

CITY OF KETTERING  
CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MINUTES  
MAY 10, 2022

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in a workshop session on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, in the Deeds Conference Room, Kettering Government Center, 3600 Shroyer Road. The meeting came to order at 6:00 p.m.

Council Members present included Mayor Lehner, Vice Mayor Fisher, Mr. Klepacz, Mr. Duke, Ms. Duvall, Mr. Scott and Ms. Hall.

Staff Members present included Acting City Manager Steve Bergstresser, Law Director Ted Hamer, Economic Development Manager Amy Schrimpf and Community Information Manager Mary Azbill.

Mr. Sterling Abernathy was also in attendance.

Mr. Bergstresser began the workshop with a review of the Council meeting agenda.

Ms. Duvall asked for clarification on the process of renewed and recalculated street light assessments. Mr. Bergstresser explained that once approved, the City sends letters to property owners with assessment information and due date.

Mr. Bergstresser continued with the following agenda items:

- Two ordinances in second reading—2125 E. Dorothy (Throckmorton's) and 950 Forrer (Synchrony)—for approval to rezone as B-Business and BP-Business Park, respectively.
- Parks Maintenance Center will receive upgraded electrical services.
- Ramp repairs at Polen Farm including areas of the concrete walls and handrails. The ramp is 8.5 feet from ground level to the second level of the barn. Conservatively, it would take over 200 feet to meet ADA specifications.
  - Mayor Lehner asked about installing an elevator. Mr. Bergstresser stated an elevator would cost \$250,000 to 500,000. Repairs to the ramp would be less expensive. In 2018 and 2019, bids came back at \$350,000 to \$400,000 to install a commercial elevator. A ramp is necessary for equipment and supplies. Further discussion on installing an elevator should take place in September as part of the Capital Improvement budget presentation. The elevator would be placed in a completely separate structure near the northwest corner of the barn.
  - Mr. Scott stated that the money would never be recuperated unless rates were increased. Mr. Bergstresser will provide financials at a later date.
- Street light assessments rates are not changing from years past.
- The 2022 Livable and Age-Friendly Communities Grant Funding through the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission for \$10,000 was awarded and approval is needed to accept.
- Fire Apparatus Service and Repair will provide maintenance and repair for emergency vehicles, waiving sealed bidding. The 19-month contract requires appropriating funds for this year and next to cover the entire amount of the contract. In 2024, an annual contract schedule will be in place.
- The high volume color copier used in the Printshop needs replaced.
- A supplemental appropriation of \$18,000.00 is requested for right of way (ROW) consulting and acquisitions for the West Stroop Road Sidewalk project
- An ordinance in first reading to rezone 2001 E. Dorothy Lane (former Rapid Fire Pizza) as B-Business from EDO-Economic Development Overlay.

At 6:16 p.m., Ms. Duvall made a motion to enter Executive Session under Section 121.06 (k) of the Codified Ordinances for purposes of Negotiations with Organizations or Individuals; Personnel Matters; and Conference with Attorney, seconded by Mr. Scott. The motion passed unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:14 p.m., the Council exited Executive Session, went back on public record and the doors were re-opened.

Vice Mayor Fisher made a motion to approve the recommendation of Mr. Klepacz that the City hires Slavin Management Consultants to perform the City Manager executive search, seconded by Mr. Duke. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hamer explained the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) relative to the opioid crisis which will be on the agenda for the next Council meeting for approval. In 2020, Ohio and local governments entered into an agreement and the previous Council voted to join in on that. The MOU is a plan or agreement to jointly approach settlement with drug manufacturers of opioids. Settlement money would be allocated in accordance with the MOU. The MOU creates the OneOhio Recovery Foundation

which will receive and distribute money according to allocation. The state is divided into 19 regions. Kettering is in Region 8 in Montgomery County. The 19 regions have a seat on the board, and each creates its own governance structure or regional board. Each entity has a representative. Mr. Hamer will send slides to Council members.

Mr. Bergstresser explained that the upcoming Special Workshop training dates will be established through Sign-Up Genius.

Mr. Bergstresser informed Council that a Memorial Day event is held annually by American Legion Post 598 at 10:00 a.m., at Beavertown Cemetery. A prayer is said, the roll is called, a rifle volley is carried out and Taps is played. They've kept it to themselves due to lack of parking. The City will publicize and offer parking at Parks facility or Grace Baptist Church across the street. The City can plan something different next year, if necessary. A Veterans Day event will be held November 11.

Mr. Bergstresser asked Council members to review minutes from the Special Retreat.

The City Council Workshop Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

ATTEST:

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PEGGY LEHNER  
MAYOR

LASHAUNAH D. KACYNSKI  
Clerk of Council