the network protecting other parts of the network limiting the damage, internal firewall and backups in place to protect our systems as much as possible.

Mr. Duke asked for data on cost to allow staff for monitoring to protect community.

Mr. Schwieterman stated that Mr. Miller brought cyber security awareness to staff and the importance of changing passwords, scam alerts and the elimination of using social security numbers when unnecessary.

Make A Difference Day – Mr. Schwieterman thanked Council members for attending Make A Difference Day. Volunteers helped remove invasive honeysuckle and planted red oak seedlings at the Habitat Environmental Nature Center. A total of 239 hours were contributed by 68 volunteers. Volunteers helped create holiday greeting cards to be distributed throughout the world to our

active duty military through Blue Star Mothers. A total of 75 hours were contributed at home by 37 volunteers and 430 cards were donated. Volunteers helped create holiday greeting cards and design holiday placemats to be distributed to area nursing homes at Christ Church United Methodist. A total of 68 hours were contributed by 25 volunteers, 44 place mats and 44 holiday cards were donated.

Pickle Ball Update – Mr. Schwieterman was approached by pickle ball users who want to raise funds to add six courts working through the Parks Foundation. The City has \$50,000 budgeted for 2022. The courts would use property owned by the schools. The schools have agreed to allow this if the money is raised to fund it.

Mayor Patterson asked why more courts are not being placed in other parks. Mr. Schwieterman stated that the City has \$50,000 for six courts. The gap is \$112,000. If the group raises \$80,000, they will ask us to meet them halfway. They are a third of the way. The City will maintain them and own them even though located on school property.

Point Broadband – Mr. Bergstresser updated Council members on Point Broadband’s fiber optic installation. He first explained the benefits of fiber optic internet compared to cable internet. There are two ways of sending information—the old way through wires, and now using fiber optics. Fiber optics sends data by a cable filled with glass or plastic fiber traveling as beams of light pulse in a pattern. This is optimal for the transfer of large files and streaming video games. Fiber is faster using light vs. electricity (cable). Fiber to the home means cable is directly connected to your home for fastest, most reliable connection. Fiber optics cost less, provide faster speed, are more reliable and less susceptible to overload. Other companies interested include Cincinnati Bell Wireless who plans to start a rollout in Oakwood at Shroyer and Far Hills including small portion of Kettering, and MetroNet who has talked with Centerville.

Mr. Lautar asked what the cost would be for residents. Mr. Bergstresser anticipates rates with be competitive with cable.

Mr. Bergstresser stated that components required with Point Broadband would be cabinets, pedestals, handhold or flush boxes. Trenching would take place in the right-of-way. Point Broadband is estimating installing 40 cabinets which are the gateways to neighborhoods. Fiber runs from the neighborhood cabinet to a pedestal box at intersections throughout the area to individual homes where pole boxes or handhold would be used.

Federal and state law gives companies public right-of-way. The City cannot prohibit them. The City has protection in place. Cabinets are big and may not be able to be installed in right-of-way. An alternative is putting them on private property. The City does not have these requirements in the Zoning Code.

Mayor Patterson asked why cabinets are not underground. Mr. Bergstresser stated that ease of maintenance would be compromised, as well as potential flooding.

Mr. Bergstresser also stated that the City is working with Point Broadband to develop a Memorandum of Understanding including design guidelines for right-of-way allowance.

At 7:17 p.m., Mrs. Fisher made a motion to enter Executive Session under Section 121.06 (k) of the Codified Ordinances for purposes of Conference with Attorney, seconded by Vice Mayor Klepacz. The motion passed unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:22 p.m., the Council exited Executive Session and went back on public record.

The City Council Workshop Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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MAYOR

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