

KETTERING CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
RETREAT FOLLOW-UP MEETING
August 10, 2010

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in special session on Tuesday, August 10, 2010 at 1:05 p.m. at the Day Air Credit Union, First Floor Conference Room, 3501 Wilmington Pike, Kettering, Ohio.

Council Members Present: Mayor Patterson, Schrimpf, Duke, Thompson, Wanamaker, Klepacz and Webb.

Council Members Absent: None

Total Members Present: 7 (Seven)

Staff Members Present: City Manager – Mark Schwieterman and Assistant City Manager – Al Fullenkamp.

Guests: Dave Laughlin, Norman Ruppert, and Coni Bauer

Mayor Patterson called the special meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Councilman Klepacz moved and it was seconded by Councilman Duke to modify the agenda to discuss Ernst Park first. This was approved. Mr. Laughlin expressed his concern regarding the removal of trees because of the addition of a tennis court as a part of the Park Improvement plans which are underway. Council listened and then reiterated as to all of the public meetings, which had previously been held on this park and this issue. When asked how this park differs from Kantner Park it was noted that Kantner Park had a substantial change in use proposed and this park did not. Council asked for a tree count at Ernst Park as to how many trees are to be removed and how many trees will be replanted in this park.

The next item to be discussed was the cellphone/texting issue. Mr. Schwieterman gave a presentation on this issue and what is being done at the State and by some at some the local level. Council then discussed this at length. A question they wished clarification with was if we have a more stringent ordinance at the local level would it take precedence over a state law, which is more lenient? Council then agreed to proceed as follows: Pass a resolution of support for the State House and Senate to pass a texting bill generally as put forth in HB 415, before January 31, 2011. At the same time have an ordinance drafted to disallow texting in Kettering based generally on HB 415. This would then go to Council for action after January 31, 2011 should the State not act. Also an education plan should be drafted and be ready to be implemented at the beginning of 2011.

Mr. Schwieterman then reviewed the 2010 Council Workshop schedule with Council and after discussion it was decided to use the schedule as proposed but have Council Meetings in December on the first and third Tuesdays of the month rather than the second and fourth as is traditional. This will make the Council meetings in December to be the seventh (7th) and the twenty-first (21st).

Mr. Schwieterman then discussed the proposed City Survey. Council then asked questions and expressed concerns and ultimately indicated they prefer to see the City Survey done in the November timeframe in order to stay far enough away from the Parks survey to be done in September.

Mr. Fullenkamp then asked Council to retrieve the memo from their packet from the City Manager regarding the Board of Community Relations upcoming items. Mr. Fullenkamp noted that this was an informational memo at this time. Some of Council had some clarifying questions and some discussion took place regarding likely State action and other items.

Mr. Schwieterman gave a Finance Presentation regarding the City's financial issues at this time and this led to many questions and much discussion on City finances.

At 4:01 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Thompson and a second by Councilman Schrimpf to go into executive session for the purpose of preparing for negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning compensation and other conditions of employment. This was approved by a role call vote. At 5:11 p.m. a motion by Councilman Duke and with a second by Councilman Thompson for Council come out of executive session was approved by a role call vote.

As a part of the wrap-up Mr. Schwieterman informed Council of the issue with the farm fence wire at the "Zink Farm" and its present status.

Mayor Patterson informed Council that Mr. Frank Mauro has informed the Mayor that he will not serve past his present term, which ends on December 31, 2010. A search for a new Planning Commissioner shall begin shortly.

There being no further business to come before this special meeting of the Kettering City Council; Mayor Patterson adjourned the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

ATTEST:

DONALD E. PATTERSON, MAYOR

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CLERK OF COUNCIL