

**KETTERING CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 25, 2022**

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in regular session on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Kettering Government Center South Building, 3600 Shroyer Road. Vice Mayor Fisher 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: Fisher, Klepacz, Hall, Scott, Duvall and Duke

Council Members Absent: Lehner (Excused)

Total Members Present: Six (6)

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

Vice Mayor Fisher introduced the Miami Valley Communications Council TV Operator Mike Sopronyi. She thanked him for his assistance.

Vice Mayor Fisher mentioned Mayor Lehner has an excused absence.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 11, 2022- Council Meeting & Workshop Minutes

Mr. Klepacz 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 six (6) yea votes and no (0) nay votes for the October 11, 2022 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- National Arts and Humanities Month

Mr. Duke read the above proclamation and same was accepted by Shayna McConville, Division Manager of Cultural Arts. Ms. McConville thanked Vice Mayor Fisher and City Council for the proclamation and she is honored to accept this proclamation. The arts help support a healthy environment for all ages. Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts strive to provide experiences for all people in all walks of life, and she is able to see every day how powerful that can be. The Rosewood Arts Center offers over 400 classes and this would not be possible without the help of staff, Arts Council and the Art in Public Places Committee who work tirelessly to make sure the arts are easily accessible to all people. The Rosewood Arts Center is still undergoing renovations but major changes are currently taking place. With these upgrades, the Rosewood Arts Center will be able to better serve the residents of Kettering and this would not be possible without the support of the residents of Kettering and the leadership of City Council. The arts truly contribute to the reason why residents are proud to call Kettering home.

Presentation- State of the Arts

Laura Arber, Arts Council Member made the presentation this evening. Ms. Arber mentioned she is honored to be here to highlight the arts over the past year and commemorate the National Arts and Humanities Month. The Arts Council is a volunteer advisory committee that is comprised of local artists, educators, community leaders and those who have an appreciation of the arts whose mission is to provide access to the arts for all ages, encourage passion for the arts and promote art appreciation and education. Some accomplishments for 2022 include promoting arts education through community events including the Kettering Block Party, Art on the Commons and the Art in the Playground. The Rosewood Gallery provided an opportunity to engage with artists from all over the United States. Ms. Arber expressed she knows how important relationships are and she is proud the Arts Council is able to represent Kettering to a wide variety of artists and the community.

Gloria Pugh, Arts Council Member expressed she moved to Kettering over four years ago and prior to her retirement she was the Director of Education for the Dayton Performing Arts Alliance and has appreciated visual arts all her life. Throughout her career she was a big advocate in making the arts accessible to all and Rosewood illustrates that. The Arts Council is proud to support art education in the City of Kettering through the Rosewood Arts Center. Already this year, thousands of participants have participated in classes and workshops. Community members also practice their own work in the Rosewood art studio. Since January, there have been 2,500 visits to open studios including the very popular ceramic studio, dark room and the dance studio. You don't have to take a class to appreciate art. The Rosewood Gallery is a free contemporary art space that features artists from around the region, state and country. The Kettering Arts Council provides assistance for events at the Rosewood Arts Center and connects with the guest artists to make them feel at home while they are visiting the

Kettering Community. Just through September of this year, the gallery has had thousands of visitors and featured the work of over 100 artists who work in diverse range of materials from across the United States.

Pene Miller, Arts Council Member expressed she lives near the Schantz Avenue Bridge and public art has become very near and dear to her heart. Kettering has a long history of supporting public art and the Arts in Public Places Committee helps guide the collection that Kettering maintains. The new art mural at Rosewood Arts Center is fantastic and the work was completed by Atalie Gagnet with the help of three interns from Fairmont High School. In order for Ms. Gagnet to come up with the design, she spent time with the Kettering community, Dayton Print Makers Cooperative, and Kettering schools. All of these groups were inspiration behind the design of the mural. Last week, Cliff Garten who designed the Ridgeway Road Bridge came into town to do some photo and video for his portfolio. He asked for models and some members of the Kettering Arts Council helped model for his portfolio of the bridge. Art on the Commons is held every year in August at Lincoln Park Civic Commons and this year the event brought 100 artists from all over the country and 10,000 people visited this event. The Arts Council mission is to connect the community with art and nowhere is that more apparent than at the Kettering Block Party where they painted kids' faces and handed out scrapbooks and sketchbooks. Ms. Miller expressed she appreciates the support of City Council and the Arts Council is glad to be part of the Kettering community.

Meghan Thomas, Arts Council Member mentioned the legacy of Kettering exists with the help of other nonprofit organizations that have been a staple in the Kettering community for decades such as the Kettering Civic Band. The Kettering Civic Band played concerts all summer long at Polen Farm and they also played at the Kettering Block Party. The Kettering Children's Choir continues to perform at special community events including the upcoming Mayor's Tree Lighting. The Kettering Children's Choir will also be performing at the Rosewood Holiday Art Festival which will be held on Saturday, December 3. All of the amazing activities and events highlighted this evening were made possible because of the wonderful Kettering community. Kettering demonstrates over-and-over again commitment to a high quality of life for residents. As a city, Kettering builds an opportunity for all residents to engage in the arts. Mrs. Thomas thanked the City of Kettering for supporting creativity.

Presentation- Rosewood Arts Center Renovation Update

Shayna McConville, Division Manager of Cultural Arts gave the presentation. Ms. McConville mentioned she would like to give an update regarding the renovations at the Rosewood Arts Center over the past year. Rosewood Arts Center opened in 1985 in an old elementary school building. A major improvement that has just been completed is the parking lot, and it is now opened as of October 24, 2022. The mural is continuing to wrap around the building this week and the artists are back working on this project. The front entrance was pivotal in the entire design of the building and the reinvention of the Rosewood Arts Center. The new concept of the entrance places emphasis on accessibility and making a welcoming experience for visitors. The public art and landscaping will be installed soon but the entrance is close to reaching the final goal of the concept design. In some of the old classrooms the old 1965 chalkboard and bulletin boards have been torn down and the windows have not been replaced. With the renovations to the classrooms, you can begin to imagine the possibilities of creativity from scratch. The youth art studio opened two months ago at the end of summer camps. The change is very noticeable and it is nice to now have a specialized space for art taking place in those rooms. In the past two months the newly renovated north wing has opened. The gallery is now visible from the time you walk through the front entrance. Programs have been continuing including the Photo Focus Organization from Cincinnati visiting the Rosewood Arts Center to see the art in the gallery. Other programs that have continued include the Dayton Metro Library story time, and Art Lunch which gives an opportunity for artist to discuss their artwork over a meal. Ms. McConville mentioned Mrs. O'Dell will now discuss the renovation timeline.

MaryBeth O'Dell, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Director mentioned she will be presenting the project timeline this evening. The overall timeline has been moved up and currently the project is in phase two of the renovation process. Phase two includes the completion of the dance room, the ceramics wing and the glazing space. The kiln room is almost finished and that completion is anticipated to fall under the phase one timeline. Phase two will also include a metals and glass studio which will serve as the first metals and glass studio in southwest Ohio that will be accessible to all. This addition will increase participation by 100 percent. Phase three will include the printmaking studio, painting and drawing studios and renovations to flex classrooms. Mrs. O'Dell would like to give accolades to the Rosewood Arts Center staff who have been a tremendous help with the evolution of this project. This project has been a great journey and she has learned a lot about the history of the facility along the way. The Kettering Parks Foundation partnered with the City of Kettering on this project. The City of Kettering has spent \$4.8 million dollars into the infrastructure but the Kettering Parks Foundation has come along side to raise private dollars to pay for the furniture, fixtures and equipment, the completion of the interior theatre and the landscaping. So far, the Kettering Parks Foundation has raised \$1.22 million dollars and the kickoff to the public campaign began two weeks ago and the foundation sent out 6,500 mailers to advocates around the south suburbs. Sponsors and donors have helped with this project since 2021. To date, \$1.22 million dollars have been raised. The Kettering Parks Foundation has created a public campaign landing page that was created to encourage people to donate and also share the information with their friends. The landing page can be found at www.playkettering.org. Right now, the landing page has raised \$555 dollars and this started last Thursday. Mrs. O'Dell mentioned she visits the landing page every day and she is excited

to see the progress over time. There are a lot of people who are excited about this program and occasionally someone will post a comment. The first comment the landing page received was a donation from a parent whose child went through the Rosewood Arts Center program and the parent was explaining how important Rosewood was for their child's education and now their child is studying at Wright State University. Mrs. O'Dell mentioned she is very excited to be able to engage with donors during the public campaign. The theater improvements will be included in the phase three project and the theatre will include 150 seats which will be ADA accessible and there will be improvements to the sound and lighting system. There will also be new construction to the stage and proscenium. This will be a unique venue in Kettering as many performing arts spaces in the region have 400-500 seats. This smaller space will be able to accommodate quality productions including the Rosewood's children theatre and dance performances but also will serve the community as lecture space. Mrs. O'Dell mentioned more information can be found at www.playkettering.org or www.ketteringparksfoundation.org.

Vice Mayor Fisher thanked Ms. McConville and Mrs. O'Dell for their presentation. Staff has been very enthusiastic about this project and she appreciates the dedication of the staff and volunteers. These individuals truly improve the quality of life throughout the community.

Mr. Klepacz asked if there will be an open house after the completion of phase two?

Ms. McConville mentioned there may be an open house next year, but progress of phase two will be very visible at the holiday programs scheduled at Rosewood in the coming months.

Mrs. Hall thanked Mrs. O'Dell and Ms. McConville on a job well done with the renovation project.

Presentation- Sinclair Community College Update

Adam Murka, Vice President for External Affairs and Chief of Staff made the presentation. Mr. Murka expressed he will give a general update this evening as well as information regarding Issue 10 which is a renewal levy that will be on the ballot on November 8. This ballot issue will not increase taxes, it is simply a renewal. David Sinclair is the founder of Sinclair Community College and he created the mission statement of "Finding the need and endeavor to meet it". This theory drives everything Sinclair Community College is able to accomplish. Sinclair is 136 years old so it is old enough to be relevant and has changed enough with time to adapt to changing needs in the marketplace. Sinclair Community College started out as a job oriented provider of higher education. David Sinclair founded Sinclair Community College to help students that were out of work on the streets of Dayton, Ohio. 31,000 unique college credit students study at Sinclair annually. Sinclair is the largest college other than the University of Cincinnati in southwest Ohio and no college or university educates more residents from the City of Kettering than Sinclair Community College. Currently, there are 300 degree and certificate programs that are offered at Sinclair and all focus directly on job placement or transfer to one of Ohio's universities. Sinclair matters because 90% of graduates from Sinclair remain in the southwest region of Ohio after graduation to live and work. Sinclair is a little different compared to a university, the average age of a student is 29 and many students have jobs, mortgages and kids. These students are getting an education to improve their quality of life. Sinclair remains an affordable option in a time where higher education is seen as unapproachable for a lot of people. Sinclair Community College charges less than \$4,000 for students who attend. For Montgomery County students, over 50% pay less than \$1,000 after financial aid is applied to attend Sinclair Community College. On average, students who earn an associate degree from Sinclair see an increase in their earnings in the first year after graduation. Most salaries change from \$28,000 to \$38,000 all of which was on an affordable tuition price. Attending Sinclair Community College gives a student the opportunity to improve their quality of life. Sinclair has gone from 1,800 degrees and certificates in 2006 to over 11,000 this past year. Sinclair students are more successful than they have ever been. Minority student outcomes are almost 500 percent better. After graduation, Sinclair Community College tracked student outcomes and found that 700 nurses, 172 dental hygienists, 2,257 computer information systems and 710 automotive technology professionals are filling jobs within the region. Nearly 3,000 students transfer from Sinclair every year and students transfer to over 400 institutions across the country. This past year, there was at least one student who transferred to every single university in the State of Ohio. Registered apprenticeship is the future of higher education. These students are in a job pathway right now and they get the opportunity to learn what they are working on and work with an employer. Sinclair has a relationship with over 65 companies to provide registered apprenticeships. These companies pay students pay part of the tuition cost. The student is also given the opportunity to fill a demand job in the region. Sinclair is very proud to offer one of the lowest tuition prices in Ohio. Sinclair runs a tight ship but resources are needed in order to offer superior services to students. Sinclair has no debt and do not borrow money. If the college can't afford it, the college doesn't buy which is how the college is able to invest resources to help students and employers. Around 26 percent of Sinclair's budget is from the Montgomery County levy. Resources are able to stay within local communities and Levy B first appeared on the ballot in 2015. For 56 years, Montgomery County voters have entrusted Sinclair with levy dollars and Levy B is set to expire in 2023 which will be the first opportunity to renew this particular levy. Issue 10 will be on the ballot on November 8 and it will not raise taxes and is a 1-mill renewal. \$9 million dollars in revenue is generated by Issue 10 and that money is used to expand education, services and programming in Montgomery County. Mayor Lehner has endorsed the Sinclair Levy several times in the past and Sinclair has received many endorsements for the upcoming levy from various groups and organizations. The Big Room at Sinclair Community College is the only room big enough in

Montgomery County to hold their graduations. Several thousand students graduate every year. Normal college graduations are very sedate and Sinclair graduations are fun. So many people from the student body were told they were never going to finish college. President Steve Johnson always asks students during the final exam how many were told they were not college material? About 85-90 percent of students stand up. President Jonson then ask how many are the first in their families to attend college? About 75 percent of students stand up. Then he asked how many students needed more than five years to complete their two year degree? Almost all of the students stand up. The longest serving student took 30 years to graduate. That is what support from Levy B allows Sinclair to do; change people's lives. Mr. Murka thanked Vice Mayor Fisher and City Council for their time and he would be happy to answer any questions.

Ms. Duvall commented that it is very impressive to receive the endorsement from the democrats and the republicans regarding Issue 10.

Vice Mayor Fisher mentioned she was a Sinclair Community College student.

Ms. Duvall mentioned she has taken a few classes at Sinclair.

Mr. Murka expressed if you have taken a class at Sinclair Community College you are considered alumni.

Mr. Klepacz asked if Sinclair still has the co-op program in addition to the apprenticeship program?

Mr. Murka informed City Council Sinclair still has a co-op program and internships. The apprenticeship program entitles students to receive special funding and opens up additional pathways for students.

Mr. Klepacz expressed last month he visited various businesses on Stroop Road and a lot of businesses mentioned they need help and are unable to get help. Does Sinclair place a lot of emphasis on trying to match students up to find jobs if they are not in the co-op or apprenticeship programs?

Mr. Murka informed City Council 10-15 thousand students are in custom training. These students begin to work with employers directly on demand. With 31,000 students the college overall assists students with different career paths and they do the best they can to steer students towards careers with meaningful jobs. Mr. Murka works with many employers in various fields and Sinclair has a similar problem, they can't get people. Sinclair is better at producing graduates but they do not get enough of them through the door to fill jobs on demand.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATION

ORDINANCES IN SECOND READING

RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION
NO: 10808-22
BY: MR.KLEPACZ AND MRS.HALL

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO ONE OR MORE GRANT AGREEMENTS FOR DEMOLITION OF A STRUCTURE ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1301 EAST STROOP ROAD IN KETTERING

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

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

The following votes were recorded: Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Klepacz, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Duke, 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: 10809-22
BY: MRS.HALL AND MR.SCOTT

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR AN FM GLOBAL FIRE PREVENTION GRANT

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

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

The following votes were recorded: Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Klepacz, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Duke, 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: 10810-22
BY: MR.SCOTT AND MS.DUVALL

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT AN OVI TASK FORCE
GRANT FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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

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

The following votes were recorded: Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Klepacz, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Duke, 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: 10811-22
BY: MS.DUVALL AND MR.DUKE

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, 2022

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: Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Klepacz, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Duke, 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. Schwieterman, City Manager updated Council on upcoming and community events.

- Medicare Open Enrollment is available through December 7. Residents can schedule individual appointment by calling the Kettering Connection at 937-296-3330.
- Crews are currently working in District 7. Residents should have their leaves raked and placed by the curb for pickup.
- National Drug Take Back Day will take place on Saturday, October 29 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Kettering Police Department.
- Beggar's Night will take place on Monday, October 31 from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- Day light savings ends on Sunday, November 6 at 2:00 a.m.
- The City of Kettering will be celebrating Veterans Day with a ceremony at Delco Park on Friday, November 11 at 11:00 a.m.

BUSINESS NOT ON WRITTEN AGENDA

Audience Participation (5 Minute Limit per Speaker)

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Fisher reported:

- The Streets Department is doing a wonderful job with leaf pickup throughout the community.
- Get out and vote and make your voice heard.

Mr. Klepacz reported:

- On October 19 he attended the Sister Cities dinner celebration.
- On October 22 he participated in Make A Difference Day.
- Shop Kettering and work at local Kettering businesses.

Mrs. Hall reported:

- This Friday the Fairmont Firebirds will be playing Wayne in the playoffs.
- The bike connector path between Centerville and I-675 is now open.
- Use caution throughout the city on Beggar's Night since a lot of children will be crossing the roadways.

Mr. Scott reported:

- No report.

Ms. Duvall reported:

- Thank you to Mr. Schwieterman, Mr. Bergstresser and city staff who presented at the Kettering Leadership Academy Government Day on October 13.
- On October 22 she participated in Make A Difference Day.
- On October 24 she attended the Our American Journey Exhibit at Sinclair Community College.

Mr. Duke reported:

- On October 19 he attended the Sister Cities dinner celebration.
- He had the honor to take part in the filming production of the Ridgeway Bridge.

Mayor Lehner reported:

- Absent.

There being no further business to come before this meeting of the Kettering City Council; Vice Mayor Fisher adjourned the City Council Meeting at 8:11 p.m.

ATTEST:

LaShaunah D. Kaczynski
Clerk of Council

JACQUE FISHER, VICE MAYOR