

**KETTERING CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
March 12, 2024**

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in regular session on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Kettering Government Center South Building, 3600 Shroyer Road. Mayor Lehner presided and the Community Information Manager, Mary B. Azbill, recorded. This meeting was telecast live on the cable access channel and streamed live at mvcc.net.

Council Members Present: Lehner, Fisher, Sullivan, Hall, Scott, and Suddith

Council Members Absent: Duvall (Excused)

Total Members Present: Six (6)

Mayor Lehner led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

Mayor Lehner mentioned Ms. Duvall has an excused absence.

Mayor Lehner introduced the Miami Valley Communications Council TV Operator Mike Soproni. She thanked him for his assistance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

February 27, 2024- Council Meeting & Workshop Minutes

Mr. Sullivan reported that he reviewed the above minutes and moved the minutes be approved. Mrs. Hall seconded the motion of the above minutes and there being five (5) yea votes, one (1) abstain vote (Mrs. Fisher) and no (0) nay votes for the February 27, 2024 Council Meeting and Workshop Minutes, the motion was declared carried followed by a roll call vote.

**PROCLAMATIONS, SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS, APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**Appointment- Sustainability Committee- Lee Isom (Term ending 12/31/26)**

**Appointment- Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Advisory Board- Frank Ecklar (Term ending 12/31/26)**

Mrs. Fisher made a motion to appoint Lee Isom to the Sustainability Committee and Frank Ecklar to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Advisory Board. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was declared carried followed by a unanimous like sign vote to approve the appointments.

**Special Presentation- Ohio Parks and Recreation Association Youth Sports Coach of the Year**

Drew Corbett, Recreation Manager gave the presentation. Mr. Corbett introduced Dan Bogan as the recipient of the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association Youth Sports Coach of the Year. Mr. Bogan is one of the many youth volunteer coaches that the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department relies on to operate a successful youth sports program. Mr. Bogan's coaching career began in 2016, when he started to coach recreational soccer. Taking on the mantra, "Any good teacher can be a great coach", Mr. Bogan eagerly took the role despite his initial doubts about his own skills and abilities. Mr. Bogan quickly learned that knowledge mattered far less than being present for each child. Since that experience, Mr. Bogan has volunteered with over 17 teams including volleyball, basketball and soccer. Mr. Bogan helps build kids confidence and celebrate their success, and his patience and care yield results on and off the field. Mr. Bogan embodies the spirit of volunteerism through steadfast support across sports, seasons and years. Each year, the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association provides Awards of Excellence which recognize organizations throughout Ohio that embody the vision, dedication and excellence in parks and recreation. These awards recognize organizations that transcend everyday standards to make a difference and improve the quality of life in children. The Youth Sports Coach of the Year Awards recognizes an outstanding youth sports coach who has positively served as a role model for athletes in their communities. Mr. Corbett expressed the Kettering community is grateful to have leaders like Mr. Bogan in the Kettering community. Mr. Corbett thanked Mr. Bogan for his volunteer service and mentioned the award recognition Mr. Bogan is receiving is well deserved.

Mr. Scott expressed he coached youth sports for many years and that part of volunteerism is underappreciated. Mr. Scott congratulated Mr. Bogan on his success and mentioned the youth will remember the lessons Mr. Bogan taught them even when they are adults.

Mayor Lehner mentioned she has spent many Saturdays watching basketball, volleyball and soccer.

Mr. Bogan informed City Council he is now coaching wrestling and t-ball.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATION

ORDINANCES IN SECOND READING

RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION

NO: 11041-24

BY: MRS.FISHER AND MR.SULLIVAN

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR A PRIORITY ONE GRANT FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF EMS

Mrs. Fisher read the above resolution and moved for approval. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion.

Mr. Greeson, City Manager gave a brief description of the resolution.

Chief Robbins, Fire Chief informed City Council the grant is awarded annually through the Ohio Department of Public Safety for electronically transmitting patient care records that's required by law. The grant is for training and EMS equipment by doing the transmission.

The following votes were recorded: Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Mr. Suddith, Yea; Mayor Lehner, Yea. There being six (6) Yea votes and no (0) Nay votes, the motion was declared carried and the resolution duly adopted.

A RESOLUTION

NO: 11042-24

BY: MR.SULLIVAN AND MRS.HALL

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS FROM FIREFIGHTERS & COMPANY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Mr. Sullivan read the above resolution and moved for approval. Mrs. Hall seconded the motion.

Mr. Greeson, City Manager gave a brief description of the resolution.

Chief Robbins, Fire Chief informed City Council that when the fire department is responding to an emergency or a non-emergency call, they will not leave an incident without a working smoke detector or a working carbon monoxide detector in a home. The equipment is carried on the fire apparatus and if called for service the smoke detector or carbon monoxide detector will be left. Residents can also call the Fire Department Headquarters to receive a smoke detector or a carbon monoxide detector.

The following votes were recorded: Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Mr. Suddith, Yea; Mayor Lehner, Yea. There being six (6) Yea votes and no (0) Nay votes, the motion was declared carried and the resolution duly adopted.

A RESOLUTION

NO: 11043-24

BY: MRS.HALL AND MR.SCOTT

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR A SAFETY INTERVENTION GRANT FROM THE OHIO BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Mrs. Hall read the above resolution and moved for approval. Mr. Scott seconded the motion.

Mr. Greeson, City Manager gave a brief description of the resolution.

Chief Robbins, Fire Chief informed City Council several years ago, the fire department began to use power cots to load patients in the back of medics. There is now new technology of stair chairs which have power tracks that go up and down stairs so fire members don't have to physically carry someone up and down the stairs. The fire department has budgeted \$25,000 and will receive matching funds from the Bureau of Workers' Compensation. The stair chairs will be placed on primary medics for moving patients through stairwells.

The following votes were recorded: Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Mr. Suddith, Yea; Mayor Lehner, Yea. There being six (6) Yea votes and no (0) Nay votes, the motion was declared carried and the resolution duly adopted.

A RESOLUTION  
NO: 11044-24  
BY: MR.SCOTT AND MR.SUDDITH

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN FIREWORKS COMPANY FOR THE FIREWORKS SHOW AT THE ANNUAL GO 4<sup>TH</sup> EVENT

Mr. Scott read the above resolution and moved for approval. Mr. Suddith seconded the motion.

Mr. Bergstresser, Assistant City Manager gave a brief description of the resolution.

The following votes were recorded: Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Mr. Suddith, Yea; Mayor Lehner, Yea. There being six (6) Yea votes and no (0) Nay votes, the motion was declared carried and the resolution duly adopted.

A RESOLUTION  
NO: 11045-24  
BY: MR.SUDDITH AND MRS.FISHER

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO USE COMPETITIVE BARGAINING AND NEGOTIATED QUOTES TO CONTRACT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING AUDIO SYSTEM AT THE MAIN POOL AND ADVENTURE REEF WATER PARK

Mr. Suddith read the above resolution and moved for approval. Mrs. Fisher seconded the motion.

Mr. Bergstresser, Assistant City Manager gave a brief description of the resolution.

The following votes were recorded: Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Mr. Suddith, Yea; Mayor Lehner, Yea. There being six (6) Yea votes and no (0) Nay votes, the motion was declared carried and the resolution duly adopted.

A RESOLUTION  
NO: 11046-24  
BY: MRS.FISHER AND MR.SULLIVAN

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO USE COMPETITIVE BARGAINING AND NEGOTIATED QUOTES TO CONTRACT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING AIR HANDLING UNIT WITHIN LINCOLN PARK/CIVIC COMMONS CONCESSION STAND

Mrs. Fisher read the above resolution and moved for approval. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion.

Mr. Bergstresser, Assistant City Manager gave a brief description of the resolution.

The following votes were recorded: Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Mr. Suddith, Yea; Mayor Lehner, Yea. There being six (6) Yea votes and no (0) Nay votes, the motion was declared carried and the resolution duly adopted.

A RESOLUTION  
NO: 11047-24  
BY: MR.SULLIVAN AND MRS.HALL

APPROVING THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNTYWIDE 9-1-1 SYSTEM FINAL PLAN AS APPROVED BY THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY 9-1-1 PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Sullivan read the above resolution and moved for approval. Mrs. Hall seconded the motion.

Mr. Greeson, City Manager gave a brief description of the resolution.

The following votes were recorded: Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Mr. Suddith, Yea; Mayor Lehner, Yea. There being six (6) Yea votes and no (0) Nay votes, the motion was declared carried and the resolution duly adopted.

A RESOLUTION  
NO: 11048-24  
BY: MRS.HALL AND MR.SCOTT

TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER  
EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF KETTERING, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR  
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

Mrs. Hall read the above resolution and moved for approval. Mr. Scott seconded the motion.

Mr. Greeson, City Manager gave a brief description of the resolution.

The following votes were recorded: Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Mr. Suddith, Yea; Mayor Lehner, Yea. There being six (6) Yea votes and no (0) Nay votes, the motion was declared carried and the resolution duly adopted.

ORDINANCES IN FIRST READING

CERTIFICATIONS AND PETITIONS

MANAGER'S REPORT/COMMUNITY UPDATE

Mr. Greeson, City Manager updated Council on upcoming and community events.

- Blood Pressure Clinics will take place on Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Kettering Moraine Library located at 3496 Far Hills Avenue.
- Kettering Leadership Academy is currently accepting applications for the class of 2024-2025. Applications will be accepted through June 3.
- The regularly scheduled City Council meeting for Tuesday, March 26 has been canceled due to lack of pending legislation. The workshop meeting will still take place on March 26 at 6:00 p.m.
- Due to the volatility of gas prices, it was determined that gas aggregation wouldn't have the same impact on monthly gas utilities.
- The Kettering Senior Show Choir is actively recruiting a director-accompanist. For more information residents can contact the Lathrem Senior Center.
- The total solar eclipse on April 8 will have the following impact on the community:
  - Rumpke will start at 4:00 a.m. for Monday customers
  - The Rec Center and Fitness/Wellness Centers will close at 11:00 a.m.
  - Kettering Municipal Court will close at 12:00 p.m.
  - Polen Farm, Habitat Environmental Center, Rosewood Arts Center, Frazee FanFare and the Yard Debris Center will be closed.
  - Residents should stock up on food, water, gas and prescriptions
  - Find a safe viewing area to watch the solar eclipse
  - Call 9-1-1 for emergencies only
  - Wear specialized glasses when viewing the solar eclipse
  - Traffic has the potential to be heavy throughout the community
- RTA will provide free rides system-wide to anyone who chooses to exercise their right to vote.
- The Microenterprise Basic Course Program will begin on Wednesday, April 10. Participants could be eligible for a forgivable loan for their small business.
- Income tax filing deadline is April 15, 2024. City staff is available to assist residents in preparing their taxes by contacting the Tax Division at 937-296-2502.

OTHER BUSINESS NOT ON WRITTEN AGENDA

Audience Participation (5 Minute Limit per Speaker)

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Fisher reported:

- She attended the open house celebration for Green-Oak Preschool.
- The Tax Department completed her city income tax forms in less than five minutes.
- She read a statement on behalf of Lisa Duvall. Ms. Duvall attended a Final Salute Ceremony for a Vietnam veteran; she thanked Mr. Suddith for bringing awareness to the Final Salute organization.

Mr. Sullivan reported:

- On March 5 and 6 he attended interviews for the Sustainability Committee for new volunteer members.
- He will be coaching 7<sup>th</sup> grade soccer at the Kettering Recreation Complex and he will be coaching against Dan Bogan.

Mrs. Hall reported:

- Ohio is the 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation for human trafficking; people should remain vigilant during the March Madness Tournament.

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- She thanked members of City Council and her family for all of their support during her senate campaign.
- Residents should exercise their right to vote on Election Day.

Mr. Scott reported:

- Nothing to report.

Ms. Duvall reported:

- Absent.

Mr. Suddith reported:

- This week is National Sunshine Week and this week highlights the importance of assessable government.
- He hosted a group of concerned citizens who attended a previous City Council meeting to try to find a resolution to their concerns; thank you city staff who attended and provided assistance.

Mayor Lehner reported:

- On March 7 she dropped the puck for the annual Reynolds & Reynolds Hockey Game.
- On March 12 she attended the grand opening celebration of the Greater Dayton School located in downtown Dayton.
- City Council rode the new RTA Bus Route 28; residents should consider using this amenity when needing to get around the community.

There being no further business to come before this meeting of the Kettering City Council; Mayor Lehner adjourned the City Council Meeting at 8:09 p.m.

ATTEST:

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PEGGY LEHNER, MAYOR

Mary B. Azbill  
Community Information Manager