

**KETTERING CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
February 25, 2020**

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Kettering Government Center South Building, 3600 Shroyer Road. Vice Mayor Klepacz presided and the Clerk of Council, LaShaunah D. Kaczynski, recorded. This meeting was telecast live on the cable access channel.

Council Members Present: Klepacz, Lautar, Fisher, Scott and Wanamaker

Council Members Absent: Patterson and Duke (excused)

Total Members Present: Five (5)

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

Vice Mayor Klepacz mentioned that Mayor Patterson and Mr. Duke both have excused absences this evening.

Vice Mayor Klepacz introduced the cable TV operator Mike Sopronyi. He thanked him for his assistance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

February 11, 2020- Council Meeting & Workshop Minutes

Mr. Lautar reported that he reviewed the above minutes and moved the minutes be approved. Mrs. Fisher seconded the motion of the above minutes and there being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes for the February 11, 2020 Council Meeting & Workshop Minutes, the motion was declared carried by roll call vote.

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

**Certificate of Recognition- Alter High School Girls Soccer- 2019 Division II State Champions**

Vice Mayor Klepacz welcomed the Alter Girls Varsity Soccer Team to the council meeting, and he congratulated them on this accomplishment. He acknowledged that during the tournament, the team only gave up one goal. This team has won the state champions several times, and some of the seniors on the team played in the championship game a few years ago. The seniors came in as state champions and they are leaving as state champions which is a great accomplishment. This team makes the Kettering community very proud. Vice Mayor Klepacz read the above certificate of recognition and same was accepted by Javier Iriart, Varsity Girls Head Coach and the Alter Girls Varsity Soccer Team.

Mr. Bergstresser, Acting City Manager presented the Alter Girls Varsity Soccer Team with a sign that will be displayed at Kettering jurisdiction lines as you are entering and leaving the city. Mr. Iriart mentioned he would like to thank the City of Kettering for all of the support, and the team benefits from the amazing park resources that the city has to offer. The team had an amazing send off to the state championship from the Kettering Police Department. An officer escorted the team to the highway, which meant a lot to the team.

Vice Mayor Klepacz asked if Mr. Iriart will be coaching again next year?

Mr. Iriart mentioned he will be coaching again next year and he would like to recognize his assistant coaches Sean Humenansky and Andy Vollmar. Mr. Humenansky has been an assistant coach for 19 years and Mr. Vollmar is in his first year as an assistant coach.

**Award Presentation- Board of Community Relations MLK Writing Contest Winners**

Tawana Jones, Vice President of the Board of Community Relations made the presentation this evening. This year was a spectacular year for the MLK writing contest. 175 essays were submitted which is 75 more than what was received last year. Essays were received from charter schools, private schools and public schools. This evening, she will recognize middle and high school winners and the high school winner will share her essay this evening. Ms. Jones called the following winners down to the podium:

Madeline Kramer, Ascension School; Runner Up  
Alivia Shreves, Van Buren Middle School; First Place  
Hope Nickel, Fairmont High School; Runner Up

Ms. Jones mentioned Grace Lipsinic will share her essay with the audience this evening and she believes everyone will enjoy it.

Miss Lipsinic wanted to thank her teachers, family, and friends for supporting, motivating, and providing her with the tools to support her future. Without them, she would not be the student, friend, or family member that she is today. She is very thankful to receive this award and with hard work, dedication and determination you can achieve anything. This achievement proved exactly that. Miss Lipsinic then proceeded to read her essay.

Throughout the history of the world, complications facing justice and morality have always been a difficult obstacle to overcome. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's approach to a sense of righteousness posed many questions regarding human ethics. What does it truly mean to do the right thing? Why is taking the easy way out instead of the right way out such a prevalent choice? What does it mean to truly be a righteous person? Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was aware of the societal issue of injustice, and his approach to end this problem was to be non-violent and determined. Most people see Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as a righteous and fair man with a perfect sense of morality.

However, human morality can make one uneasy. As she has grown, she has come to the conclusion that many people tend to avoid conflict or confrontation at any cost because they themselves do not want to be the next victim, or be dragged into unnecessary situations. People choose to take the easy road and go around their obstacles instead of confronting a problem head on and making their way through it righteously. The meaning of righteousness, morality and ethics differs from person to person and from beliefs to beliefs. Therefore, there is no unified way to approach doing the right thing, which is why there are different branches of government and the Constitution of the United States to ensure justice with unity. The closest thing to doing what is right can only be assured when people work together. People can sympathize and place themselves in the shoes of another person by treating others the way they would want to be treated.

When she was in her early teens, she was fairly popular in school and no one really picked on her. She never really understood how it felt to be publicly humiliated or disrespected. She was aware that bullying was a common occurrence not only in junior high but everywhere. She can recall walking down the hallway and seeing a group of girls picking on a girl named Alexandra. Some many portray her as the nerdy type, but she didn't view her in that manner. The group of girls picked on Alexandra's clothes and even made fun of her for just wearing glasses. People walked straight pass and they were perfectly aware of the situation, but yet did nothing. Miss Lipsinic walked up to the group of girls and told them to stop messing with her because she never did anything to them. As far as she is concerned, only the insecure bully and until someone is perfect people should not go around and treat others as if they are below them. The confrontation from what is right or wrong and the ways of human morality have been a prevalent issue since the beginning of time. People know what is the right choice for them, but they choose to avoid that if it will bring them any type of confrontation. An individual that raised the question of righteousness was Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and he made his audience ask questions such as; Am I approaching this situation the right way? Will I stand my ground and standup for what is right or will I crumble away in fear of any confrontation? Treating others the way you want to be treated was not only an important rule for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, but it is an important rule for all people to follow. There isn't always a correct way in approaching righteousness but we can try. At the end of the day, that is what is most important.

Mrs. Fisher congratulated all of the winners and mentioned they did an excellent job on their essays. The judges had a hard time making their selections, and she had personally read all four of the winners' essays and thought they were all very good. Your teachers and families are very proud of you and so is the entire Kettering community.

Vice Mayor Klepacz thanked the Board of Community Relations for putting this essay contest together. This essay contest has been going on for a long time, and all of the participants are helping promote an annual event. Thank you to all participants for submitting essays, and thank you to parents for encouraging their children to participate in this contest.

Mr. Lautar mentioned he understands how Miss Lipsinic won the essay contest; she is a good writer. What impressed him the most was her ability to read her essay aloud. The number one fear of most adults is public speaking, and he thought Miss Lipsinic did a wonderful job.

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATION

#### ORDINANCES IN SECOND READING

#### RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION  
NO: 10428-20  
BY: MR. LAUTAR AND MRS.FISHER

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

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

Mr. Robbins, Assistant Fire Chief gave a brief description of the resolution.

The following votes were recorded: Mr. Lautar, Yea; Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Mr. Wanamaker, Yea; Vice Mayor Klepacz, Yea. There being five (5) Yea votes and no (0) Nay votes, the motion was declared carried and the resolution duly adopted.

A RESOLUTION  
NO: 10429-20  
BY: MRS.FISHER AND MR.SCOTT

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE BUNKER GEAR FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

Mr. Robbins, Assistant Fire Chief gave a brief description of the resolution.

The following votes were recorded: Mr. Lautar, Yea; Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Mr. Wanamaker, Yea; Vice Mayor Klepacz, Yea. There being five (5) Yea votes and no (0) Nay votes, the motion was declared carried and the resolution duly adopted.

A RESOLUTION  
NO: 10430-20  
BY: MR.SCOTT AND MR.WANAMAKER

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE BULLET RESISTANT VESTS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

Chief Protsman, Police Chief gave a brief description of the resolution.

The following votes were recorded: Mr. Lautar, Yea; Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Mr. Wanamaker, Yea; Vice Mayor Klepacz, Yea. There being five (5) Yea votes and no (0) Nay votes, the motion was declared carried and the resolution duly adopted.

A RESOLUTION  
NO: 10431-20  
BY: MR.WANAMAKER AND MR.LAUTAR

DIRECTING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE AND FILE RENEWED, RECALCULATED, AMENDED, AND/OR CONSOLIDATED ASSESSMENTS FOR STREET LIGHTING

Mr. Wanamaker read the above resolution and moved for approval. Mr. Lautar seconded the motion.

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

The following votes were recorded: Mr. Lautar, Yea; Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Mr. Wanamaker, Yea; Vice Mayor Klepacz, Yea. There being five (5) Yea votes and no (0) Nay votes, the motion was declared carried and the resolution duly adopted.

A RESOLUTION  
NO: 10432-20  
BY: MR.LAUTAR AND MRS.FISHER

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, 2020

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

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

The following votes were recorded: Mr. Lautar, Yea; Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Mr. Wanamaker, Yea; Vice Mayor Klepacz, Yea. There being five (5) Yea votes and no (0) Nay votes, the motion was declared carried and the resolution duly adopted.

#### ORDINANCES IN FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE  
BY: MRS.FISHER

TO AMEND THE TRAFFIC CONTROL MAP AND THE TRAFFIC CONTROL FILE OF THE CITY OF KETTERING TO SHOW THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNS ON VARIOUS CITY STREETS AND TO REPEAL SECTION 1(B) (13) OF ORDINANCE NO. 2633-75

Mrs. Fisher read the above ordinance.

Mr. Bergstresser, Acting City Manager gave a brief description of the ordinance.

#### CERTIFICATIONS AND PETITIONS

##### MANAGER'S REPORT/COMMUNITY UPDATE

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

- Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday morning, March 8; spring ahead by one hour.
- Nominations for the Mayor's Award for adult and youth volunteer service will be accepted until March 13. Nomination forms can be found on the city's website or by contacting the volunteer office.
- The Yard Debris Center will reopen on Monday, March 12, 2020.
- Coming to the Frazee
  - Josh Groban- Wednesday, June 17 at 8:00 p.m.
  - Killer Queen- Wednesday, July 1 at 8:00 p.m.
  - Trace Adkins- Thursday, July 2 at 8:00 p.m.Tickets can be purchased to all events at Frazee Pavilion Ticket Office, Frazee Fanfare store located in Town & Country Shopping Center, [www.frazee.com](http://www.frazee.com), [www.etix.com](http://www.etix.com) or charge-by-phone at 1-800-514-3849.
- In mid-March, residents can begin responding to the 2020 Census online and residents can also reply by mail or by phone.

#### OTHER BUSINESS NOT ON WRITTEN AGENDA

Audience Participation (5 Minute Limit per Speaker)

#### COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Lautar reported:

- Nothing to report.

Mr. Duke reported:

- Absent.

Mr. Wanamaker reported:

- He offered his condolences to Arlo Regan's family.

Mr. Scott reported:

- Nothing to report.

Mr. Klepacz reported:

- On February 22 he attended Diva's Day Out.
- On February 20 he spoke to Cub Scout Troop 236 about his role on serving on city council.

Mrs. Fisher reported:

- On February 22 she attended Diva's Day Out.

Mayor Patterson reported:

- Absent.

They're being no further business to come before this meeting of the Kettering City Council; Vice Mayor Klepacz adjourned the City Council Meeting at 8:06 p.m.

ATTEST:

LaShaunah D. Kaczynski  
Clerk of Council

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TONY KLEPACZ, VICE MAYOR