

CITY OF KETTERING
CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MINUTES
September 22, 2020

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio met in a workshop session on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, in the Deeds Conference Room, Kettering Government Center, 3600 Shroyer Road. Mayor Patterson called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Council Members Present included Mayor Patterson, Vice Mayor Klepacz, Mr. Lautar, Mr. Wanamaker and Mrs. Fisher. Mr. Duke and Mr. Scott had excused absences.

Staff Members Present: City Manager Mark Schwieterman, Assistant City Manager Steve Bergstresser, Law Director Ted Hamer, Police Chief Chip Protsman, Economic Development Manager Gregg Gorsuch and Community Information Manager Mary Azbill.

Resident Sterling Abernathy was also in attendance.

Agenda Review – Mr. Schwieterman reviewed the agenda for this evening’s meeting with the Council members.

CARES Act Declaration for \$1.9M.

Police renovation supplemental.

Mr. Hamer advised that a resolution needs to be amended to reflect the funding source for the Police Department renovation project. Mayor Patterson asked for a motion to amend the Police Department renovation resolution to reflect the correct funding source. Vice Mayor Klepacz made the motion and Mr. Lautar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A resolution to apply to the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission for federal funds for vehicle charging stations at the Government Center is on the agenda this evening. . He stated most likely the grant will be divided to make sure most communities get funding for at least one charging station.

Vice Mayor Klepacz asked if the charging stations would be operational 24 hours each day. Mr. Bergstresser will check.

Sale of Kettering Moraine Museum Land – Mr. Schwieterman stated the Law Department conducted the closing for the sale of the land. The City will net \$254K.

Mr. Bergstresser will be Acting City Manager during Mr. Schwieterman’s vacation from 9/25 to 10/3/20.

Beggar’s Night – Mr. Schwieterman stated there are new state guidelines regarding Beggar’s Night. Kettering’s Beggar’s Night is October 31, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. It will be left up to the residents to decide if they will participate. Town & Country Shopping Center will not be having trick or treat. Residents will be encouraged to turn lights on if they are participating.

Fraze Fanfare – Mr. Schwieterman stated that Frazee Fanfare will not open on Black Friday as it typically does as there are no guarantees of performances yet.

Charles I. Lathrem Center – Mr. Schwieterman stated the Charles Lather Center will remain closed. State law allowed opening; but, our center was categorized with adult daycare and assisted living facilities requiring employees to be COVID-19 tested every other week. Patrons would need temperatures taken. The Recreation Center currently does neither. The City is offering programs and activities for seniors at the Rec Center. It would be difficult to require two protocols for one building.

Mayor Patterson asked for an explanation of the City’s reasoning since they are receiving \$1.9M for COVID-19 related expenses. He suggested a phone call to Kettering Medical Center would get the testing required. Mr. Schwieterman responded that the City is not testing.

Mrs. Fisher asked how the CIL senior activities center was categorized with adult daycare. Mr. Schwieterman stated that the City is unique. The government is protecting many different senior programs with one blanket of rules.

Vice Mayor Klepacz asked if the CIL would be treated differently if not attached to the Rec Center. He went on to express his concern for people paying dues to belong to the CIL. He asked if workers could control who comes in and out of CIL. He then asked if the City is getting negative feedback from people who want to use CIL. Mr. Schwieterman stated there is no negative feedback.

Mayor Patterson stated that the City has so many things they are unable to approve. Finally there is something we can give the residents with a couple of hoops and we choose not to. Mr. Schwieterman said that the City Administration will re-examine the choice not to re-open and gather some data on the topic and report back to Council.

Chicken Survey – Mr. Schwieterman stated that a survey was conducted by Planning & Development Department using cities Kettering's size throughout the state. Chickens are not being allowed in residential areas. Beavercreek voted not to allow chickens, as well.

Mayor Patterson asked if we should take a stance. He stated that if we know that no communities are allowing chickens, do we just say we don't permit them. Mr. Schwieterman stated the City could give the survey results in a community update.

Mr. Schwieterman noted Chief Butts retirement celebration is October 2 between 10:00 a.m., and noon.

The Assistant Fire Chief recruitment is open this week for battalion chiefs to apply. Interviews will be held next week and new Chief will make appointment in his first week.

MVRPC Resolution – Mr. Schwieterman noted City Council is Supportive of MVRPC equality Resolution and the issue will move forward.

Trump Rolling Rally - Chief Protsman stated that a rolling Trump rally would take place Sunday that will stage at McAfee Heating and Air from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. and prayer at 11:00 a.m. The crowd will leave McAfee and return at 1:00 for speakers and food trucks until 3:00. It is anticipated that 700 people will attend.

Body Cameras – Chief Protsman stated that he has never been a proponent of body cameras because they do not show a lot more than cruiser cameras. However, he does not want to take that risk. KPD is working with WatchGuard and IT for pricing and server storage. KPD wants 90 cameras to ensure one for each officer. Ten-hour shifts require a lot of people on the streets. Body cams are Motorola which will work well with Spellman (CAD/RMS) software. Batteries will be necessary. Life is 12 hours. Three-year warranty--Won't last more than 3-5 years.

Mr. Lautar asked Mr. Hamer if body cameras will require the City to have guidance for records retention. Chief Protsman stated it is already in place with cruiser cameras. Sheriff's Department and Oakwood Police are going with WatchGuard, as well.

Mr. Lautar asked if current policy addresses officer turning on the camera. Chief Protsman stated official interaction with public requires cameras to be on.

Mr. Schwieterman stated legislation will be placed on the October 13 agenda. Still getting quotes regarding body cameras. Quote will be close to \$200-275K. Funds will be encumbered during 2020.

Vice Mayor Klepacz asked about the state of basketball courts in our parks. Mr. Schwieterman stated that, by law, we could put them back up. We will reconsider in spring.

The City Council Workshop Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

DONALD E. PATTERSON
MAYOR

LASHAUNAH D. KACYNSKI
Clerk of Council