

CITY OF KETTERING
CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MINUTES
January 24, 2023

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in a workshop session on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, in the Deeds Conference Room, Kettering Government Center, 3600 Shroyer Road. The meeting came to order at 6:01 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, Economic Development Manager Amy Schrimpf and Community Information Manager Mary Azbill.

Mr. Brandon Policicchio and Mr. Sterling Abernathy were also in attendance.

Mr. Greeson stated that a representative from RTA would be presenting plans for 2023 during workshop and at the Council meeting. Mr. Bergstresser introduced Mr. Policicchio for an update on RTA's 2023 plans.

Mr. Policicchio said that Greater Dayton RTA is celebrating 50 years in 2023. Cash free onboarding has eliminated the traditional payment system and contactless payment will be available soon, as well. There are 18 bus routes thorough the county and 2,500 bus stops. RTA provides same service 7 days a week and on-demand services for rural routes. Customers call the Uber app to request trips in those zones. Para transit is available countywide. The 5310 Program uses grant funding to subsidize trips for seniors and disability for \$5 when used for healthcare, grocery and pharmacy trips. During 2023, RTA hopes to increase routes from 9 to 11, and include a route to address transportation for UD students to get to Walmart. It is hoped that a loop will be established from the Recreation Center to Kettering Boulevard to Dorothy Lane, as well as an east-west route, however, additional drivers must be hired to make these plans a reality. Routes will also include stops at Walmart, Kroger, and Aldi on Wilmington Pike and at Sinclair College on Clio. There is also continued access to Meijer.

Mr. Klepacz asked if covered bus stops would be erected. Mr. Policicchio stated that shelters could be added. Mr. Bergstresser added that grants fund shelters.

If the driver situation improves and the plan is approved in April, it is hoped that new routes will be running by August.

Mrs. Hall asked why drivers are difficult to find. Mr. Policicchio explained that the pool is starting to improve due to strong wage rates. After seven years of service, drivers can make \$75,000.

Strategic Plan Update – Mr. Greeson stated that PlanningNext met with department directors to review the scope of their role. Council will hopefully be able to meet with PlanningNext on February 14 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., in special workshop prior to the regularly-scheduled session.

Sister Cities Update – Mr. Greeson requested a motion to withdraw the item from the agenda to clarify information about separation for lapse in relationship with Kettering, England. Mr. Klepacz explained that Mr. Fullenkamp has been in contact with the Mayor in Kettering, England. She requested holding off on this resolution until she has the chance to speak with her council about reconsidering the decision they made last year to disband. Mr. Klepacz asked to remove the item from the agenda. Council agrees.

STAYPUT Program – Dayton Daily News reached out to inquire the status of the STAYPUT Program. More than 1,100 people have been served. The City pauses the program, when necessary, to manage the intake. Applications sometimes exceed funds, and the City pauses on accepting new ones. There is \$330,000 left in the program, and more applications are at risk as the number in need exceeds funding. A meeting with Montgomery County is scheduled for February 1 to discuss.

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

Mr. Klepacz asked if every fire station will need unit heaters installed. Mr. Bergstresser explained that two stations were designed in a way that requires this addition. The other two have fire retardant facilities.

Flock Cameras – Mr. Scott asked for an update from Chief Protsman on the Flock Cameras installed nine months ago. Mr. Greeson stated he will request an update from Chief Protsman.

At 6:59 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, seconded by Mr. Scott. The motion passed unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:27 p.m., the Council exited Executive Session and went back on public record.

The City Council Workshop Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

ATTEST:

PEGGY LEHNER
MAYOR

LASHAUNAH D. KACZYNSKI
Clerk of Council