

**KETTERING CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 23, 2024**

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 23, 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, Fisher, Sullivan, Hall, Scott, Duvall and Suddith

Council Members Absent: None

Total Members Present: Seven (7)

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 9, 2024- Council Meeting & Workshop Minutes

Mr. Sullivan 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 seven (7) yea votes and no (0) nay votes for the January 9, 2024 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**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATION

ORDINANCES IN SECOND READING

RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION

NO: 10993-24

BY: MRS.FISHER AND MR.SULLIVAN

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO USE COMPETITIVE BARGAINING AND NEGOTIATED
QUOTES TO CONTRACT FOR INSURANCE AND OTHER BENEFITS AND RELATED
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF KETTERING,
KETTERING MUNICIPAL COURT, AND THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE KETTERING
MUNICIPAL COURT**

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

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

The following votes were recorded: Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Suddith, Yea; Mayor Lehner, 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: 10994-24

BY: MR.SULLIVAN AND MRS.HALL

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO USE COMPETITIVE BARGAINING AND NEGOTIATED
QUOTES TO CONTRACT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING PARKS MAINTENANCE
STORAGE BUILDING AT BEAVERTOWN CEMETERY**

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.

The following votes were recorded: Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Suddith, Yea; Mayor Lehner, 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: 10995-24
BY: MRS.HALL AND MR.SCOTT

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO USE COMPETITIVE BARGAINING AND NEGOTIATED QUOTES TO CONTRACT FOR REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING CARPET AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITHIN THE KETTERING MUNICIPAL COURT BUILDING

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: Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Suddith, Yea; Mayor Lehner, 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: 10996-24
BY: MR.SCOTT AND MS.DUVALL

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO USE COMPETITIVE BARGAINING AND NEGOTIATED QUOTES TO CONTRACT FOR PATCHING AND REPAINTING OF THE MAIN POOLS AT THE ADVENTURE REEF WATER PARK

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: Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Suddith, Yea; Mayor Lehner, 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: 10997-24
BY: MS.DUVALL AND MR.SUDDITH

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO USE COMPETITIVE BARGAINING AND NEGOTIATED QUOTES TO CONTRACT FOR THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF TREES, TREE GRATES AND CONCRETE WITHIN CIVIC COMMONS

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: Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Suddith, Yea; Mayor Lehner, 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: 10998-24
BY: MR.SUDDITH AND MRS.FISHER

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO USE COMPETITIVE BARGAINING AND NEGOTIATED QUOTES TO CONTRACT FOR THE MAINTENANCE, REMOVAL, AND REPLACEMENT OF TREES ON CITY OWNED PROPERTIES

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

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

The following votes were recorded: Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Suddith, Yea; Mayor Lehner, 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: 10999-24
BY: MRS.FISHER AND MR.SULLIVAN

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO USE COMPETITIVE BARGAINING AND NEGOTIATED QUOTES TO CONTRACT FOR THE REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF THE PAVER PATIO AT POLEN FARM

Mrs. Fisher 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: Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Suddith, Yea; Mayor Lehner, 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: 11000-24
BY: MR.SULLIVAN AND MRS.HALL

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANGER TO USE COMPETITIVE BARGAINING AND NEGOTIATED QUOTES TO CONTRACT FOR THE REPAIR OF THE DELCO PARK BMX TRACK

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 if the BMX had previously been sanctioned and if the request is just a renewal, or is it the first time seeking sanction?

Mr. Bergstresser informed City Council the BMX track has always been sanctioned.

The following votes were recorded: Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Suddith, Yea; Mayor Lehner, 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: 11001-24
BY: MRS.HALL AND MR.SCOTT

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANGER TO CONTRACT WITH ACTION SPORTS DESIGN AND PROSTART FOR THE DELCO PARK BMX TRACK RENOVATION PROJECT

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: Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Suddith, Yea; Mayor Lehner, 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: 11002-24
BY: MR.SCOTT AND MS.DUVALL

TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 10927-23

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: Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Suddith, Yea; Mayor Lehner, 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: 11003-24
BY: MS.DUVALL AND MR.SUDDITH

TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 10645-21 TO ALLOW GRANT FUNDS TO BE EXPENDED ON LANDSCAPING AT ROSEWOOD ART CENTER

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: Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Suddith, Yea; Mayor Lehner, 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: 11004-24
BY: MR.SUDDITH AND MRS.FISHER

AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION FROM AMERICAN LEGION POST 598 THROUGH THE KETTERING POLICE FOUNDATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS

Mr. Suddith 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. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Suddith, Yea; Mayor Lehner, 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: 11005-24
BY: MRS.FISHER AND MR.SULLIVAN

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION

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

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

The following votes were recorded: Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Suddith, Yea; Mayor Lehner, 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: 11006-24
BY: MR.SULLIVAN AND MRS.HALL

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, TO MAKE A \$5,000.00 CONTRIBUTION TO THE 2024 NCAA FIRST FOUR HOOPLA TICKET PROGRAM

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.

Mr. Suddith asked for clarification that the tickets will be for veterans, active-duty military and STEM School students?

Mr. Greeson informed City Council that the tickets will be given to veterans, active-duty military and STEM School students.

The following votes were recorded: Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Suddith, Yea; Mayor Lehner, 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: 11007-24
BY: MRS.HALL AND MR.SCOTT

AUTHORIZING A PAY INCREASE FOR CITY MANAGER MATTHEW H. GREESON

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

Mayor Lehner gave a brief description of the resolution.

The following votes were recorded: Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Suddith, Yea; Mayor Lehner, 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: 11008-24
BY: MR.SCOTT AND MS.DUVALL

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND TO CONTRACT FOR THE DANUBE COURT BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECT, CITY PROJECT NO. 03-924A (ODOT PROJECT MOT-DANUBE CT. BRIDGE REHABILITATION, PID 114100)

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: Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Suddith, Yea; Mayor Lehner, 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: 11009-24
BY: MS.DUVALL AND MR.SUDDITH

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO USE COMPETITIVE BARGAINING AND NEGOTIATED QUOTES TO CONTRACT FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION SERVICES

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: Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Sullivan, Yea; Mrs. Hall, Yea; Mr. Scott, Yea; Ms. Duvall, Yea; Mr. Suddith, Yea; Mayor Lehner, 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: 11010-24
BY: MR.SUDDITH AND MRS.FISHER

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, 2024

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

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

Ms. Duvall informed City Council that she learned the origins of the R.A.D Program which started because of the brutal death of a young woman who was assaulted, and her family had put together a foundation to create the nationwide program. She is thankful the Kettering Police Department participates in the R.A.D. Program.

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

AN ORDINANCE
BY: MRS.FISHER

TO LEVY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR OF CURBS, SIDEWALKS, DRIVE APPROACHES, AND RELATED APPURTENANCES FOR THE 2022 CURB, SIDEWALK & DRIVE APPROACH PROGRAM (CITY PROJECT NO. 05-122)

Mrs. Fisher read the above ordinance.

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

AN ORDINANCE
BY: MR.SULLIVAN

TO LEVY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR OF CURBS,
SIDEWALKS, DRIVE APPROACHES, AND RELATED APPURTENANCES FOR THE 2023 CURB,
SIDEWALK & DRIVE APPROACH PROGRAM (CITY PROJECT NO. 05-123)

Mr. Sullivan read the above ordinance.

Mr. Bergstresser, Assistant 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.

- 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.
- The City of Kettering offers a Safe Senior Program which identifies, locates and assist seniors in time of emergency. For more information or to enroll residents can call 937-296-2566.
 - Chief Protsman mentioned the Safe Senior Program has been very successful and he encourages residents to participate in the program or family members who might benefit from the program.
 - Mayor Lehner expressed she appreciates the Safe Senior Program being highlighted because Kettering offers a lot of programs and many become familiar which is good to remind residents of all services that are offered within the City of Kettering.
- Blood Pressure Clinics will take place on Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Kettering Moraine Library located at 3496 Far Hills Avenue.
- The City of Kettering is now offering accessibility grants to eligible homeowners. To apply residents can call 937-296-3308.
- The City of Kettering offers utility assistance for eligible renters and homeowners. For more information or to apply, residents can call 937-296-3247.
 - Ms. Duvall informed City Council she was contacted by a resident who knew of a family who didn't have heat and by the time Ms. Duvall called the Planning & Development Department they were already in contact with the family to fill out their application for utility assistance.
 - Mr. Greeson thanked Ms. Duvall for her story because the story highlighted the impact City services are having on the lives of residents and bring light to the real impact and difference services are making.

OTHER BUSINESS NOT ON WRITTEN AGENDA

Audience Participation (5 Minute Limit per Speaker)

Jane Bidwell- Ms. Bidwell expressed she has been a resident of Kettering for the past 18 years and resides in west Kettering. Ms. Bidwell asked members of the audience who are there to support her comments to stand to show there are other Kettering residents who have the same concern. Ms. Bidwell expressed she is speaking before City Council to raise a concern that is shared by other residents in the Kettering community. Two weeks ago, Ms. Bidwell learned of a sober living home residing next door to her home. The property is managed by KAV and Ms. Bidwell was told by the clinical director for KAV that their intentions are to move 15 participants into the residence. The home is classified to have 1,467 square feet and upon purchase of the home, the property title was in the name of the homeowner Corey Messer and in August of 2023, the title was switched to Messer Construction LLC. The title being transferred to a business indicates that the property owner intended the property to be considered business whether for personal protection or accounting concerns. The home is owned by a business, is the lease in the name of a business? It is being managed by a business and is more than likely a for-profit entity. If a business owns property and the lease is in the name of a business, is this a business without proper zoning? If at full capacity, 15 people will live in this home which raises many concerns. Ms. Bidwell is concerned about the square footage of less than 100 square feet per person for sleeping and community areas. The square footage is well below state law and close quarters can lead to problems such as arguments, fighting and property damage. There are no egress windows in the basement of the property but there are three bedrooms in the basement. Without a proper secondary exit and egress windows, the basement should be considered uninhabitable. There is a finished room above the garage that doesn't have a proper egress window which there should be no inhabitants living there as well. Therefore, the home has only three bedrooms that are inhabitable for sleeping and 15 people can't be placed in a three-bedroom home. The home is located on Far Hills and there isn't street parking available to accommodate 15 cars let alone five cars because the length of the driveway. Ms. Bidwell spoke to the minister of the church and was informed he had no prior knowledge of the facility moving in and the church hasn't given prior

approval for residents to park within the church parking lot. Ms. Bidwell is concerned she doesn't know who will be living in the home. There is a preschool on the grounds of the church which is Far Hills Presbyterian Church and are the individuals staying in the home required to abide by Ohio Revised Code 295.03.4? Ms. Bidwell expressed is there anyone in Kettering regulating if this requirement is being met? Ms. Bidwell has spoken at length with Tom Robillard, Director of Planning & Development, Mr. Suddith and the City Manager and she has reviewed the zoning laws for Kettering and is concerned about the lack of clarity which doesn't give descriptions for licensed care facilities. Also, there isn't clarification of what is deemed a business versus home housing. Kettering has not kept up with the current regulations for these types of facilities which also include overnight rentals. Ms. Bidwell expressed something needs to be done immediately and asked what would be an acceptable limit to a facility utilizing resources for Kettering government employees including the number of times a police officer can be called to a location before it is deemed a nuisance to the community, and actions can be taken to remove the facility from Kettering? In addition, is the City of Kettering receiving any funds from organizations by adding additional operating funding to the City of Kettering as incentives for entertaining these types of facilities within the community? Ms. Bidwell requested full accounting of money received and requested the information be reported to Kettering residents so information can be transparent. Ms. Bidwell has looked at zoning laws of other communities and there is room for improvement to Kettering's zoning laws. It is for that reason Ms. Bidwell brought her request before City Council to tighten zoning laws and include members of the community for discussion and input in zoning laws. Ms. Bidwell trust that leadership would do what is best for the community but right now she feels that isn't the case.

Mr. Suddith thanked Ms. Bidwell for bringing her concerns before City Council. City staff is working through her concerns in a timely fashion and her concerns are not being ignored. City staff is looking into the matter within the scope they are allowed which includes driving by the property and contacting the property owner. It is a work in progress and Mr. Suddith expressed he pledges to be in contact with Ms. Bidwell as the matter moves through the process. Mr. Suddith encouraged Ms. Bidwell to place her questions regarding incentive funding in writing and city staff will follow up on her specific request.

Ms. Bidwell asked how would information be communicated to the individuals who showed up to the City Council meeting or other individuals within her neighborhood?

Mr. Suddith informed Ms. Bidwell he intends to have a community meeting with her neighborhood to provide information as to what the City has learned and neighbors will be able to share information that they have learned as well.

Ron Johnston- 3090 Southdale Drive- Mr. Johnston expressed he is before City Council to support and elevate the concerns for any single female living alone next to five adult males that have been characterized as having drug and alcohol problems. Mr. Johnston mentioned his concern became elevated when he thinks of his own personal experience on June 2, 2015 in Kettering. A ten-unit apartment building was renovated by MVHO in order to house individuals including previously incarcerated adult males. On June 2, 2015, two residents from the housing unit got into an altercation which resulted in a person being stabbed and was killed. The incident took place less than 100ft from his front door. The City of Kettering hadn't had any murders prior to this incident in many years. Mr. Johnston was informed by former Councilmember Bruce Duke that the housing unit wouldn't impact property values and the property would be well-managed. After the incident, Mr. Johnston found out that Moonlight Security which is a private security was to staff the building, cameras were to be operated 24/7 and curfews were to be enforced. On June 2, 2015, Moonlight Security had no presence at the housing unit and the cameras were broken. Mr. Johnston lost reliance upon the City due to a lack of proper transparency and zoning protection. Mr. Johnston brought his concerns to City Council at a meeting but was met with vintage rhetoric and denials. In addition, Mr. Johnston requested the number of services call made from the inception of the multi-unit building. From January 1, 2015- June 24, 2015, there were 122 service calls requesting the help of the Kettering Police Department. The calls ranged from murder, rape to noise disturbances and in-between. Former Mayor Patterson told Mr. Johnston the number of service calls weren't many but given the context those issues couldn't be resolved internally by the private security agency. A zoning change allowed for the location of the multi-unit building and the building is 100ft from single family housing and 200ft from Southdale Elementary playground. Zoning should be a tool to enhance residence safety and stabilize property values, and it is odd to label an international city in Austria as Kettering's sister city; Dayton has become a common sister city. The City of Kettering has a financial relationship with the City of Dayton called the Consortium that binds the two cities together through an action plan which seeks funding from the federal government to reduce homelessness. Mr. Johnston expressed the City claims to have no control over the population being enacted but the City's involvement is the enactment. What are the City's strategies concerning the property on Far Hills? Can City Council give comfort to residents that high-risk housing will overlap into residential neighborhoods? Would City Council want drug abusers, alcohol abusers or previously incarcerated adults living in their neighborhood?

Mayor Lehner asked Mr. Johnston for clarification about the number of adults living in the home on Far Hills. Will there be five or 15 adults living in the home?

Mr. Johnston informed City Council he had spoken to Ms. Bidwell over the phone and was told there could be up to 15 adults living in the home.

Ms. Bidwell informed City Council she had spoken to the clinical director and was informed 15 people were going to be living in the home. Currently, there are between five to six individuals living in the home and four of which have cars.

Mayor Lehner expressed City Council will look at the matter carefully and will try to get clarification regarding the number of individuals residing in the home. City Council will share additional findings to neighbors since they don't have all the answers currently. Mayor Lehner thanked neighbors for expressing their concerns and she also recognizes the importance of the individuals residing in the home to be safe neighbors. Mayor Lehner mentioned City Council will continue to monitor the matter.

Mr. Suddith encouraged residents to sign the clip board so they can be contacted once the community meeting is scheduled.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Fisher reported:

- She attended the STEM School Exhibition Night in December, and she received her book recently from the event that was written and illustrated by a 7th grader.
- She expressed the Streets Department did a wonderful job clearing the roads during the recent winter weather.
- There were a lot of seniors utilizing the Recreation Center during the recent winter weather.

Mr. Sullivan reported:

- On February 9 and 10 Fairmont High School will be honoring the 2024 Fairmont Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees.
- On January 14 he attended a viewing for Amy Dunaway-Haney who was teacher at Fairmont High School.

Mrs. Hall reported:

- She commended the Public Service Department for clearing the roads during recent winter weather.
- She thanked Kettering City Schools for making the decision to cancel schools to keep children safe during recent inclement weather.
- There are over 400 families in the Dayton Region who have children who are homeless; there is a need to have more workforce housing opportunities for families.
- Good luck Fairmont boys' varsity basketball team who is current in third place in their conference.

Mr. Scott reported:

- He attended the STEM School Exhibition Night and was amazed by the engineering projects.
- Fairmont High School hosted another successful Flyin' to the Hoop basketball tournament over the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend.
- Shop Kettering.

Ms. Duvall reported:

- She thanked Kettering Health for hosting the Kettering Leadership Academy for healthcare day.
- She welcomed a Kettering Leadership Academy member who was in the audience.

Mr. Suddith reported:

- He traveled out of town during the recent winter weather and he is thankful for the Kettering Public Service Department.
- He thanked Ms. Bidwell and Mr. Johnston for their comments and encouraged more residents to attend City Council meetings.

Mayor Lehner reported:

- She thanked the residents who came to the City Council meeting and it is the right step to try to find good constructive answers.

There being no further business to come before this meeting of the Kettering City Council; Mayor Lehner adjourned the City Council Meeting at 8:29 p.m.

ATTEST:

PEGGY LEHNER, MAYOR

LaShaunah D. Kaczynski
Clerk of Council