

CITY OF KETTERING  
CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MINUTES  
March 14, 2023

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in a workshop session on Tuesday, March 14, 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, Assistant Law Director Maggie Pasqualone, Economic Development Manager Amy Schrimpf and Community Information Manager Mary Azbill.

Mr. Sterling Abernathy was also in attendance.

Rumpke – City Coordinator – Mr. Greeson announced that Mary Jo Csizma, the liaison and coordinator for the City's trash hauler for the past 20 years working in the Engineering Department will retire March 31. Mr. Bergstresser added that this is a great opportunity to restructure the City's administrative staffing for residential trash. This role will return to Public Service where it originated, and Melissa Sherwood, secretary, will carry on as the primary point of contact for customers calling the trash number. Walk-in visitors for senior service and disability service will remain at the Government Center where Senior Services Coordinator Natalie Storms will verify income and other qualifications. The city is in the midst of a five-year contract with Rumpke.

Mr. Klepacz asked if data will be collected to prepare for contract negotiation. Mr. Bergstresser stated data would be collected but that calls are very infrequent. The contract ends in 2025.

ARPA Funds Update – Mr. Greeson reminded Council members about the strategy to bid out projects to get pricing. Stroop Bikeway is under estimate and seeking authorization to bid on Gentile Park and appropriate funds. No action will be taken until after Council gives direction. Phase 1 of Golf Club Estates and an update on Rosewood will be provided next meeting.

StayPut – Mr. Robillard stated that Montgomery County asked the City to administer \$2 million in additional funds for the StayPut Program. Thus far, 1144 applications have been approved and 330 applicants have been saved from eviction. Funds are helping renters with rent three months back and three months forward. The perceived culprits for this need are lack of affordable childcare, lack of jobs, no sick leave and transportation.

Ms. Duvall asked about the effectiveness of StayOn. Mr. Robillard stated it is not as effective and is being phased out. He will put together facts and figures for the next meeting.

Vice Mayor Fisher asked about families who did not apply in time to avoid eviction. Mr. Robillard that StayPut attempts to include people at the court stage before eviction. Once evicted, this program cannot help; however, there are landlord/tenant workshops to help get the word out about rights and responsibility. Ms. Fisher asked if a list of participating landlords is available.

Mrs. Hall asked if mediation is available at the court like it is in Dayton and stated that a presence might be helpful. Mr. Greeson stated he would ask Kettering Courts about that.

Ms. Duvall asked about Heapy Engineering's role in renovations. Mr. Bergstresser advised that renovations for the new offices require HVAC equipment renovation.

Mr. Greeson stated that the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission requested that Mayor Lehner sign a letter of support for the Ohio Rail Development Commission's submission to the 2023 Corridor Identification and Development (Corridor ID) Program for the Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton and Cincinnati (3C&D) corridor.

At 6:27 p.m., Mrs. Hall made a motion to enter Executive Session under Section 121.06 (k) of the Codified Ordinances for purposes of Personnel Matters; Economic Development; and Conference With Attorney, 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:

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PEGGY LEHNER  
MAYOR

LASHAUNAH D. KACZYNSKI  
Clerk of Council