

CITY OF KETTERING
CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MINUTES SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in a workshop session on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, in the Deeds Conference Room, Kettering Government Center, 3600 Shroyer Road. The meeting came to order at 6:32 p.m.

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

Staff Members present included City Manager Mark Schwieterman, Assistant City Manager Steve Bergstresser, Law Director Ted Hamer, Police Captain Dan Gangwer, Economic Development Manager Amy Schrimpf and Community Information Manager Mary Azbill.

Mr. Sterling Abernathy and Mr. John Biller were present.

Mr. Schwieterman opened the Workshop by reviewing agenda items for the City Council meeting including:

- Several resolutions applicable to capital improvement projects such as purchasing playground equipment for Indian Riffle Park; cleaning, painting and sprucing up all parks; updating State Farm restrooms; Rosewood rooftop and theater renovations; and VMC floor improvements,
- Presentations will include Kettering Fire Department receiving the Lifeline Award presented by Chief Robbins from the American Heart Association. Big Brothers Big Sisters will also present at the meeting.

Shred Day will be held Saturday, October 1 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at Fairmont High School

Income Tax Reporting - Income tax reporting shows that the City is 2.8 percent greater than forecasted which is \$900,000. The City dropped below 2021 because of the anticipated work-from-home impact. The City is trending better than expected. The September forecast will show an increase of \$1,162,000 to be used as a baseline for the 2023 budget.

Capital Equipment – Three previously passed resolutions will be amended to allow sole sourcing, if the City is unsuccessful in competitive bidding processes. A resolution passed in 2021 included two items that were unable to be secured due to supply chain. The City has since identified dealerships willing to sell those vehicles for less than anticipated. If the new resolution passes, the City will proceed with purchasing two vehicles right away, one of which is a ¾ ton pickup truck for less than \$55,000.

Mr. Schwieterman explained an amendment of 2022 would highlight sole source. For example, the type of compost turner the City uses is no longer available. Because supply chain delays make purchases more difficult, the City will only utilize sole source if all other avenues are leading nowhere. The City Manager has authority after the competitive process to sole source. Procurement of three can be purchased as early as tomorrow if the resolution is approved tonight. Mr. Schwieterman said that Council members will always be advised via memorandum prior to using sole source.

Mr. Scott asked for confirmation that the pickup trucks being replaced have had useful lives. Mr. Schwieterman explained that every year the City has a plan for replacement and deferral complicates things because vehicles are past their prime and remain in our inventory.

Mr. Schwieterman explained that the City is only amending three resolutions and 2023 would continue with competitive pricing.

Mr. Duke asked if the City carries equipment forward if it is not delivered. Mr. Schwieterman confirmed and stated the money is encumbered and will be on the street the following year.

Rapid Charging Stations for Electric Vehicles – The City's proposal for a grant to cover the cost of rapid charging stations at the Government Center for EVs was denied.

Mr. Duke asked at what point does the City start incurring costs for EV charging stations due to popularity. Mr. Schwieterman stated the City will keep plugging away and working in consideration of the sustainability plan and strategic plan. Mr. Bergstresser added that MVRPC has new Carbon Reduction funds from the Federal government, which opens more opportunities to get financial assistance. The City is looking at different options with amenable agreements and conditions. We hope to enter legislation to apply for a helpful program soon. Level 2 chargers are appropriate for the Government Center and Governor's Place.

Ms. Duvall asked about the level of demand for charging stations. Mr. Bergstresser stated that within five years, demand will increase and the City is working to stay ahead of this trend.

Pickle Ball Construction - Mr. Schwieterman announced that construction on the pickle ball courts began last week.

Kettering Leadership Academy Alumni Event - Mr. Schwieterman stated that the KLA alumni event will take place November 10.

Kettering Fire Department Open House – Mr. Schwieterman announced that KFD would host an open house celebrating 100 years of service October 2 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., at Fire Headquarters on Hempstead Station Drive.

First Suburbs – Mr. Duke stated that on September 28 a First Suburbs meeting would be held at Kettering Fire Headquarters at 5:15 p.m. The ombudsman would present, and a tour of headquarters would be given. Dinner is provided, as well.

At 6:59 p.m., Mr. Duke made a motion to enter Executive Session under Section 121.06 (k) of the Codified Ordinances for purposes of Conference With Attorney, seconded by Mr. Scott. The motion passed unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:11 p.m., the Council exited Executive Session and went back on public record.

The City Council Workshop Meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

ATTEST:

JACQUELINE FISHER
VICE MAYOR

LASHAUNAH D. KACYNSKI
Clerk of Council