

**KETTERING CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 25, 2023**

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in regular session on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Kettering Government Center South Building, 3600 Shroyer Road. Mayor Lehner 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: Lehner, Fisher, Klepacz, Scott, and Duvall

Council Members Absent: Duke and Hall (Excused)

Total Members Present: Five (5)

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

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

Mayor Lehner mentioned Mr. Duke and Mrs. Hall have excused absences.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 11, 2023- Council Meeting & Workshop Minutes

Mrs. Fisher reported that she reviewed the above minutes and moved the minutes be approved. Mr. Klepacz seconded the motion of the above minutes and there being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes for the July 11, 2023 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- Lemonade Day

Mr. Scott read the above proclamation and the proclamation was accepted by Eric Ebbert, Kettering resident. Mr. Ebbert thanked Mayor Lehner and City Council for the proclamation. River Valley Credit Union brought Lemonade Day to the Miami Valley Region and it's a national program that teaches kids entrepreneurship through an app that has cartoons and 21 lessons. When cities get behind the initiative the event means so much more. Just because July 29 is Lemonade Day that doesn't mean that the learning stops, if parents or kids would like to download the app they can set up a lemonade stand at any time and this learning experience is not limited to only one day. Mr. Ebbert is hopeful to continue this event again next year and he hopes children all over Kettering would participate in the event.

Mayor Lehner made an observation that she has noticed more lemonade stands throughout the community compared to previous years.

Ms. Duvall expressed she was taught you never drive by a lemonade stand without stopping. She is not a fan of lemonade but she always stops at the lemonade stands throughout the community, and she also provides a tip. Ms. Duvall mentioned she has a friend who tips five or ten dollars to kids who have lemonade stands.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATION

ORDINANCES IN SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE
NO: 4398-23
BY: MRS.FISHER AND MR.KLEPACZ

ADOPTING AMENDED CIVIL SERVICE RULES FOR THE CITY OF KETTERING

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

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION
NO: 10918-23
BY: MR.KLEPACZ AND MR.SCOTT

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE COMPUTERS AND SERVERS FROM DELL FOR THE ANNUAL COMPUTER AND SERVER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

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

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

The following votes were recorded: Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Klepacz, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mayor Lehner, 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: 10919-23
BY: MR.SCOTT AND MS.DUVALL

AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR STREET LIGHT MAINTENANCE

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

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

The following votes were recorded: Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Klepacz, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mayor Lehner, 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: 10920-23
BY: MS.DUVALL AND MRS.FISHER

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR THE SOUTHERN BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND THE HERITAGE POINT DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Ms. Duvall read the above resolution and moved for approval. Mrs. Fisher seconded the motion.

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

The following votes were recorded: Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Klepacz, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mayor Lehner, 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: 10921-23
BY: MRS.FISHER AND MR.KLEPACZ

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO USE COMPETITIVE BARGAINING AND NEGOTIATED QUOTES TO CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE INDIAN RIFFLE PARK GARDEN PLAZA PROJECT

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

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

The following votes were recorded: Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Klepacz, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mayor Lehner, 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: 10922-23
BY: MR.KLEPACZ AND MR.SCOTT

AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION FROM KETTERING POLICE FOUNDATION FOR
THE PURCHASE OF A UAV VESPER DRONE AND ACCESSORIES

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

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

Mr. Klepacz expressed that at the Gentile Park Groundbreaking last week Carl with MVCC was videotaping the event via drone and he was well trained at that. Will officers have to go through specialized training to be able to operate this device?

Chief Protsman informed City Council that officers who have a pilot's license through the FAA will be able to operate the drone. The Kettering Police Department will send officers to school and currently there are four officers in the program and they will be sending more officers through the program. The Kettering Police Department will be building off of this drone program to be able to provide more services in the future.

Mayor Lehner expressed the drone is new technology added to the police force and she is very excited and fascinated by it. Mayor Lehner asked if K9 officers will work alongside drones?

Chief Protsman informed City Council that the police departments will be using both and will find that they both will be compatible together. The K9s will be able to point officers in the right direction and then the drone will be used for overhead.

The following votes were recorded: Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Klepacz, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mayor Lehner, 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: 10923-23
BY: MR.SCOTT AND MS.DUVALL

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A COST SHARING AGREEMENT WITH
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE KETTERING CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SCHOOL
RESOURCE OFFICERS

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.

Mayor Lehner asked if school resource officers will be able to use drones?

Chief Protsman informed City Council that the police department is looking into that service.

The following votes were recorded: Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Klepacz, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mayor Lehner, 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: 10924-23
BY: MS.DUVALL AND MRS.FISHER

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONTRACT WITH OTT EQUIPMENT SERVICE, INC.
FOR REPLACEMENT OF A HEAVY-DUTY LIFT LOCATED AT THE VEHICLE MAINTENANCE
CENTER

Ms. Duvall read the above resolution and moved for approval. Mrs. Fisher seconded the motion.

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

The following votes were recorded: Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Klepacz, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mayor Lehner, 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: 10925-23
BY: MRS.FISHER 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, 2023

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

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

The following votes were recorded: Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Klepacz, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mayor Lehner, 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 REZONE 2119 EAST DOROTHY LANE FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY DISTRICT NO. 14 TO B-BUSINESS DISTRICT (PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. PC 23-013)

Mr. Klepacz read the above ordinance.

Mr. Robillard, Planning & Development Director gave a brief description of the ordinance.

CERTIFICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Certification- Planning Commission is recommending approval of P.C. 23-014- Zoning Map Amendment. A public hearing regarding this request will be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at the Kettering City Council meeting.

Petition- A petition for continued services at the Kettering Connection was received on July 11, 2023 from patrons of the Kettering Connection located at 300 E. Stroop Road, Kettering, Ohio 45429. The petition is to continue free blood pressure screening for seniors at the Kettering Connection.

MANAGER'S REPORT/COMMUNITY UPDATE

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

- To nominate a neighbor for the Neighborhood Pride Program residents can visit the city's website at www.ketteringoh.org or contact the Volunteer Office at 937-296-2433.
- Due to the extreme heat, Rumpke will be picking up refuse earlier than regularly scheduled routes. Residents are encouraged to place refuse at the curb the night before their scheduled pickup.
- The Montgomery County Auditor will be hosting a community forum regarding property values on Monday, July 31 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Kettering-Moraine Library.
- There will be two community hot dog roasts for the summer on July 27 and August 9. The event will be held from 5:30-7:00 p.m. each evening.
- There will be a Styrofoam Recycling Event on Saturday, July 29 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Montgomery County Business Solutions Center.
- National Night Out will take place on Tuesday, August 1 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Government Center.
 - Chief Protzman added that this event usually has a wonderful turnout. The entire community is encouraged to come to this event and several years ago, this event was held at Town & Country Shopping Center and it was recently moved back to the Kettering Government Center.
- Optimist Kids Day in the Park will take place on Saturday, August 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Delco Park.
 - Mr. Klepacz mentioned last year it was a great event that was well attended. He is hopeful the weather will cooperate again this year so the event could be successful.
 - Mr. Scott expressed the event was well attended last year and he is looking forward to Mr. Greeson joining Dor-Wood Optimist.
- Nominations for the Kettering Good Neighbor Award will be accepted through August 15, 2023.
 - Ms. Duvall expressed that one of the missions of the Board of Community Relations is to get neighbors talking and build a sense of community so residents feel welcomed. The Good Neighbor Award was designed to recognize those neighbors that help shovel snow, rake leaves or mow lawns. She is very excited about this award and hopes residents have neighbors they can nominate.

- The City of Kettering will no longer be accepting new Stay-Put Rental Assistance applications after August 18.

OTHER BUSINESS NOT ON WRITTEN AGENDA

Audience Participation (5 Minute Limit per Speaker)

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Fisher reported:

- She attended the electric aggregation open house and encourages residents to compare their rates.
- There will be a special election on August 8 and residents should get out and vote to make their voices heard.
- She served on a panel for Holiday at Home to award students scholarships and there are some wonderful children who serve the Kettering community.

Mr. Klepacz reported:

- He attended the Gentile Nature Park Groundbreaking.
- On July 24 he attended the Sister Cities meeting regarding an update about the Steyr trip.
- Shop local Kettering businesses when considering a gift.
- On July 29 support local Kettering children for Lemonade Day.

Mrs. Hall reported:

- Absent.

Mr. Scott reported:

- He attended the community Hot Dog Roast at Polen Farm.
- Congratulations to regional athletes who participated in the National Seniors Games in Pittsburg.

Ms. Duvall reported:

- The Gentile Nature Park Groundbreaking was a wonderful event and she is excited for the neighbors in that community to have a new park.
- The Miami Valley Communications Council provides a variety of services for communities within the Miami Valley Regional. Affiliate communities are truly grateful for all the resources they provide.

Mr. Duke reported:

- Absent.

Mayor Lehner reported:

- There are a lot of fun activities remaining for the summer in the Kettering community.
- There are multiple ways for residents to beat the heat and cool off at one of the many Parks and Recreation facilities.
- The Taste of Kettering will take place on Sunday, July 30. Tickets are available at the Frazee Box Office or tickets can be purchased at the door.
- Residents are encouraged to attend one of the two remaining community Hot Dog Roasts for the summer.

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

ATTEST:

PEGGY LEHNER, MAYOR

LaShaunah D. Kaczynski
Clerk of Council