

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

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

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

Council Members Absent: None

Total Members Present: Seven (7)

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 11, 2020- Council Meeting & Workshop Minutes

Mr. Lautar reported that he reviewed the above minutes and moved the minutes be approved. Mr. Wanamaker seconded the motion of the above minutes and there being seven (7) yea votes and no (0) nay votes for the August 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

Presentation- Kettering Backpack Program

Neil Smalley, President of the Kettering Parks Foundation made the presentation this evening. The Kettering Parks Foundations' primary focus over the years has been parks, recreation and cultural arts, but this has been a different year. In early June, the Kettering Parks Foundation learned that the Kettering Backpack Program was going to be extended through the summer, and their secretary Mary Beth O'Dell made a recommendation to the board to ask previous donors to support the Kettering Backpack Program. The board unanimously agreed, and he is pleased this evening to present a check to the Kettering Backpack Program for \$6,001. Tracey Nissen, Vice President of the Kettering Backpack Program accepted the check. Ms. Nissen mentioned during these uncertain times, we are all worried about a lot of different things (ex. mental health, paychecks, food) and our children are the ones who don't have a lot of power in this situation. The Kettering Parks Foundation will provide children with a place to play so they are able to get exercise, which is great for a child's physical peace. We are getting more help for children in terms of their mental health, but nutrition is a key component to keeping kids healthy. She appreciates the Kettering Parks Foundation switching their focus to help feed families and children. Since the pandemic started, the program has given out over 10,000 backpack bags. The Kettering Backpack Program has never had a distribution over the summer, but they knew they couldn't walk away from the children in May which is why they decided to continue distribution throughout the summer. With the help of the Kettering Parks Foundation and other generous donors, the program was able to pack and serve over 10,000 bags. This check will go a long way in helping children and families.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATION

ORDINANCES IN SECOND READING

RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION

NO: 10469-20

BY: MR.KLEPACZ AND MRS.FISHER

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY, ON BEHALF OF THE KETTERING MUNICIPAL COURT, FOR A BODY ARMOR GRANT FROM THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL

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

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

The following votes were recorded: Mr. Klepacz, Yea; Mr. Lautar, Yea; Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Mr. Duke, Yea; Mr. Wanamaker, Yea; Mayor Patterson, Yea. There being seven (7) Yea votes and no (0) Nay votes, the motion was declared carried and the resolution duly adopted.

A RESOLUTION  
NO: 10470-20  
BY: MRS.FISHER AND MR.SCOTT

REAPPOINTING DONALD E. PATTERSON, TONY KLEPACZ, AND BRUCE E. DUKE AS TRUSTEES OF THE KETTERING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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

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

The following votes were recorded: Mr. Klepacz, Yea; Mr. Lautar, Yea; Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Mr. Duke, Yea; Mr. Wanamaker, Yea; Mayor Patterson, Yea. There being seven (7) Yea votes and no (0) Nay votes, the motion was declared carried and the resolution duly adopted.

A RESOLUTION  
NO: 10471-20  
BY: MR.SCOTT AND MR.LAUTAR

DECLARING AS SURPLUS AND APPROVING A CONTRACT TO SELL 28.541 ACRES OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY IN RESEARCH PARK

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

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

The following votes were recorded: Mr. Klepacz, Yea; Mr. Lautar, Yea; Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Mr. Duke, Yea; Mr. Wanamaker, Yea; Mayor Patterson, Yea. There being seven (7) Yea votes and no (0) Nay votes, the motion was declared carried and the resolution duly adopted.

A RESOLUTION  
NO: 10472-20  
BY: MR.LAUTAR AND MR.WANAMAKER

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONTRACT WITH THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE DEMOLITION PROGRAM

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

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

The following votes were recorded: Mr. Klepacz, Yea; Mr. Lautar, Yea; Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Mr. Duke, Yea; Mr. Wanamaker, Yea; Mayor Patterson, Yea. There being seven (7) Yea votes and no (0) Nay votes, the motion was declared carried and the resolution duly adopted.

A RESOLUTION  
NO: 10473-20  
BY: MR.WANAMAKER AND MR.DUKE

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONTRACT WITH THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE DEMOLITION PROGRAM

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

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

The following votes were recorded: Mr. Klepacz, Yea; Mr. Lautar, Yea; Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Mr. Duke, Yea; Mr. Wanamaker, Yea; Mayor Patterson, Yea. There being seven (7) Yea votes and no (0) Nay votes, the motion was declared carried and the resolution duly adopted.

ORDINANCES IN FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE  
BY: MR. DUKE

TO REZONE AND TO RECLASSIFY THE DEVELOPMENT PATTERN DISTRICTS FOR 3233 AND 3383 WOODMAN DRIVE (PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. PC-20-010)

Mr. Duke read the above ordinance.

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

CERTIFICATIONS AND PETITIONS

MANAGER'S REPORT/COMMUNITY UPDATE

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

- Joint repairs will be taking place on Wilmington Pike over the next several weeks. Traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction at the work location.
- There is still time to complete the 2020 Census. The deadline to complete the 2020 Census is September 30.
- The Kettering Ice Arena will re-open on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.
- The HomeOwnership Center of Greater Dayton is offering a mortgage assistance program to help homeowners who have been adversely affected by the pandemic. Applications can be found at [www.homeownershipdayton.org](http://www.homeownershipdayton.org).
- City offices will be closed on Monday, September 7 to observe Labor Day. Rumpke trash pick-up will be delayed by one day.

Mayor Patterson mentioned the City of Kettering currently has a 75% response rate to the 2020 Census. He read an article in the newspaper that the census is having problems recruiting people to go door-to-door to get responses. Will the deadline for the 2020 Census be extended for a second time? He is aware that the deadline has already been extended once, but he is not sure that some residents fully understand the importance of this census. The amount that could be given to the community is \$1,800 per person every year over a ten year span. That equates to \$18,000 the community can lose by not having someone counted. Are there currently enough census takers in the Kettering community or do we need to advocate more to get people to fill out the 2020 Census?

Mr. Schwieterman informed city council that the city has been in contact with the Census Bureau. The Census Bureau has been very detailed in telling the city particular neighborhoods where they need census takers due to low response rates. The city then utilizes various outlets to get the word out in a particular area encouraging residents to complete the 2020 Census. The Census Bureau has a preference to hire employees who live in neighborhoods where there are low response rates because they have an awareness of the neighborhood as they go door-to-door. The city is working with the Census Bureau to help them fill those positions, and the city continues to promote the 2020 Census by using various methods to encourage residents to go online and fill-out the census.

Mayor Patterson confirmed there are currently 30 days left for residents to complete the 2020 Census.

Mr. Schwieterman informed city council that is correct. There are census takers out working neighborhoods in Kettering, but the time is now for residents to complete the 2020 Census.

Mr. Duke informed city council he ran into a census taker while he was out on a walk a few days ago and he asked the census taker what is the main reason residents are not filling out the 2020 Census. The census taker informed him that some people have never heard of it, some do not trust the government, and some forgot to fill out the census or lost their paper. He then asked the census taker if they are able to explain to residents the dollar amount the community could lose if they do not fill-out the census? Census takers are relaying that information to residents as they go door-to-door. It is crucial to continue to get the word out regarding the census for the next 30 days. The community could lose \$18,000 divided by a ten year period if people are not counted. Residents should continue to talk up the census anyway they can do so.

Mayor Patterson asked this time last census cycle, are we currently ahead of where we were? Did we end up getting 100% response rate from our residents, or if we are at the same response rate as last time could we expect the same amount of dollars as the last census cycle? If we get to 80% and we had an 80% response rate last time, we are not going to lose dollars, but we are not going to get the 20%?

Mr. Schwieterman informed city council that we haven't gained substantially over where we were in the 2010 Census, but we are ahead of the 2010 Census number. Did we get 100% completion, no. Additional responses we receive in the next 30 days will increase our percentage which will benefit our community.

OTHER BUSINESS NOT ON WRITTEN AGENDA  
Audience Participation (5 Minute Limit per Speaker)

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Lautar reported:

- Support local Kettering businesses.

Mr. Duke reported:

- Nothing to report.

Mr. Wanamaker reported:

- Nothing to report.

Mr. Scott reported:

- Nothing to report.

Mr. Klepacz reported:

- Support local Kettering businesses.

Mrs. Fisher reported:

- She would like to thank Nakita Lindsey, who is the owner of Seven Spa for meeting with the Board of Community Relations on sharing her experience of being a minority business owner in Kettering.
- Thank you Neil Smalley and the Kettering Parks Foundation for supporting the Kettering Backpack Program.

Mayor Patterson reported:

- Tomorrow he is attending a sign dedication for James E. Groves III at the corner of Far Hills and Dorothy Lane.

They're being no further business to come before this meeting of the Kettering City Council; Mayor Patterson adjourned the City Council Meeting at 7:52 p.m.

ATTEST:

LaShaunah D. Kaczynski  
Clerk of Council

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DONALD E. PATTERSON, MAYOR