

**KETTERING CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
May 14, 2024**

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in regular session on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Kettering Government Center South Building, 3600 Shroyer Road. Mayor Lehner presided and the Acting Clerk of Council, Jenifer Baker, recorded. This meeting was telecast live on the cable access channel and streamed live at mvcc.net.

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

Council Members Absent: Fisher (Excused)

Total Members Present: Six (6)

Presentation of the Colors by the Kettering Police Department

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

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

Mayor Lehner introduced Acting Clerk of Council, Jenifer Baker.

Mayor Lehner mentioned Mrs. Fisher has an excused absence.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

April 23, 2024- Council Meeting & Workshop Minutes

April 30, 2024- Joint School Board Meeting 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 (Mr. Scott) and no (0) nay votes for the April 23, 2024 Council Meeting and Workshop Minutes and the April 30, 2024 Joint School Board Meeting Minutes, the motion was declared carried followed by a roll call vote.

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

**Proclamation- Bike Month**

Mrs. Hall read the above proclamation and the proclamation was accepted by Andrew Aidt, GIS Manager, and Eileen Maloney from Cycle Kettering. Mr. Aidt stated that this is bike week and bike to work will be on Friday. He pointed out that Kettering is a bicycle friendly community and we are aiming for maintaining our bronze level or possibly moving up to silver. He discussed the many projects that have improved the paths, sidewalks, parks, racks and fix it stations throughout the City. He looks forward to the implementation of the Strategic Plan and the bike specific goals contained within.

Eileen Maloney stated that she loves to ride her bike in Kettering, through Kettering, around Kettering and beyond. She represents Cycle Kettering, a group of avid cyclists, who have hosted numerous community rides and workshops to educate people on how to safely navigate the Kettering area. Ms. Maloney shared the numerous events that their group has put on within the community to educate the public.

Mr. Scott pointed out that he and his grandson utilized the fix it station on Iron Horse Trail.

**Proclamation- Police Week**

Mr. Suddith read the above proclamation and the proclamation was accepted by Kettering Police Chief. Chief Protsman shared how proud he is of the members of the Kettering Police Department. He pointed out that this week is about the loss of Officer Jacob Derbin of the Euclid Police Department. Chief Protsman stated that Kettering is very lucky to have the men and women in the Kettering Police Department protecting them and the Kettering Police are lucky to work for a city that supports them.

Mr. Suddith shared his experience at the swearing in of new Police Officers the week prior. He was moved by those individuals choice to serve the City of Kettering.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATION**

ORDINANCES IN SECOND READING

RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION

NO: 11072-24

BY: MR. SULLIVAN AND MRS. HALL

ADOPTING RENEWED AND RECALCULATED STREET LIGHT ASSESSMENTS, AMENDED AND/OR CONSOLIDATED STREET LIGHTING DISTRICTS AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR FOR COLLECTION

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

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

The following votes were recorded: Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, 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: 11073-24

BY: MRS. HALL AND MR. SCOTT

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A DONATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF FITNESS EQUIPMENT

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

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

The following votes were recorded: Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, 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: 11074-24

BY: MR. SCOTT AND MS. DUVALL

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONTRACT FOR ENTERTAINMENT BOOKING AND RELATED SERVICES FOR THE 2025 FRAZE PAVILION SEASON

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

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

The following votes were recorded: Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, 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: 11075-24

BY: MS. DUVALL AND MR. SUDDITH

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AND IMPLEMENT A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, KETTERING LODGE NO. 92, WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT REACHED BY THE BARGAINING TEAMS

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

Mrs. Smith, Human Resources Director gave a brief description of the resolution.

The following votes were recorded: Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, 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: 11076-24  
BY: MR. SUDDITH AND MR. SULLIVAN

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE STATE DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAM FOR PERSONNEL EXPENSES INCURRED DURING THE TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE ON APRIL 8, 2024

Mr. Suddith 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: Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, 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: 11077-24  
BY: MR. SULLIVAN AND MRS. HALL

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A FIREFIGHTER EXPOSURE TO ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS GRANT FROM THE OHIO BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION

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

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

The following votes were recorded: Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, 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: 11078-24  
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. Bergstresser, Assistant City Manager gave a brief description of the resolution.

Mayor Lehner thanked Alice Rodersheimer for her generous donation.

The following votes were recorded: Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, 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. Bergstresser, Assistant City Manager updated Council on upcoming and community events.

- The month of May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.
- National Police Week is May 12-18, 2024.
- May is Building Safety Month.
- Mad River Road Milling and Paving, May 1-31 from Kettering Corporation Limit to Dayton Mall.
- David Road Improvements, westbound lane will be closed during construction from around June 3 – August 1. Mayor Lehner asked if it would get rid of the bump out, Mr. Bergstresser said it will widen it a bit.
- Neighborhood Pride Program is accepting nominations through August 1, you can submit a nomination online, in person and by mail.
- May is Bike Month, May 13-19 is Bike Week, and May 17 is Bike to Work Day.
- Kettering Administrative Offices will be closed in observance of Memorial Day and there is a Memorial Day Ceremony that will take place at Beavertown Cemetery on Monday, May 27, 2024, at 10 a.m.

- Community Block Party is at Lincoln Park Plaza on May 29, 2024, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Ms. Duvall pointed out that she still gets complaints about the year we had melted Dilly Bars.

#### OTHER BUSINESS NOT ON WRITTEN AGENDA

##### Audience Participation (5 Minute Limit per Speaker)

Mary Beth Melville, 419 Springside Drive in Kettering, spoke about how she has lived in the City of Kettering most of her life and fondly remembers the days of the Kettering Oakwood Times. Ms. Melville wanted to share her recent discovery of printed newspapers being offered in numerous neighboring communities. She spoke with Don Miller, owner of Miami Valley Newspapers, about being interested in offering something similar in Kettering and encouraged City Council to learn more about this opportunity.

Mayor Lehner asked how long Mr. Miller has been printing these?

Ms. Melville pointed out that he has been printing them since the time that Kettering Oakwood and Centerville Times left.

Mayor Lehner asked if there is a subscription fee?

Ms. Melville pointed out that they are free unless you would like a copy sent directly to your residence. They are distributed throughout the community at places like Panera or DLM.

Mr. Sullivan asked if it is a monthly newspaper?

Ms. Melville pointed out that it is a weekly publication.

Mr. Scott mentioned that he remembers the KO Times and that he thinks it's something worth looking into.

Ms. Melville pointed out that Mr. Miller is currently looking further into how he can bring about a publication for Kettering.

Mayor Lehner suggested a meeting between Mr. Miller, the City Manager, Communications Manager, and herself.

#### COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Sullivan reported:

- He attended the Joint Meeting with the Kettering School Board and wanted to let everyone know what a neat tradition it is.
- He spoke about the loss of Mr. Scott Inskeep, former Kettering City Schools Superintendent, and how unexpected and impactful his loss is for the schools.

Mrs. Hall reported:

- Nothing to report.

Mr. Scott reported:

- He wanted to mention former Clerk of Council, Shauna Kaczynski, and pointed out how grateful he was for how professional and helpful she always was, he wishes her well.
- He attended the Police Memorial Service and pointed out how sobering and dignified the event is. He pointed out how lucky we are to have those in the Kettering Police Department to protect us.

Ms. Duvall reported:

- She shared a story about Mr. Scott Inskeep, former Kettering City Schools Superintendent, and how wonderful he was and what a great leader he was.
- Kettering Leadership Academy had their graduation this week. She shared about the projects this year's class came up with. She thanked Mindy McCarty-Stewart for being the keynote speaker. She encouraged all individuals to apply to be a part of next year's class.
- She shared that the Youth in Government Day was the prior day and the students did such a wonderful job. She thanked Mr. Beyer and Jenifer Baker for their help in making this event happen.

Mr. Suddith reported:

- He shared about attending the Kettering Leadership Academy graduation and what a wonderful learning experience it was.
- He helped Select Signs, a small business on Spaulding Road, celebrate 20 years of business.
- He shared that we are weeks away from the Juneteenth Celebrations, June 18<sup>th</sup> at Rosewood Arts Center, and June 19<sup>th</sup> at Lincoln Park Civic Commons.

Mayor Lehner reported:

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- She shared that anyone who is interested should participate in Kettering Leadership Academy.
- She shared about Mr. Scott Inskip, former Kettering City Schools Superintendent.
- She attended the Police Memorial.
- She is glad to see Youth in Government Day back.

There being no further business to come before this meeting of the Kettering City Council; Mayor Lehner adjourned the City Council Meeting at 8:27 p.m.

ATTEST:

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PEGGY LEHNER, MAYOR

Jenifer Baker  
Acting Clerk of Council