

CITY OF KETTERING  
CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MINUTES  
January 10, 2023

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in a workshop session on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 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, Ms. Duvall, Mr. Klepacz, Mr. Scott and Mrs. Hall. Mr. Duke had an excused absence.

Staff Members present included City Manager Matt Greeson, Assistant City Manager Steve Bergstresser, Law Director Ted Hamer, Human Resources Director Jenny Smith, Planning and Development Director Tom Robillard, Chief of Police Chip Protsman, Economic Development Manager Amy Schrimpf and Community Information Manager Mary Azbill.

Mr. Joe Willen and Mr. Sterling Abernathy were also in attendance.

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

### **Ordinances**

- An ordinance in second reading will establish the Sustainability Committee. Mr. Bergstresser explained there is no compensation for members. Mr. Klepacz asked if the committee is for residents only. Mr. Bergstresser will research and confirm.

### **Resolutions**

- Resolutions must be made to apply for grants and accept grants and legislation to appropriate funds to spend the grant.
- A resolution will be presented to accept a grant from the Dayton Foundation for accessibility improvements in the theatre at the Rosewood Arts Center in Phase 3.
- Resolutions for several new year purchasing items, including Fire uniforms and PRCA Program Activities Guide, will be presented.
  - Vice Mayor Fisher inquired about sustainability for City vehicles. Mr. Greeson stated there will be a long-term plan to evaluate operational issues for hybrid vehicles, access to charging infrastructure and staff training to maintain the equipment.
  - Mr. Scott asked the total cost of ownership over the life of the vehicle. Mr. Greeson stated a return on investment analysis would be done. Mr. Bergstresser stated the Vehicle Maintenance Center is concerned about training and equipment needed to maintain vehicles in house. Staff cars are easier to switch to electric, but the City is not quite ready to switch yet.
  - Mrs. Hall asked if there is new technology that allows fire uniforms to block cancer-causing agents. Mr. Bergstresser stated that the fire stations are equipped with a positive airway ventilation system so that the gear turnout rooms are cleared of the impacted air. Stations have high capacity washing machines designed to eliminate harmful residue.
- A resolution to authorize Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission membership fee of \$25,000 will be presented.
- Mr. Bergstresser stated there are several resolutions to approve spending for 2023 capital improvement projects to go out for bid in February and March including: grant funds for Flesher Bridge - \$200,000; and West Avenue Bridge and Wilmington Pike.
- The intersection at David and Bigger is currently under construction and was bid in 2022. Ms. Duvall stated an arrow is needed at the intersection.

Mayor Lehner stated there is not enough time at Council workshop sessions to ask questions and advised that a solution is being sought.

### **Events**

- Undesign the Redline Exhibit Reception is January 12 at 5:00 pm.
- Former Mayor Chuck Horn's funeral is January 12 at 10:00 am.

### **Update**

- Ms. Duvall stated that the Board of Community Relations is working to bring back the Martin Luther King Breakfast. MLK essays will be recognized at the February 28 Council meeting.

Aggregation – Mr. Greeson explained that the aggregation process will include two public hearings: 1) adopting a plan of operation under state statute; and 2) entering into the program this summer. Palmer Energy will be available to provide an overview of the process.

Strategic Planning Process – Mr. Greeson stated that PlanningNext met with staff to begin the strategic planning process. He stated that a meeting is being scheduled for two hours in a workshop format to facilitate a dialogue, reconnect with the purpose and scope of the project, discuss what the City is committing, key participants and role clarification as far as Council, staff, steering committee and citizens. The consultant will learn from Council and other roles to find what will work best.

Mr. Scott asked if it will be a daytime or evening session. Mr. Greeson stated it would be scheduled when everyone was available.

Mayor Lehner explained the opportunity to renew the commitment and elevate the important things the City does.

Mr. Greeson stated the scope is a year timeframe, and staff is already engaged. Mr. Bergstresser stated directors have been asking for an updated plan for some time and that a project management team has been established to keep the development process on task. Mr. Greeson assured Council that staff, City Council and citizens will be engaged and have ownership. An inclusive steering committee of 30 people will be created with a broad reach.

Mrs. Hall stated that Tom Robillard discussed a redevelopment master plan for the Stroop and Marshall area and asked if that would be included in the strategic plan. Mr. Greeson stated that many issues will emerge and decisions will be made regarding which items will run alongside the process.

Senior Services Coordinator – Mr. Bergstresser reminded Council of the discussion at the last workshop session to move the Senior Services the position to the government center. Ms. Vickie Carraher will resign February 1, but will continue to help with the transition of a new coordinator. He explained that the business model of Kettering Connection shifted from visitors coming to Town and Country seeking services to the coordinator conducting home visits. As promised, the Charles I. Lathrem Center (CIL) was reviewed as a potential office site, and it does not have the space for a permanent office. Times will be planned to serve the Lathrem Center customers onsite. The Government Center will be the site for coordination of other services, such as CDBG programs and KPD crisis intervention creating a one-stop scenario for visitors with the ability for each coordinator to provide backup, when necessary. The City will market the services offered at the Government Center. The City would no longer lease the space at Town and Country. Office space is available in Planning & Development next to other service offices. Two new offices will be built with a separate public door. Ms. Angela Rahman would move to a different office. Legislation to seek quotes/bids for improvements will be presented at the January 24 meeting. The City will seek bids and renovate from March through May. The lease ends May 31, and staff can move to new offices in June.

Mr. Klepacz asked if the lease for Fanfare runs out, as well. Mr. Bergstresser explained it does and that the City paid \$18,000 for HVAC units to be repaired.

Vice Mayor Fisher stated that if lunches are brought back to the CIL that would create a great place to advertise senior services.

The City Council Workshop Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

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PEGGY LEHNER  
MAYOR

LASHAUNAH D. KACYNSKI  
Clerk of Council