

CITY OF KETTERING
CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MINUTES
NOVEMBER 9, 2021

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in a workshop session on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, in the Deeds Conference Room, Kettering Government Center, 3600 Shroyer Road. The meeting came to order at 6:05 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 Law Director Maggie Pasqualone, Economic Development Manager Amy Schrimpf and Community Information Manager Mary Azbill.

Mr. Todd Elzey, Ms. Lisa Duvall, 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.

- The Fire Department's Citizenship Award presentation is canceled due to recipient unable to attend.
- Ordinance in second reading to amend the Comprehensive and Zoning Code relative to living and working in the business park. Under terms of this ordinance, a minimum of ten-acre lots would be required with 200 units on each lot. A conditional use plan would need to be approved by the Planning Commission. Mr. Schwieterman also noted that Miami Valley Research Park has an association with covenants and restrictions which do not allow for restaurants, and the association would have to change that. He also stated that there is a land contract with a potential buyer. The City will continue to meet with the neighbors from Bergamo and St John's and make sure their concerns are heard. Council members inquired as to how much land is still available in Research Park and were told the City bought 300 acres and has sold 45. Half of the land that the City purchased is developable, and the City was aware of that at time of purchase.
- Three School Resource Officer agreements funded by Kettering City Schools (70%) and the City (30%). Two SRO positions will be funded by the City. It is a requirement that beat cops visit schools, as well.

Mr. Schwieterman provided brief City updates for Council members.

- City Council photos will be taken November 23. Photos of the current and new City Council members will be taken. Mr. Duke will not be present until December 7, so photos will be moved to that date if the photographer is available.
- The Board of Elections contacted the City and stated that certification will take place the morning of November 23. Mr. Scott and Ms. Duvall will be sworn in before workshop in the Mayor's office. The ceremonial swearing in will take place at the meeting.
- On November 24, a draft of the budget will be delivered to each Council member.
- The Joint meeting of the Kettering School Board will be held on the 30th. Attendance from the City will be limited. Partners for Healthy Youth will be the main topic. It will be held in the board room on the third floor for the 500 building.
- December's Council meetings will be held on the 7th and 14th due to the holidays. The budget workshop on December 7 will begin at 5:30. First reading of the 2022 personnel ordinance will take place at the Council meeting that night. December 14 workshop will begin at 6:00 and the budget appropriation and second reading of personnel ordinance will take place at that meeting.
- Photos with Mayor Elect Lehner will be taken in January.
- The Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting is December 3 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Court Amnesty Program – Mr. Schwieterman stated that 373 customers participated in the program and \$90,000 was collected at an average of 4.7 years. Collections are up 26% over those in 2019. This increase could also be attributed to normal policing activity resuming in 2020.

Mr. Klepacz asked if the City has this type of process for income tax. Mr. Schwieterman stated there was a program in place along with payment plans.

Delinquent Property Tax – County Treasurer McManus gave the City an update on Kettering using 2020 annual year numbers. In total, there were \$99.9 million in total billings for Kettering real estate for 23,000 parcels, 12 farms and 516 exempt properties. Mr. McManus would like to

offer people payment plans freezing penalties and interest making monthly payments on the balance. Kettering is \$3.6 million--1.7% of total county delinquency (\$209 million). Only 15% of Kettering's delinquent taxpayers participate in plans. The City will begin getting the word out to call the County Treasurer's Office and get on a manageable plan.

Mayor Patterson stated that the schools should take the lead on this.

Vice Mayor Klepacz stated that since more than 70% of Kettering's budget comes from income tax, a report should be available showing how many people filed and have not paid. Mr. Schwieterman stated the payment plans and delinquency number information will be added to the quarterly report.

Kettering Legends Video – Mr. Schwieterman stated he interviewed Gerry Busch and that it was one of the highlights of his career. Mr. Duke stated there are links from the interviews 20 years ago that will be sent to all.

PDAC Application – Mr. Schwieterman stated that Ms. Schrimpf submitted an application related to Research Park to expand the bike path and pedestrian walkways through Miami Valley Research Park from Research Boulevard and Woodman Drive.

ED/GE Grant – Mr. Schwieterman announced that ED/GE Grants will be reviewed November 17. Nine projects were submitted for \$1.7 million total and \$2.5 million is available.

Mr. Lautar asked if there was a standard rubric for review. Mr. Schwieterman confirmed there was.

Income Tax Numbers – Mr. Schwieterman stated that through October, income tax numbers continue to look good. Adjusted income tax dollars for 2021, up to \$51.9 million – a \$4 million increase over original projection in November 2020--the same number for collection in 2020. In 2022, the City will be working with work-from-home funds with no growth in income tax using the same amount. Employees should be withholding to their place of employment--home is place of employment. This may cause a significant difference in 2022. Other city managers have said their numbers are also better than expected.

At 6:43 p.m., Mr. Duke made a motion to enter Executive Session under Section 121.06 (k) of the Codified Ordinances for purposes of Property Matters and Labor Negotiations, seconded by Mrs. Fisher. The motion passed unanimously upon roll call.

At 6:59 p.m., the Council exited Executive Session and went back on public record.

The City Council Workshop Meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

ATTEST:

DONALD E. PATTERSON
MAYOR

LASHAUNAH D. KACYNSKI
Clerk of Council