

**KETTERING CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
September 12, 2023**

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 12, 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, Hall, Scott and Duvall

Council Members Absent: Duke (Excused)

Total Members Present: Six (6)

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 has an excused absence.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

August 8, 2023- Council Meeting & Workshop Minutes

August 22, 2023- CIP 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 six (6) yea votes and no (0) nay votes for the August 8, 2023 Council Meeting & Workshop Minutes and the August 22, 2023 CIP Workshop Minutes, the motion was declared carried followed by a roll call vote.

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

**Appointment- Partners for Healthy Youth- Mike Hensel (Term ending 12/31/25)**

Mrs. Fisher made a motion to appoint Mike Hensel to Partners for Healthy Youth. Mr. Klepacz seconded the motion. The motion was declared carried followed by a unanimous like sign vote to approve the appointment.

**Proclamation- EcoFest Day**

Mrs. Fisher read the above proclamation and the proclamation was accepted by Gary Schussler, Parks Superintendent. Mr. Schussler thanked Mayor Lehner and City Council for the proclamation. This year is the second year of EcoFest and it focuses on advocating and educating the Kettering community specifically in the Environmental Education Program. EcoFest transitioned from a previous event and it will be focused on educating people throughout the community. The weather forecast looks great and Mr. Schussler encourages residents to attend. He would be remiss to say thank you to Keri Miles, Environmental Education Supervisor along with Chayna Carswell who works in the Parks Maintenance Office. He would also like to thank the Frazee staff and My USA Credit Union who both are sponsors for EcoFest. Mr. Schussler expressed he is looking forward to seeing the community at the event.

Mayor Lehner expressed she is looking forward to the event.

Mr. Klepacz highlighted he saw Mrs. Miles and a staff member on an episode of Living Dayton and they talked about how all the trash cans will be covered at this event. He asked for Mr. Schussler to elaborate about this new feature to the event.

Mr. Schussler informed City Council that the theory behind this practice is a way to be more sustainable rather than just utilizing trash receptacles onsite. There will be a collection area where trash will be collected and then it will be separated. Mr. Schussler thanked Dawn Kirchner, Volunteer Administrator who is working to get volunteers to help with this feature. The trash that people bring or use onsite will be separated; then it will either be recycled or composted. The hope is this practice will reduce the amount of trash that goes to the landfill. This is a new feature of the event this year and something that will be highlighted throughout the event.

Ms. Duvall asked for Mr. Schussler to provide information regarding the Halloween costume exchange.

Mr. Schussler informed City Council that EcoFest participants are encouraged to bring either used costumes instead of taking them somewhere or getting rid of them by placing them in the trash. Since

Halloween is coming up, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department thought it would be a great opportunity for people to bring those items to exchange while focusing on sustainability.

Presentation- Holiday at Home

Ed Koehnen- 790 E. Whipp Road- Mr. Koehnen thanked Mayor Lehner and City Council for helping with this wonderful event. Holiday at Home is about Kettering, community, volunteers and giving. The weather was great for the entire weekend and all of the festivities were wonderful. Mr. Koehnen thanked the Kettering Police Department for assisting with the parade and for escorting floats to-and-from various buildings. On behalf of Holiday at Home he would like to thank Mayor Lehner, City Council and the Kettering community for a wonderful Labor Day weekend. Mr. Koehnen also thanked Mayor Lehner for all her help and assistance with the flag raising ceremony. The flag was taken to Heider Cleaners in Kettering and he will be picking up the flag tomorrow afternoon with Bill Bradley. The flag is 20x38 and he didn't tell Heider Cleaners the size of the flag when he called to drop it off. Mr. Bradley showed up with the flag and they couldn't say no. Mr. Koehnen thanked Mayor Lehner and City Council for all of their support of Holiday at Home.

Mayor Lehner expressed everyone who volunteered with Holiday at Home did a great job and all of the events were exceptional.

Mr. Koehnen thanked Bruce Duke for participating in the parade. Mr. Duke told him he would be there and he kept his word.

Mr. Klepacz mentioned it was a great idea by Holiday at Home to have a meteorologist be the grand marshal in the parade because she guaranteed nice weather.

Award Presentation- Good Neighbor Awards

Gwen Owen, Chairperson of the Board of Community Relations gave the presentation. Ms. Owen mentioned these awards will be the first ever Good Neighbor Awards and the Board of Community Relations created this award to recognize individuals who go above and beyond to be helpful, kind and generous in their neighborhoods and in the community. Individuals are nominated by their neighbors and these individuals go about their good deeds without wanting or expecting any special recognition, but the Board of Community Relations wants to thank the good neighbors for doing the work they believe in. Spreading good will and making Kettering a welcoming place is extremely important and she appreciates the work of all the good neighbors in the community. The Board of Community Relations will continue this award moving forward with an adult and a youth recipient. Eight individuals are receiving certificates and one person will be awarded the Great Good Neighbor Award. Ms. Owen and Mayor Lehner presented the following recipients with certificates:

- Nobert Hilt
- Sandy Laufersweiler
- Dan Poulos
- Mark Mustard
- Rosie Padlo
- Andy Robillard
- Missy Mae Walters
- Doug Wiggins

Ms. Owen and Mayor Lehner presented Nathan Becker with the Great Good Neighbor Award and mentioned that he was nominated by six neighbors.

Mr. Becker expressed he owes the credit to his father who has been a great example of a good neighbor.

A neighbor came down to the podium to read her nomination of why Mr. Becker is a good neighbor. The resident did not state her name. "Nate is not just a good neighbor, he is exceptional. She has known Nate for over 20 years and he is a lifelong good neighbor and friend. Many times he has come to help without notice and just to name a few:

- He was there for her husband when he had to put his dog to sleep.
- He came over to her parents' house in Kettering when she was trying to build a gazebo and needed extra hands as soon as possible.
- He helped her family move out into their house without expecting anything in return.
- He is such a giver with a huge heart and nobody hugs each other anymore but Mr. Becker does.

She can always count on Mr. Becker and she is forever blessed to have crossed paths with him".

Mayor Lehner thanked Ms. Owen and the Board of Community Relations for calling attention to people who are unsung heroes in the Kettering community and there are so many residents who are good neighbors.

Ms. Owen mentioned that the nominations were very inspiring to read and she is looking forward to getting more nominations moving forward with this award. Kettering is full of good neighbors.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATION

ORDINANCES IN SECOND READING

RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION  
NO: 10932-23  
BY: MRS.FISHER AND MR.KLEPACZ

AUTHORIZING COMPLETION OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (“ODOT”) PROJECT MOT-SR 48/835-6.49/1.47, PID 111570, WITHIN THE CITY OF KETTERING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO ONE OR MORE RELATED CONTRACTS WITH ODOT; AND TO RESCIND RESOLUTION 10908-23

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

Mr. Bergstresser, Assistant 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; Mayor Lehner, 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: 10933-23  
BY: MR.KLEPACZ AND MRS.HALL

ACCEPTING THE RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING SAME TO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY AND GREENE COUNTY AUDITORS

Mr. Klepacz read the above resolution and moved for approval. Mrs. Hall 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; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mayor Lehner, 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: 10934-23  
BY: MRS.HALL AND MR.SCOTT

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO USE COMPETITIVE BARGAINING AND NEGOTIATED QUOTES TO CONTRACT FOR DEMOLITION OF PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 1704 HORLACHER AVENUE AND 2060 MAPLECREST DRIVE

Mrs. Hall 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; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mayor Lehner, 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: 10935-23  
BY: MR.SCOTT AND MS.DUVALL

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

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

The following votes were recorded: Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Klepacz, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mayor Lehner, 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

AN ORDINANCE  
BY: MS.DUVALL

TO REZONE 4225 AND 4235 WILMINGTON PIKE FROM R-1 SUBURBAN RESIDENCE, R-4 VILLAGE RESIDENCE, AND BP BUSINESS PARK DISTRICTS TO R-4 VILLAGE RESIDENCE DISTRICT (PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. PC 23-014)

Ms. Duvall read the above ordinance.

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

CERTIFICATIONS AND PETITIONS

MANAGER'S REPORT/COMMUNITY UPDATE

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

- If residents have questions regarding electric aggregation they should call Energy Harbor at 1-866-636-3749.
- EcoFest will take place on Saturday, September 16 from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Frazee Pavilion.
- Shred Day will take place on October 21 from 9:00 a.m.-Noon in the Fairmont High School Parking Lot.

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

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Fisher reported:

- She attended the ribbon cutting celebration for the new TJ Chumps location on Stroop Road.
- She attended the Ohio Mayors Alliance meeting with state legislatures to discuss concerns such as gun control.
- She attended a road dedication ceremony to honor Sgt. Cameron Thomas and Sgt. Kevin Lannon.
- She attended the flag raising ceremony for the kickoff of the Holiday at Home festivities.

Mr. Klepacz reported:

- On August 9 he attended the First Suburbs Networking event at the Frazee.
- Bruce Duke has been able to attend a number of community events; just a matter of time before he is back in Council Chambers.
- He attended the 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary celebration of Joshua Christian Ministries. They have been a great community partner over the years.
- Holiday at Home was a wonderful opportunity to shop local in Kettering.

Mrs. Hall reported:

- It was nice to see a number of residents in the Council Chambers to support their neighbors who were being honored for the Good Neighbor Award.
- It was amazing to see the large turnout for the Holiday at Home parade that was held on Labor Day and there were over 127 groups that participated in the parade.

Mr. Scott reported:

- Congratulations to all the recipients who received the Good Neighbor Award.
- The road dedication ceremony for Sgt. Thomas and Sgt. Lannon was a moving experience.
- This year was another successful Holiday at Home weekend full of festivities.
- Congratulations to Coach Miller and the Fairmont High School football team for beating Alter.

Ms. Duvall reported:

- The road dedication ceremony was a touching experience.
- Holiday at Home was a wonderful weekend.
- The Kettering Leadership Academy class of 2023 held a ribbon cutting for their free pantry at Oakview Elementary.
- Kettering Leadership Academy class of 2024 just returned from their kickoff retreat at Camp Joy.

- She read all the submissions for the Good Neighbor Award and there are a lot of people who are doing great things in the community.

Mr. Duke reported:

- Absent.

Mayor Lehner reported:

- She has missed a number of community events due to a family trip and battling COVID-19.

There being no further business to come before this meeting of the Kettering City Council; Mayor Lehner adjourned the City Council Meeting at 8:04 p.m.

ATTEST:

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PEGGY LEHNER, MAYOR

LaShaunah D. Kaczynski  
Clerk of Council