

**KETTERING CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 14, 2021**

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in regular session on Tuesday, December 14, 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, Fisher, Scott, Duvall and Duke

Council Members Absent: None

Total Members Present: Seven (7)

Mayor Patterson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation. He introduced the Miami Valley Communications Council TV Operator Mike Sopronyi. He thanked him for his assistance.

Mayor Patterson also welcomed Cub Scout Pack 28 to the City Council meeting this evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 7, 2021- Council Meeting & Workshop Minutes

Mr. Klepacz 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 six (6) yea votes, one (1) abstain vote (Mr. Lautar) and no (0) nay votes for December 7, 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

Proclamation- Bill Lautar Day

Mayor Patterson read the above proclamation and same was accepted by Bill Lautar.

Mr. Lautar thanked Mayor Patterson for the proclamation and the kind words that were mentioned.

Proclamation- Donald E. Patterson Day

Vice Mayor Klepacz read the above proclamation and same was accepted by Mayor Patterson.

Mayor Patterson thanked Vice Mayor Klepacz for the proclamation and the kind words. He appreciates the acknowledgement of the sacrifices that Maureen has made so he could be present for the community. He is thankful for her so he could do what he loved which was serving the Kettering community.

Mayor Patterson called State Representative Andrea White down to the podium.

Representative White mentioned she is honored to be here this evening and she is excited to meet the new members of City Council and she looks forward to working with them in the future. She is here this evening to present proclamations to Bill Lautar and Mayor Patterson. Representative White expressed she has worked with Mr. Lautar over the years and he has made a profound impact on the children and families of the Kettering community through his service within the school system and as a City Council Member. She is grateful for Mr. Lautar's service and the new ideas he brought to larger discussions and his passion to serve the community.

Representative White read a proclamation for Bill Lautar and same was accepted by Bill Lautar.

Representative White expressed that Mayor Patterson has gracefully played many roles as Mayor. From feeding children to advocating to keep the Kettering Municipal Court, she appreciates how personal Mayor Patterson has approached this job, his care for the community and his determination to bring jobs and businesses to the Kettering community. Representative White expressed she is grateful for the work and dedication that Maureen Patterson has given to this community as the First Lady.

Representative White read a proclamation for Mayor Patterson and same was accepted by Mayor Patterson.

Mayor Patterson thanked Representative White for the proclamation and her kind words. It has been a pleasure to have worked with the state from a local level and also through his work on the Ohio Mayors Alliance. He appreciates state legislatures reaching out to the Ohio Mayors Alliance by trying

to find some common ground to better serve the communities within the State of Ohio. The city continues to look forward to working with the state legislature in the New Year.

Presentation- Christmas Day at Polen Farm

Dawn Kirchner, Volunteer Administrator will be making the presentation this evening. Mrs. Kirchner expressed it has been a pleasure to get to know Mayor Patterson. She is here this evening to welcome the community to participate in Christmas Day at Polen Farm. It will be held from 1-4 p.m. on Christmas Day at Polen Farm. This year, all of the food and activities will take place in the main barn. Food will still be served on the first floor of the barn and Kohler Catering will be sponsoring the food for this event. The buffet style meal is sponsored by MCL Catering and Marc's Grocery Store. There will be a variety of activities available including Christmas caroling, crafts, free books, story time, trains and an appearance by Santa Claus. There will be a drive-thru option available for community members who are not comfortable gathering in person. Volunteers will be distributing treat bags which were sponsored by Cheryl's Cookies to pass out during the drive-thru option. This event is free and open to anyone within the community. Mrs. Kirchner mentioned this event would not be possible without the help and support of the following community sponsors:

- Day Air Credit Union
- Kohler Catering
- Cheryl's Cookies
- Marc's
- MCL Restaurant and Bakery
- Mary Ann Dodaro
- Mayor Patterson
- Mikesell's
- Montgomery County Environmental Services

Mrs. Kirchner also wanted to thank Bill and Marynel Bradley for all of their support they have given her and Nick Sorice, Assistant Volunteer Administrator. This is the first year she has coordinated this event and without the help of Mr. & Mrs. Bradley this event would have not had the level of success that it has. Mrs. Kirchner expressed she has enjoyed working with Mr. & Mrs. Bradley on this event. She is excited to be part of this tradition and she encourages the community to come over to Polen Farm on Christmas Day.

Mayor Patterson thanked Mrs. Kirchner for all her help in ensuring this event is able to still take place despite the pandemic. There was a drive-thru for Neighborhood Pride and the Volunteer Luncheon and now Christmas Day at Polen Farm. He is thankful Mrs. Kirchner and Mr. Sorice have figured out a way to have a drive-thru option for city events that are treasured by the community.

Special Presentation- Remarks from Mayor Patterson

Mayor Patterson mentioned one of his duties as Mayor is that he has the privilege to recognize individuals within the community that have gone above and beyond what is expected of a traditional resident. During his tenure as Mayor, he has only given out two Keys to the City. He doesn't take this lightly and individuals who are recipients of this honor have gone above and beyond for the Kettering community. This evening he will be presenting five Keys to the City.

Mayor Patterson expressed the first recipient is a couple who have been unbelievable workers within the Kettering community. They are involved in the Holiday at Home Parade, Christmas Day at Polen Farm and they host the best block party within the city. It was at their block party that he received his first proclamation as Mayor. Also, at this couple's block party last year, he received a signed rock from the neighbors and his own box of Esther Price chocolates. Mayor Patterson thanked Bill and Marynel Bradley for their years of service to the Kettering community. Mayor Patterson presented Bill Bradley with a Key to the City.

Mayor Patterson mentioned the next recipient is an individual he has served alongside over the past eight years and he has been honored this evening for his public service. Bill Lautar is the retired Director of Student Services for the Kettering School District and he received his bachelor's degree from Ohio University and his master's degree from the University of Dayton. Mr. Lautar has been a Kettering resident for over 50 years. City Council is unique due to the various backgrounds of each member. Mr. Lautar brought a school background and City Council looked to his leadership when it came to making decisions on how to better serve the youth within the community. Mayor Patterson appreciates the friendship he has developed with Mr. Lautar during his time on City Council. Mayor Patterson presented Bill Lautar with a Key to the City for his dedication to the Kettering community.

Mayor Patterson highlighted Bruce Duke is the next Key to the City recipient. Mr. Duke has served on City Council since December 1, 1986. Mr. Duke is the retired Assistant Director of Counseling Services for the University of Dayton. He has a PhD in counseling from the Ohio State University and has been a resident of Kettering for 46 years. Mr. Duke was the only current member of City Council that was serving when he began his public service tenure. Over the years, Mayor Patterson and Mr. Duke have developed a friendship and they have enjoyed reminiscing about the city over the years. At one point in time, Mayor Patterson and Mr. Duke ran against each other for the mayor position. In today's environment, you would think this would make you enemies for life, but they maintained their friendship and their friendship grew stronger. Mayor Patterson thanked Mr. Duke for all of his years of public service and for everything he has done for the residents of District 4 and for everything he has

done for the Kettering community as a whole. Even after 46 years, Mr. Duke still has a deep passion to serve the Kettering community. Mayor Patterson presented Mr. Duke with a Key to the City.

Mayor Patterson expressed he would like to present Walter A. (Tony) Klepacz as the next Key to the City recipient. Mr. Klepacz is currently serving as Vice Mayor and has served on City Council since February 2007. Mr. Klepacz retired from NCR Corporation and is a graduate of Sinclair and Capital University. Mr. Klepacz has been a resident of Kettering for 26 years and Mr. Klepacz has served as Mayor Patterson's confidant while on City Council. Mr. Klepacz was his go-to person no matter the problem. If he had a question or needed a pat on the back he would turn to Mr. Klepacz. Mr. Klepacz is a true friend, and it has been a wonderful relationship. He is pleased and honored to present this award to his friend. Mayor Patterson presented Mr. Klepacz with a Key to the City.

Mayor Patterson mentioned the final recipient he would like to present a Key to the City is Mark Schwieterman, City Manager. Mr. Schwieterman has been with the City of Kettering since 1989. He became the Assistant City Manager in 2000 and the City Manager in 2006 which is the same year Mayor Patterson was elected Mayor. Mr. Schwieterman received his bachelor's degree in business administration and his master's degree public administration both from the University of Dayton. He and Mr. Schwieterman didn't always agree but they would find solutions and common areas to make Kettering a better community. All of his accomplishments would have not been possible without the leadership of the City Manager. Mr. Schwieterman loves the Kettering community and he works to make things better. All members on City Council are better individuals due to Mr. Schwieterman leadership. He has enjoyed serving as Mayor for the past sixteen years because Mr. Schwieterman had the same vision he shared to make Kettering a better place which he and Mr. Schwieterman have accomplished together. Mayor Patterson presented a Key to the City to Mark Schwieterman for his dedication to the Kettering community.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATION

ORDINANCES IN SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE

NO: 4372-21

BY: MR.KLEPACZ AND MR.LAUTAR

TO PROVIDE FOR THE TABLE OF ORGAINIZATION, POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN, COMPENSATION PLAN AND PAY SCHEDULES AND RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO CONDITIONS OF WORK AND SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF KETTERING, OHIO, AND TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO 4365-21

Mr. Klepacz read the above ordinance and moved for approval. Mr. Lautar seconded the motion.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION

NO: 10662-21

BY: MR. LAUTAR AND MRS.FISHER

ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE KETTERING PLANNING COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PC 21-002 CONCERNING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4225 AND 4235 WILMINGTON PIKE

Mr. Lautar 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; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Duke, 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: 10663-21
BY: MRS.FISHER AND MR.SCOTT

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A DONATION FROM DAY AIR CREDIT UNION

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; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Duke, 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: 10664-21
BY: MR.SCOTT AND MS.DUVALL

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO ONE OR MORE COST PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS WITH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY ENGINEER PROJECT "SPAULDING ROAD EXPANSION JOINT INSTALLATION" (MONTGOMERY COUNTY PROJECT NO. KET-M115-0.13) IN COORDINATION WITH THE CITY OF KETTERING "2022 ASPHALT OVERLAY PROGRAM" (CITY PROJECT NO. 04-122)

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. Klepacz, Yea; Mr. Lautar, Yea; Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Duke, 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: 10665-21
BY: MS.DUVALL AND MR.DUKE

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT AND ADMINISTER A NATUREWORKS GRANT FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Ms. Duvall 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; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Duke, 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: 10666-21
BY: MR.DUKE AND MR.KLEPACZ

TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF KETTERING, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022

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

Mr. Schwieterman, City Manager gave a PowerPoint presentation of the resolution.

The following votes were recorded: Mr. Klepacz, Yea; Mr. Lautar, Yea; Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Duke, 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

CERTIFICATIONS AND PETITIONS

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Mrs. Kaczynski expressed it has been an honor to serve as Mayor Patterson's Clerk of Council. She truly values Mayor Patterson mentorship and his mentorship has helped shaped Mrs. Kaczynski to be a better public servant. She expressed she hopes Mayor Patterson enjoys his retirement and it is well deserved.

Mayor Patterson thanked Mrs. Kaczynski for her kind comments. He appreciates all of her work and support over the years.

MANAGER'S REPORT/COMMUNITY UPDATE

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

- Crews are currently working in District 4 and possibly District 5. This is the final pass throughout the city.
- Holiday Tour of Lights nominations will run November 22 through December 14. For more information contact the Volunteer Office at 937-296-2433.
- Congratulations to the Finance Department on receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association.
- City offices will be closed on Thursday, December 23 and Friday, December 24.
- Shop local and support Kettering businesses.
- Christmas Day at Polen Farm will take place on December 25 from 1-4 p.m.

Mr. Schwieterman expressed it has been a pleasure to serve alongside Councilman Lautar for the past eight years. Mr. Lautar's commitment to this community has spans over four decades and the quality of life within our community has been enhanced due to his service. With Mr. Lautar service with City Council and the Kettering City School District, the youth and adults of the Kettering community have benefited from his service. He has been a dedicated leader of the Partners for Healthy Youth Initiative as well as the Bike Committee. Mr. Schwieterman personally appreciated Mr. Lautar's quiet and steady leadership. His suggestions have always been well thought out and rooted in improving the Kettering community. Mr. Schwieterman along with city staff are grateful for Mr. Lautar's service and would like to extend a job well done.

Mr. Schwieterman expressed he is thankful to have had Mayor Patterson's guidance, dedication and spirit and enthusiasm throughout his entire career as City Manager. Mayor Patterson's support of residents and city staff is second to none. Mayor Patterson's guidance and insistence that the city maintains and improves our facilities is evident in the excellent infrastructure Mayor Patterson is leaving behind. Mayor Patterson was able to represent Kettering at the state and national levels. Kettering is respected among our peers because of Mayor Patterson's willingness to participate in larger discussions that impacted more communities than just Kettering. Mr. Schwieterman along with city staff are grateful for Mayor Patterson's service and a job well done.

OTHER BUSINESS NOT ON WRITTEN AGENDA

Audience Participation (5 Minute Limit per Speaker)

Rob Scott, Clerk of Courts- Mr. Scott expressed he is here this evening on behalf of Judges Dressel and Long to express their gratitude for Mayor Patterson and Bill Lautar service to the Kettering community. Mr. Scott mentioned he has a lot in common with Mayor Patterson and Mr. Lautar, and that commonality has helped mentor him. Mr. Scott mentioned Mayor Patterson has been asked to serve as state representative, state senate and county commission and Mayor Patterson has always said he loved his job as Mayor of Kettering. Mr. Scott refers to the City of Kettering as "The Great City of Kettering" and that has only been made possible due to Mayor Patterson's leadership for the past sixteen years. Mr. Scott also thanked Mayor Patterson for his friendship and his leadership to the Kettering community.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Lautar reported:

- He thanked the Kettering residents who elected him to serve on City Council. It has been his privileged to have served the city in a leadership capacity.
- Thank you city staff for their commitment to serve Kettering residents.
- Best wishes to the new City Council.

Mr. Duke reported:

- Mr. Lautar's gifts and talents will be missed on City Council.
- Mayor Patterson has served as a quality leader to the Kettering community and the level of community success would not be possible without this leadership.

Mr. Klepacz reported:

- On December 13 he attended the Fairmont Holiday concert at Trent Arena.
- Mr. Lautar has served as a welcomed voice to City Council and he will be missed.
- He will miss working with Mayor Patterson but he appreciates all that the team has accomplished over the years.
- He wished residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
- Shop Kettering.

Mr. Scott reported:

- He would like to thank and congratulate the Key to the City recipients for their service to the Kettering community.
- He appreciates Mayor Patterson's service to the Kettering community.

Ms. Duvall reported:

- Thank you Mr. Lautar and Mayor Patterson for your service to the Kettering community.

Mrs. Fisher reported:

- She thanked the volunteers who helped with the food basket distribution on December 11.
- She will miss Mr. Lautar and Mayor Patterson and their legacy will continue to surround the Kettering community.

Mayor Patterson reported:

- His success over the years was made possible thanks to the help and support of his city team and Kettering residents.
- Once he is gone he wants residents to remember that the city is a team and residents are the motivation to continue to be the best city in the State of Ohio.
- Thank you Kettering residents for entrusting him to sit in this chair for sixteen years; thank you for the community and he is looking forward to his next chapter in life.

They're being no further business to come before this meeting of the Kettering City Council; Mayor Patterson adjourned the City Council Meeting at 9:02 p.m.

ATTEST:

LaShaunah D. Kaczynski
Clerk of Council

DONALD E. PATTERSON, MAYOR