

CITY OF KETTERING  
CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 22, 2022

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in a workshop session on Tuesday, November 22, 2022, in the Deeds Conference Room, Kettering Government Center, 3600 Shroyer Road. The meeting came to order at 6:04 p.m.

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

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

Mr. Sterling Abernathy was also in attendance.

Mr. Schwieterman reviewed the agenda items for tonight's Council meeting along with upcoming dates of significance.

- Kettering Police Department will promote Sergeants Andrew DiSalvo and Ryan Vedegrift to lieutenant and Patrol Officers Mike Martin and Brian Robinson to the rank of sergeant.
- The Kettering City Council and the Kettering Board of Education will hold a Special Joint Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 29, 2022 in the Kettering Fire Headquarters- Community Room.
- Mayor's Tree Lighting will take place Friday, December 2 from 6-8 p.m. at Lincoln Park.
- The December 6 Budget Workshop meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m.
- The start time for the December 13 Workshop session may be moved to start later than 6:00 p.m. if the agenda is light.
- The City's Round Robin luncheon is December 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Mark Schwieterman's retirement party will be held December 19 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Polen Farm.
- City Manager Elect Matt Greeson will begin working in the City Manager's office December 12. Mr. Schwieterman will work in the Van Buren Room in the basement during their overlap.

Mr. Schwieterman went on to discuss other agenda items in greater detail.

Police Radio Repeater – Mr. Schwieterman explained that the radio repeater is the final piece of the KPD renovation. The repeater did not survive the renovation. P&R will install it. Its purpose is to make sure radios communicate with each other.

Charles Lathrem Center (CIL) Vans - Mr. Klepacz stated that when the resolution was previously approved to purchase vans for the CIL, electric vans would be considered. Mr. Schwieterman explained that the CIL transportation program currently operates two 2010 Dodge Minivans that have side ramp access, that were purchased for \$32,000. Maintenance and labor costs are significant, and the time spent out of service is too long. Vans were to be replaced in 2019 and are part of a 4-vehicle fleet including two sedans—one of which was swapped for a small SUV to cater to mobility needs. There is also a 16-passenger bus for bigger groups. Finding a CDL-licensed driver is an issue. A Cleveland dealer is willing to sell two vans to the City for \$57,000 each. The company outfits the van so it will come equipped, and there will be an expected two month delay until delivery. Funding was originally \$86,000 in the previous resolution and is now \$116,000. This will be funded via CIL donation. The program uses mostly vans for 31 trips each year. The City will purchase two rear-entry minivans.

Mr. Duke asked why the City has not made a concentrated effort to purchase electric. Mr. Schwieterman stated the City has been looking to purchase EVs, but they are not currently available.

Mr. Duke asked that a policy be established stating that all new purchases are electric first, hybrid second and gas third. Mr. Klepacz asked if the City could get quotes to prove it would not be feasible. Mr. Schwieterman confirmed the bids were sent for all three types of vehicles with no response. The two the City is being offered are due to a relationship formed with the dealership, and they will be gone if the City waits. City Council is interested in moving ahead due to demand.

Citywide Supplemental – Mr. Schwieterman explained that each year a citywide supplemental is created to ensure that no accounts have a negative year-end balance. The following departments will receive a supplemental: Council - \$5,000 for travel costs; City Manager's Office - \$88,000 to cover City Manager salaries and pay out; Planning & Development - \$87,000 for nuisance abatement; KFD - \$50,000 for personnel overtime just in case; salt legislation - \$281,000 to fill the salt bin; State Highway Fund - \$15,000 allocated and \$7,000 (reimbursed by a grant) for expenditures for Far Hills Ave and State Route 35. Police Pension Fund - \$15,000 just in case; DESC Reuse Fund - \$10,000 for irrigation; Rosewood Phase II - \$125,000 for plumbing and doors; and Rosewood Printmaking - \$20,000 for fixtures, furniture and equipment from Parks Foundation.

Ombudsman– Mr. Schwieterman explained that spending for the Ombudsman was \$1,250 per year through 2007. The City was no longer invoiced for the service and stopped payment and budgeting. The cost is \$2,500 for 2023 based on 50 cases each year for Kettering.

Juneteenth – Mr. Schwieterman stated that the Board of Community Relations (BCR) requested to have a Juneteenth celebration at Frazee to make it more of a festival. PRCA would use Sister City approach as they do Spass Nacht for the BCR's Juneteenth event with no charge for use of the Frazee, as long as the event costs less than \$15,000. Council agreed that Frazee was the appropriate location for this event.

Town & Country Rooftop Unit Repair – Mr. Schwieterman explained that the Frazee Fanfare space has two rooftop units and the Senior Connection has one that needs replaced at \$18,000. The City is required to replace these units in accordance with the lease at Town & Country so Public Service will take care of replacing those units.

Childcare – Mrs. Hall returned from the National League of Cities conference with information regarding childcare assistance. She reported there is \$55 billion in ARPA funds available for after school care. After school programs help to reduce crime and improve quality of life for students. Mrs. Hall stated that a needs assessment would be most important to determine next steps. Childcare contributes to workforce development, economic impact, crime rates and mental health.

Vice Mayor Fisher asked if childcare is City government's role and whether the funding is sustainable. Mrs. Hall said it is because of impacts that lack of childcare has on the crime rate and quality of life. She will continue to have conversations with child care experts on what a city program might look like and report back to Council. Mayor Lehner said she would like to be involved in some of those conversations.

At 7:01 p.m., Vice Mayor Fisher made a motion to enter Executive Session under Section 121.06 (k) of the Codified Ordinances for purposes of Property Matters; Economic Development; and Negotiations With Organizations Or Individuals, seconded by Mr. Scott. The motion passed unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:24 p.m., the Council exited Executive Session and went back on public record.

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

ATTEST:

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PEGGY LEHNER  
MAYOR

LASHAUNAH D. KACYNSKI  
Clerk of Council