

CITY OF KETTERING
CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in a workshop session on Tuesday, September 27, 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. Duke, Ms. Duvall, Mr. Klepacz and Mr. Scott.

Staff Members present included City Manager Mark Schwieterman, Assistant City Manager Steve Bergstresser, Law Director Ted Hamer, Human Resources Director Jenny Smith, Economic Development Manager Amy Schrimpf and Community Information Manager Mary Azbill.

Mr. Sterling Abernathy and Mr. Dave Krings were present.

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

- There is only one resolution this evening which is the annual legislation to accept the City's property tax rates required by Montgomery County, Greene County and the Ohio Revised Code. This does not represent new or increased taxes. Rates are determined by the Budget Commission. Kettering has a flat six mill rate.
- Neighborhood Pride winners will be recognized with a video and pictures with the Mayor during the Council meeting, followed by a reception in the Deeds room after their presentation.

Shred Day – Mr. Schwieterman stated that Shred Day is October 1, from 9 a.m. to noon at Fairmont High School. Council members are not required to attend. The City works with Day Air Credit Union in a financial partnership to provide the shredding service, along with Montgomery County Environmental Services who will bring a dumpster for cardboard.

Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission Board – As liaison with MVRPC, Mr. Klepacz will attend a meeting the first Thursday of October when board members – 80 cities and townships—will vote on a rate increase. There has not been a rate increase for 25 years. Rates are based on population. The rate of return has been as high as \$26,000--about 15.2%. Mr. Klepacz announced he will vote to approve the rate change. The executive committee at MVRPC will then vote.

Mr. Duke asked how the City has received a 95% return on investment stated on a handout. Mr. Schwieterman clarified that it is 95% more than the City invested in dues and local share on projects. It is almost double what the City invests.

Mr. Duke asked for clarification on planning and revenue. Mr. Klepacz will get that for him at a later time.

Sister Cities Update - Mr. Klepacz stated that a Sister cities meeting was held last night. Contacts in Kettering, England, have dwindled, and they have disbanded. The City of Kettering has been a sister city with Kettering, England, since 1978. There was a resolution in 1978, officially stating that Kettering, England, is a sister city. Mr. Schwieterman stated that the City will consider a new resolution when it is time to change the City sign. Mr. Klepacz reminded the group that the name is on stationery, a website and signs.

Mr. Duke suggested maintaining exchanges of city managers without being sister cities. He stated it might be best to leave the resolution as is rather than disbanding in case people want to revive it in the future.

At 6:11 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 Personnel Matters, seconded by Ms. Duvall. The motion passed unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:25 p.m., the Council exited Executive Session and went back on public record.

The City Council Workshop Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

PEGGY LEHNER
MAYOR

MARY AZBILL
Community Information Manager