

**KETTERING CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
January 9, 2024**

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 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, Sullivan, Hall, Scott, Duvall and Suddith

Council Members Absent: Fisher (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 Soproni. She thanked him for his assistance.

**SWEARING IN OF ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Bob Scott- District 2- Term ending 12/31/27

Mayor Lehner introduced Rob Scott, Clerk of Kettering Municipal Courts and called him down to the podium to administer Mr. Scott's oath of office.

Lisa Duvall- District 1- Term ending 12/31/27

Mayor Lehner called Ms. Duvall down to the podium to administer her oath of office.

Shane Sullivan- District 3- Term ending 12/31/27

Mayor Lehner called Mr. Sullivan down to the podium to administer his oath of office.

Bryan Suddith- District 4- Term ending 12/31/27

Mayor Lehner called Mr. Suddith down to the podium to administer his oath of office.

Mayor Lehner mentioned district representatives will be serving until December 31, 2027.

**APPOINTMENT OF VICE MAYOR (TERM ENDING 12/31/25)**

Mr. Scott made a motion to appoint Mrs. Fisher as Vice Mayor for a term ending 12/31/25. Ms. Duvall seconded the motion. The motion was declared carried followed by a unanimous like sign vote to appoint Mrs. Fisher as Vice Mayor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

December 12, 2023- Council Meeting & Workshop Minutes

Mrs. Hall reported that she reviewed the above minutes and moved the minutes be approved. Mr. Scott seconded the motion of the above minutes and there being six (6) yea votes and no (0) nay votes for the December 12, 2023 Council Meeting & Workshop, the motion was declared carried followed by a roll call vote.

**APPOINTMENTS- 2024 COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Mayor Lehner read the following Council Committees for 2024:

Long Range Planning- Mrs. Fisher, Chair- Mr. Suddith

Intergovernmental/Interagency Relations- Mrs. Hall, Chair- Mrs. Fisher

Community Relations & Promotions- Ms. Duvall, Chair- Mr. Sullivan

Finance & Personnel- Mr. Sullivan, Chair- Mr. Scott

Public Health & Safety- Mr. Suddith, Chair- Mrs. Hall

Public Service- Mr. Scott, Chair- Ms. Duvall

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

Mayor Lehner read the following appointments:

Sister City Committee

Jackie Lawless, Susan Barber, Janet Bolton, Claudia Welles, Joshua Weiland (Terms ending 12/31/26)

Personnel Board of Appeals

Jeffrey Mullins, Aaron Smith (Terms ending 12/31/24)

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Kettering Arts Council  
Courtney Medlin, Tonya Everhart (Terms ending 12/31/26)  
Pat Higgins, Tracy McElfresh, John Schmitz, Meghan Thomas, Michael Weber (Terms ending 12/31/25)

Volunteer Advisory Council  
Joan Fisher-Hatton, Sabrina Larson (Terms ending 12/31/26)

Sustainability Committee  
Leah Ceperley (Term ending 12/31/26)

Planning Commission  
Ray Wasky (Term ending 12/31/28)

Civil Service Commission  
Aaron Smith (Term ending 12/31/29)

Partners for Healthy Youth  
Melinda Moore (Term ending 12/31/26)

Board of Community Relations  
LaSue Juniel, Gwen Owen, William Tschirhart (Terms ending 12/31/26)

Board of Tax Review  
William Forsthoefel, Cynthia Platt (Terms ending 12/31/25)

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Advisory Board  
Jamie Jarosik (Term ending 12/31/28)

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve the above appointments. Mrs. Hall seconded the motion. The motion was declared carried followed by a unanimous like sign vote to approve the above appointments.

Mayor Lehner thanked the volunteers who donate their time and talents to help the Kettering community. Kettering could not be the community it is without volunteers. If residents are interested in volunteering, they should contact their City Council representative. There are various volunteer opportunities and residents can volunteer in areas that they might have an interest in.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATION

ORDINANCES IN SECOND READING

RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION  
NO: 10981-24  
BY: MR.SULLIVAN AND MRS.HALL

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONTRACT WITH THE CENTER FOR INTERNET  
SECURITY FOR CYBERSECURITY SOFTWARE AND SERVICES

Mr. Sullivan 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: Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Suddith, 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: 10982-24  
BY: MRS.HALL AND MR.SCOTT

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF 2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES TO MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL  
PLANNING COMMISSION

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: Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Suddith, 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: 10983-24  
BY: MR.SCOTT AND MS.DUVALL

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND TO CONTRACT FOR THE 2024 CURB, SIDEWALK AND DRIVE APPROACH REPAIR PROGRAM (CITY PROJECT NO. 05-124)

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. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Suddith, 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: 10984-24  
BY: MS.DUVALL AND MR.SUDDITH

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND/OR USE COMPETITIVE BARGAINING AND NEGOTIATED QUOTES TO CONTRACT FOR THE 2024 STREET MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

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

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

The following votes were recorded: Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Suddith, 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: 10985-24  
BY: MR.SUDDITH AND MR.SULLIVAN

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND TO CONTRACT FOR THE EAST DAVID ROAD IMPROVEMENTS- FAR HILLS TO ACKERMAN PROJECT (CITY PROJECT NO. 02-116R, ODOT PID 110254)

Mr. Suddith read the above resolution and moved for approval. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion.

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

The following votes were recorded: Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Suddith, 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: 10986-24  
BY: MR.SULLIVAN AND MRS.HALL

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND TO CONTRACT FOR THE MIAMI VALLEY RESEARCH PARK BIKE PATH PROJECT (CITY PROJECT NO. 05-004M)

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

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

Mayor Lehner asked how far does the City have to go to complete the bike path? The project has been done in pieces over the years. What percentage of the proposed path is yet to be completed?

Mr. Bergstresser informed City Council the bike path within Research Park is the last bike infrastructure that will be built within Research Park. There are existing bike paths along County Line Road, Research Boulevard and Spaulding Road. The Flightline Bikeway Project property acquisition should be completed in 2024 and at that time the City can begin to apply for grant funds. The Flightline Project will be a missing link to the existing bike paths at Research Park and other bike paths throughout Kettering.

Mayor Lehner mentioned she purchased an e-bike over the summer and has enjoyed riding the various bike paths throughout the community.

The following votes were recorded: Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Suddith, 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: 10987-24  
BY: MRS.HALL AND MR.SCOTT

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND TO CONTRACT FOR THE WEST AVENUE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT (CITY PROJECT NO. 03-948B)

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

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

The following votes were recorded: Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Suddith, 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: 10988-24  
BY: MR.SCOTT AND MS.DUVALL

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND TO CONTRACT FOR THE WEST STROOP ROAD SIDEWALK-OVERLAND TRAIL TO SOUTHMOOR CIRCLE NW PROJECT (CITY PROJECT NO. 05-213E, ODOT PROJECT MOT-W.STROOP SIDEWALK, PID 110255)

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.

Mayor Lehner expressed the residents in the West Stroop area have been asking for sidewalks for a very long time.

Mr. Bergstresser mentioned residents have been requesting the sidewalk project for some time and he is looking forward to the completion of the project.

Mr. Suddith expressed he is happy another path is being created to get residents to Far Hills and it is one step closer to connect Far Hills to Dixie.

The following votes were recorded: Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Suddith, 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: 10989-24  
BY: MS.DUVALL AND MR.SUDDITH

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND TO CONTRACT FOR THE WILMINGTON PIKE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (CITY PROJECT NO. 02-108U) AND THE WINGVIEW DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (CITY PROJECT NO. 03-620)

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

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

The following votes were recorded: Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Suddith, 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: 10990-24  
BY: MR.SUDDITH AND MR.SULLIVAN

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT THROUGH SEALED BIDS, NEGOTIATED QUOTES, OR A COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

Mr. Suddith read the above resolution and moved for approval. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Lehner asked if the number of vehicles requested is higher than in years past?

Mr. Greeson informed City Council the City has a significant fleet operation to support a wide and varied array of services. The request is a combination of equipment and larger vehicles.

Mayor Lehner asked if departments are starting to catch up due to years of shortages?

Mr. Greeson expressed departments are catching up with their requests because in previous years there were delays due to budgetary reasons or supply chain issues. The current request does not reflect an unusual year.

The following votes were recorded: Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Suddith, 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: 10991-24  
BY: MR.SULLIVAN AND MRS.HALL

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO USE COMPETITIVE BARGAINING AND NEGOTIATED QUOTES TO CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES TO COMPLETE AN OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS OF THE FRAZE PAVILION

Mr. Sullivan 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: Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Suddith, 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: 10992-24  
BY: MRS. HALL AND MR.SCOTT

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION GRANTS FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

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: Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Suddith, 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

CERTIFICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Mayor Lehner mentioned Mrs. Fisher has an excused absence.

MANAGER'S REPORT/COMMUNITY UPDATE

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

- Mr. Greeson welcomed Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Suddith and expressed he is looking forward to working with them.
- 2024 dog licenses are on sale and can be purchased from the Kettering Police Department by calling 937-296-3266.
- AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program has free tax preparation services to residents 50 years of age and older. To schedule an appointment residents can call 937-296-2480 starting January 9, 2024.

- Christmas trees can be disposed by:
  - Placing trees at the curb for Rumpke collection.
  - Taking trees to the City of Kettering Yard Debris Center.
  - Taking trees to the Montgomery County Solid Waste Center.
- City administrative offices will be closed on Monday, January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- Flyin' to the Hoop basketball tournament will take place at Trent Arena Friday, January 12- Monday, January 15. There will be increased traffic near the Trent Arena.

OTHER BUSINESS NOT ON WRITTEN AGENDA

Audience Participation (5 Minute Limit per Speaker)

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Fisher reported:

- Absent.

Mr. Sullivan reported:

- He is excited to be part of City Council and he loves the Kettering community.
- He is thankful for his wife for all of her support while he is serving the Kettering community.
- He welcomed his parents who were in the audience.
- He thanked Bill Lautar and Tony Klepacz for being role models and encouraging him to run for City Council.

Mrs. Hall reported:

- She welcomed Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Suddith to City Council.
- She wished residents a Happy New Year!
- She expressed she is looking forward to what City Council will accomplish in 2024.

Mr. Scott reported:

- He is honored to serve the residents and business owners of the Kettering community.
- He thanked his wife for all her support as he serves the Kettering community.
- He welcomed his family and grandchildren who were in the audience.
- He thanked Rob Scott, Clerk of Courts for participating in the swearing-in ceremony.
- He welcomed Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Suddith to City Council.
- According to the U.S. Census Bureau the per capita spending in Kettering is \$37,000 which includes retail, stores and eating establishments; Shop and buy Kettering.

Ms. Duvall reported:

- She welcomed Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Suddith to City Council.
- She welcomed her parents and children who were in the audience.
- She is looking forward to serving with Mrs. Hall and Mr. Sullivan on the Miami Valley Communications Council board.
- Mr. Suddith will be the new City Council liaison to the Board of Community Relations and she knows he will do a good job, but she will miss the group.

Mr. Suddith reported:

- He is looking forward to being the City Council liaison to the Board of Community Relations.
- On January 5 he attended a ribbon cutting for Five Grains Noodle.
- He is excited Taco John's has officially opened their location on Wilmington Pike.
- He welcomed his friends Scott Sliver and Ashley Webb who were in the audience.
- He thanked his wife for all her support as he serves the Kettering community.
- He thanked Mr. Greeson and Mrs. Kaczynski for their help in the onboarding process.
- He is excited to be on City Council.

Mayor Lehner reported:

- She welcomed Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Suddith to City Council.
- She thanked City staff for helping with the onboarding process for the new members of City Council.
- The annual Martin Luther King Day march will begin at 9:30 a.m. on January 15. The march will begin on Third Street in Dayton.

There being no further business to come before this meeting of the Kettering City Council; Mayor Lehner adjourned the City Council Meeting at 8:12 p.m.

ATTEST:

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PEGGY LEHNER, MAYOR

LaShaunah D. Kaczynski  
Clerk of Council