

CITY OF KETTERING
CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MINUTES
January 9, 2024

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in a workshop session on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 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, Ms. Duvall, Mrs. Hall, Mr. Scott, Mr. Suddith and Mr. Sullivan. Vice Mayor Fisher 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, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts (PRCA) Director Mary Beth O'Dell, Administrative Systems Director Drew Miller, Economic Development Manager Amy Schrimpf and Community Information Manager Mary Azbill.

Mr. Greeson briefly reviewed the agenda for tonight's City Council meeting.

Fraze Operational Analysis Study – Ms. O'Dell presented plans for the Fraze Operational Analysis Study explaining the goal to evaluate Fraze operations for continuous improvement aligned with residents' expectations and value to the community. Deliverables include: 1). Review and recommend operational improvements for personnel, concessions and programming. 2). Evaluate current and alternate business models and future operation options. 3). Benchmark similar venues in the Midwestern region for economic, financial and key operational metrics and community. This will be a data-driven report to help the City determine the best future plan for Fraze.

Mr. Greeson added that most of the contracts (lighting, sound, etc.) will expire in 2025. This study will help determine necessary changes in specifications or adding and eliminating services. By spring of 2025, decisions will need to be made.

Mr. Scott asked if staff would be conducting the study. Ms. O'Dell confirmed it would be a third party. Mr. Scott recommended a study for the ice arena be conducted, too. Ms. O'Dell stated that since Fraze is located in beautiful Lincoln Park, it is important to determine what residents desire.

Mr. Greeson asked for questions on agenda items.

Ms. Duvall asked for a completion date for the West Avenue Bridge Pedestrian Bridge project. Mr. Bergstresser stated the project would begin later in 2024, providing pedestrian access to Gentile Nature Park and the Kettering Business Park. The sidewalk system will likely not be complete before the opening of Gentile Nature Park.

At 6:14 p.m., Mr. Scott made a motion to enter Executive Session under Section 121.06 (k) of the Codified Ordinances for the purposes of Personnel Matters; Property Matters; and Security Arrangements, seconded by Ms. Duvall. 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