

**KETTERING CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
April 23, 2024**

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Kettering Government Center South Building, 3600 Shroyer Road. Mayor Lehner presided and the Clerk of Council, LaShaunah D. Kaczynski, recorded. This meeting was telecast live on the cable access channel and streamed live at mvcc.net.

Council Members Present: Lehner, Sullivan, Duvall and Suddith

Council Members Absent: Fisher (Excused), Hall (Excused) and Scott (Excused)

Total Members Present: Four (4)

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

Mayor Lehner mentioned Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Hall and Mr. Scott have excused absences.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

April 9, 2024- Council Meeting & Workshop Minutes

Mr. Sullivan reported that he reviewed the above minutes and moved the minutes be approved. Ms. Duvall seconded the motion of the above minutes and there being four (4) yea votes and no (0) nay votes for the April 9, 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- Zachary Piso (Term ending 12/31/25)**

**Appointment- Sustainability Committee- Pamela White (Term ending 12/31/26)**

**Appointment- Sustainability Committee- Gary Victor (Term ending 12/31/26)**

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to appoint Zachary Piso, Pamela White, and Gary Victor to the Sustainability Committee. Ms. Duvall seconded the motion. The motion was declared carried followed by a unanimous like sign vote to approve the appointment.

**Proclamation- Building Safety Month**

Mr. Sullivan read the above proclamation and the proclamation was accepted by Patrick Hillier, Chief Building Official. Mr. Hillier stated as the City Architect and Building Official, he appreciates you making this Proclamation. This is what he does every day and he finds it extremely important and getting this acknowledgement is important. They like to take this month to take what they know and educate the public a little bit more about what they do through the Proclamation and through educating the public during Building Safety Month. Mr. Hillier thanked Mayor and City Council.

Mayor Lehner thanked Mr. Hillier for all that he does for the City.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATION**

**ORDINANCES IN SECOND READING**

**RESOLUTIONS**

A RESOLUTION

NO: 11065-24

BY: MR. SULLIVAN AND MS. DUVALL

DECLARING AS SURPLUS AND APPROVING A CONTRACT TO SELL 9.58 ACRES OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY IN MIAMI VALLEY RESEARCH PARK.

Mr. Sullivan read the above resolution and moved for approval. Ms. Duvall seconded the motion.

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

Dr. Robin Fisher, Superintendent Dayton Regional STEM School, was invited to the podium to talk about the school. Dr. Fisher provided background about the STEM School and where they had hoped to take the school. She expressed that building an elementary school to accompany the existing 6-12 school is a dream come true for her. They are hoping to open in the fall of 2025, with their first class of K-5 students. Dr. Fisher introduced the additional representatives present from STEM School, Board President, Dr. David Goldstein, and future Principal of the elementary school, Pat Murakami.

Mayor Lehner asked who are the students that go there?

Dr. Fisher provided information on the lottery admission process and pointed out that the STEM School educates students from over 30 different school districts and as many as 9 different counties in the surrounding area.

Mayor Lehner thanked Dr. Fisher.

The following votes were recorded: Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Suddith, Yea; Mayor Lehner, Yea. There being four (4) Yea votes and no (0) Nay votes, the motion was declared carried and the resolution duly adopted.

A RESOLUTION  
NO: 11066-24  
BY: MS. DUVALL AND MR. SUDDITH

AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION FROM THE DOR-WOOD OPTIMIST CLUB THROUGH THE KETTERING PARKS FOUNDATION FOR INSTALLATION OF A DRINKING FOUNTAIN AT GENTILE PARK

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

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

The following votes were recorded: Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Suddith, Yea; Mayor Lehner, Yea. There being four (4) Yea votes and no (0) Nay votes, the motion was declared carried and the resolution duly adopted.

A RESOLUTION  
NO: 11067-24  
BY: MR. SUDDITH AND MR. SULLIVAN

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO USE COMPETITIVE BARGAINING AND NEGOTIATED QUOTES TO CONTRACT FOR MAINTENANCE OF VARIOUS CITY OWNED PROPERTIES

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

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

The following votes were recorded: Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Suddith, Yea; Mayor Lehner, Yea. There being four (4) Yea votes and no (0) Nay votes, the motion was declared carried and the resolution duly adopted.

A RESOLUTION  
NO: 11068-24  
BY: MR. SULLIVAN AND MS. DUVALL

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR A 2024 COMMUNITY SAFETY GRANT FROM CENTERPOINT ENERGY

Mr. Sullivan read the above resolution and moved for approval. Ms. Duvall seconded the motion.

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

The following votes were recorded: Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Suddith, Yea; Mayor Lehner, Yea. There being four (4) Yea votes and no (0) Nay votes, the motion was declared carried and the resolution duly adopted.

A RESOLUTION  
NO: 11069-24  
BY: MS.DUVALL AND MR.SUDDITH

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO FOR DELEGATION OF ACTIVITIES UNDER THE LEAD SAFE OHIO PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF KETTERING

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

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

The following votes were recorded: Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Suddith, Yea; Mayor Lehner, Yea. There being four (4) Yea votes and no (0) Nay votes, the motion was declared carried and the resolution duly adopted.

A RESOLUTION  
NO: 11070-24  
BY: MR.SUDDITH AND MR. SULLIVAN

TO AMMEND RESOLUTION NO. 11050-24 REGARDING RADIO UPGRADES

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

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

The following votes were recorded: Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Suddith, Yea; Mayor Lehner, Yea. There being four (4) Yea votes and no (0) Nay votes, the motion was declared carried and the resolution duly adopted.

A RESOLUTION  
NO: 11071-24  
BY: MR.SULLIVAN AND MS. DUVALL

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

Mr. Sullivan read the above resolution and moved for approval. Ms. Duvall seconded the motion.

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

The following votes were recorded: Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Suddith, Yea; Mayor Lehner, Yea. There being four (4) 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.

- National Volunteer week April 21-27, we want to thank the City of Kettering volunteers.
- Celebrate Trails Day Saturday, April 27, 2024.
- DEA Drug Takeback will take place on Saturday, April 27 from 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.at the Kettering Police Department. Mr. Greeson informed residents that there is a drop-box available in the lobby of the Police Department that can be utilized any time throughout the year.
- Montgomery County, City of Dayton, and City of Kettering are hosting 50 Years of CDBG on Saturday, April 27 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Dayton Bike Yard at Welcome Park.
- Joint School Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 30 at 6:00 p.m. at the Kettering Board of Education Building- Firebird Room.
- Art on the Playground will take place on Saturday, May 4 from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Habitat Environmental Center.
- Kettering Block Party will take place at the Frazee Pavilion on May 29 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS NOT ON WRITTEN AGENDA

Audience Participation (5 Minute Limit per Speaker)

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Lehner reported:

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- She shared that former Council Members and Former Mayor were present to celebrate and say good bye to Clerk of Council, LaShaunah Kaczynski. She celebrated her flawless work and presented Mrs. Kaczynski with a card and flowers to thank her for her service to the City.

Mr. Sullivan reported:

- He thanked Mrs. Kaczynski for helping him learn the ropes of Council as a new member and thanked her for her service.
- He discussed attending TreeFest and pointed out that Kettering was selected to plant a special tree from ODNR for the event. He shouted out the 5 arborists that the City employees.

Mayor Lehner pointed out that there were over 200 volunteers present.

Ms. Duvall asked what kind of tree did ODNR send for us to plant?

Mr. Suddith answered that it is a swamp white oak.

Ms. Duvall reported:

- She recognized a Kettering Leadership Academy participant in the audience, she thanked Rachel for being there.
- She thanked Brady Kress from Carillon Park for hosting Kettering Leadership Academy on history day where they learn the history of Kettering.
- She thanked Mrs. Kaczynski for everything.

Mr. Suddith reported:

- He attended TreeFest and pointed out the volunteer's outnumbered trees 2 to 1.
- He attended the musical at Kettering Fairmont High School.
- He was in line at the City Tax Office before they opened on April 15 and pointed out how many people were there and what an amazing job their staff does.
- He attended the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission spring dinner and thought it was a great evening.
- He attended the Miami Valley Cable Council's training for newly elected officials and left the training realizing there is still so much for him to learn.
- He recognized and thanked Mrs. Kaczynski for her hard work and help.

Mr. Greeson thanked Mrs. Kaczynski for helping him transition to his new role in the City, for her exceptional work, and for being a model employee.

Mayor Lehner pointed out that she was asked by absent members to extend their best wishes to Mrs. Kaczynski.

Former Mayor Don Patterson spoke briefly. He agreed with Mr. Suddith about how busy the Tax Department was and what a great job they do. He shared that there are 6 out of the 7 former Council Members present that Mrs. Kaczynski worked with during her time as Clerk of Council. He shared fond memories, great times and current issues she continued to help them with. He thanked her for everything she has done for Council, the City Manager's Office and the City. He presented her with a card and flowers.

LaShaunah Kaczynski, Clerk of Council, spoke briefly. She thanked the Kettering Community, City Council past and present, City of Kettering team and department directors, her office team, her mom and dad, and her husband and daughter.

There being no further business to come before this meeting of the Kettering City Council; Mayor Lehner adjourned the City Council Meeting at 8:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

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PEGGY LEHNER, MAYOR

LaShaunah D. Kaczynski  
Clerk of Council