

**KETTERING CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 11, 2021**

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in regular session on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, 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 and streamed live at mvcc.net.

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

Council Members Absent: Fisher (Excused)

Total Members Present: Five (5)

Mayor Patterson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation. He introduced the cable TV operator Mike Sopronyi. He thanked him for his assistance.

Mayor Patterson mentioned that the applicant in item number one on the agenda, the hearing in Planning Commission Case No 21-002- Zoning District Map Amendment, requested that the hearing be rescheduled. Is there a motion to amend the agenda by removing item number one and rescheduling it to the May 25th city council meeting?

Mr. Klepacz moved for the agenda to be amended. Mr. Lautar seconded the motion, the motion was declared carried followed by a unanimous like sign vote.

Mayor Patterson mentioned Mrs. Fisher has an excused absence this evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 27, 2021- 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 five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes for the April 27, 2021 Council Meeting & Workshop Minutes, the motion was declared carried followed by a roll call vote.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

P.C. 21-002- Zoning Map Amendment (this item was removed from the agenda and rescheduled to the May 25, 2021 city council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATION

ORDINANCES IN SECOND READING

RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION

NO: 10568-21

BY: MR.KLEPACZ AND MR.LAUTAR

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO USE COMPETITIVE BARGAINING AND NEGOTIATED QUOTES TO CONTRACT FOR FIREWORKS FOR THE ANNUAL GO 4TH EVENT

Mr. Klepacz 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; Mr. Duke, Yea; Mr. Wanamaker, Yea; Mayor Patterson, 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: 10569-21
BY: MR.LAUTAR AND MR.WANAMAKER

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO USE COMPETITIVE BARGAINING AND NEGOTIATED QUOTES TO CONTRACT FOR UPDATES TO THE KETTERING FIRE DEPARTMENT'S SIREN ALERT SYSTEM

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; Mr. Duke, Yea; Mr. Wanamaker, Yea; Mayor Patterson, 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: 10570-21
BY: MR.WANAMAKER AND MR.DUKE

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND TO CONTRACT FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE ROSEWOOD ARTS CENTRE

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; Mr. Duke, Yea; Mr. Wanamaker, Yea; Mayor Patterson, 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: 10571-21
BY: MR.DUKE AND MR.KLEPACZ

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, 2021

Mr. Duke read the above resolution and moved for approval. Mr. Klepacz 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; Mr. Duke, Yea; Mr. Wanamaker, Yea; Mayor Patterson, 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: MR.KLEPACZ

TO ENACT CHAPTER 125 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING CITY COUNCIL COMPENSATION

Mr. Klepacz 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.

- City income tax forms are available on the city's website and in the lobby of the tax department. Deadline for filing has been extended to May 17, 2021.
- Montgomery County residents may qualify for rent assistance. Residents can call the United Way Help Link at 211 for more information.

- The Street Department has completed their final rounds throughout the city as part of the 2021 spring leaf cleanup program.
- To learn more or to nominate a neighbor for a Neighborhood Pride Award visit the city's website or call the Volunteer Office at 937-296-2433.
- Applications are now available for the Kettering Leadership Academy. Applications can be found at the city's website at www.ketteringoh.org.
- Kettering city offices will be closed on Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day. Rumpke trash will be delayed by one day.
- If you or someone you know is interested in joining our Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts team this summer please visit www.playkettering.org for more information.

OTHER BUSINESS NOT ON WRITTEN AGENDA

Audience Participation (5 Minute Limit per Speaker)

Jeffrey Trzeciak- 4524 Royal Ridge Way- Mr. Trzeciak mentioned he is the new Executive Director for the Dayton Metro Library and a proud Kettering resident. He grew-up in old north Dayton and his family still lives in the region. He has been away for the past 25 years and he is glad to be back. He is very eager to work with city council on addressing the needs of the Kettering community as it pertains to library services. He is happy to finally put names to faces and he is happy to work with the city.

Mayor Patterson mentioned he had a phone conversation with Mr. Trzeciak last week and he is happy he called him.

Mr. Duke mentioned Mr. Trzeciak had an excellent guest editorial in the Dayton Daily News. He is happy to have Mr. Trzeciak aboard at the Dayton Metro Library.

Larry Maloney- 927 E. Dorothy Lane- Mr. Maloney mentioned that he took advantage of the city's compost program. He currently has compost in his front yard and also along the area between the curb and the sidewalk. His beautiful lawn has now turned into weeds. He hadn't made the association for a few years and his lawn looked so bad that he dug up the area between the curb and the sidewalk by 8 inches and filled it up with Kettering compost and placed new sod over it. It was beautiful, but then the following spring his yard started to have weeds again. That is when he made the connection between the city's compost and the weeds that were developing in his yard. Mr. Maloney had a conversation with city staff at Indian Riffle Park and he informed staff that the compost must be to be heated in order to kill the weeds. City staff informed him that the compost is heated up to 120 degrees and it takes a minimal of 130 degrees to kill the weeds in the compost. Elaine Ingham is the world's foremost authority on compost and she teaches information regarding compost to municipalities. He explained the situation to Ms. Ingham and she informed Mr. Maloney that what is in his yard is not compost because in order to kill the weeds, compost must be heated to at least 130 degrees. What the city is making is rotated vegetation. Last year, he emailed this information to his council representative of District 1 and he never heard anything back. He would like to find out the history of this program and he would like to know if this is a government funded program or is something the city is paying for. If you want to make good compost there is protocol you must follow and lacking in steps will not heat the compost up and there are also weed seeds mixed into the compost. Mr. Maloney expressed he is an organic farmer and he would have weeds shoot up overnight that would be very high. This was before he placed the city's compost on his yard, but once he placed the city's compost on his yard he had weeds throughout multiple places in his yard. When he mows his yard on the lowest setting, it wouldn't pickup any of the weeds. Now that city council has been made aware of this problem they have a chance to do something about it. He can provide city staff with Elaine Ingham's contact information for training. He was told that city staff were trained in Waynesville and spent between \$1,500 and \$2,500 to be trained in compost. He called city officials in Waynesville and no one has heard of anyone who teaches classes regarding compost. As it is now, it is a grade below compost and the citizens of Kettering deserve to be made aware of that. There are plenty of lawn care companies that are going around town, and the city could be getting a commission off of that because they are providing lawn care companies with a lot of business since they are not heating the compost correctly.

Mayor Patterson expressed this is the first he has heard of this concern and that the city's compost is from leaves that are picked up throughout the community.

Mr. Schwieterman explained that the city's compost program was instituted several decades ago and it is a collection of leaves and debris. Once collected, yard debris and leaves are hauled over to the leaf site at Miami Valley Research Park and the compost is created out of those items. Mr. Schwieterman appreciates Mr. Maloney's comments this evening and he will be speaking with the public service director to find out more information about the compost process and how employees are trained.

Mr. Duke asked for clarification regarding the city's mulch. There are two types of mulch the city provides.

Mr. Maloney explained there are two types of products the city provides. One is mulch and the other is considered compost. He still uses the city's mulch. He puts a piece of cardboard down then he puts down the mulch to prevent the weeds from coming up.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Lautar reported:

- Kettering hosted the Bicycle Summit this past week and on Friday, May 14 bike tours will be taking place through the city.
- Thank you to all city staff who worked hard to make the virtual Bike Summit a success.

Mr. Duke reported:

- Nothing to report.

Mr. Wanamaker reported:

- He found Mr. Maloney's comments very insightful and he is looking forward to hearing what the city manager finds out about the city's compost.

Mr. Klepacz reported:

- On May 6 he attended the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission meeting.
- Shop Kettering.

Mrs. Fisher reported:

- Absent.

Mayor Patterson reported:

- Welcome State Representative Andrea White to the city council meeting this evening.
- Bike tours will be taking place this upcoming Friday, May 14 throughout the city.
- Hopefully we will be getting back to normal life similar to pre-COVID19 soon.
- On May 17 the Lathrem Senior Center will be opening.

They're being no further business to come before this meeting of the Kettering City Council; Mayor Patterson adjourned the City Council Meeting at 7:56 p.m.

ATTEST:

LaShaunah D. Kaczynski
Clerk of Council

DONALD E. PATTERSON, MAYOR