

**KETTERING CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 22, 2020**

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Kettering Government Center South Building, 3600 Shroyer Road. Mayor Patterson presided and the Clerk of Council, LaShaunah D. Kaczynski, recorded. This meeting was telecast live on the cable access channel.

Council Members Present: Patterson, Klepacz, Lautar, Fisher and Wanamaker

Council Members Absent: Duke and Scott (Excused)

Total Members Present: Five (5)

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

Mayor Patterson introduced the cable TV operator Mike Sopronyi. He thanked him for his assistance.

Mayor Patterson mentioned Mr. Duke and Mr. Scott have excused absences this evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 8, 2020- Council Meeting & Workshop Minutes

Mr. Lautar reported that he reviewed the above minutes and moved the minutes be approved. Mr. Wanamaker seconded the motion of the above minutes and there being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes for the September 8, 2020 Council Meeting & Workshop Minutes the motion was declared carried by roll call vote.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATION

Sterling Abernathy- He is here this evening to speak about agenda item number 5. It is a resolution to increase the spending on the police headquarters building renovation by \$550,000. The police headquarters building renovation is an \$8.3 million dollar project city council approved January 2020. The city issued bonds to borrow money to pay for this project, and interest payments will increase taxpayer costs to more than \$1.1 million dollars. This cost does not include the separate police training facility which was part of the original project. In the council workshop meeting two weeks ago, city staff gave a short briefing recommending this half-million dollar increase. A PowerPoint slide was provided that listed scope changes, layout modifications, existing building deficiencies and furniture equipment and additions pricing. The PowerPoint presentation did not show an itemized cost for each change. A generator costing \$35,000 more than estimated was the only cost detail that was shared with city council. How the remaining \$515,000 would be used was not explained by city staff. City Council asked a few questions during the meeting which then they indicated approval and moved on to another topic. Here are some questions regarding the half-million dollar increase that council did not ask:

1. Are there any other lower cost options?
2. If an increase isn't approved at all, what is the impact on the city? Would it be possible to finish the renovation for \$8.3 million dollars without spending an additional half-million dollars?
3. Is it possible that the reason for the cost overrun is due to the city preselecting a general contractor for this project instead of opening competitive bidding between multiple contractors? The assertion made for preselecting a general contractor during the design phase would lower costs.
4. The original project budgeted \$210,000 to cover unexpected items and contingencies. An additional \$550,000 would increase that amount to \$760,000. Is three-fourths of a million dollars for unlisted and contingency items reasonable as it pertains to this project?
5. The city paid \$400,000 to an architect engineer to design and engineer the building by drawing up plans. Why are the changes in building layout now being asked during the design process? How much of the \$550,000 is due to the layout change in the middle of construction?
6. What are the existing building deficiencies? Why weren't they anticipated by the architect during the design phase and included in the original budget? How much is required for these deficiencies?

In the past couple years, he has attended many council workshops and read documents that were sent to city council as it pertains to this project. He does not know the answer to any of these questions; does city council know the answers to these questions? The city council is the ultimate

decision maker on this project. Citizens expect our elected officials to be good stewards of taxpayer money. Good stewards are active by getting informed and asking questions about spending decisions they approve. If city staff were the only people responsible for project spending, the law wouldn't require council approval. Council should actively participate in and question the spending for this project, which has now escalated in cost to \$11.5 million dollars. Council should not approve this proposed spending increase until they are fully informed about it.

ORDINANCES IN SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE
NO: 4351-20
BY: MR.KLEPACZ AND MRS.FISHER

TO AMEND THE TRAFFIC CONTROL MAP AND THE TRAFFIC CONTROL FILE OF THE CITY OF KETTERING TO SHOW THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNS ON VARIOUS CITY STREETS IN THE CITY OF KETTERING, OHIO

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

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

The following votes were recorded: Mr. Klepacz, Yea; Mr. Lautar, Yea; Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Wanamaker, Yea; Mayor Patterson, 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: 10478-20
BY: MRS.FISHER AND MR.LAUTAR

FINDING THAT PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL ARE SUBSTANTIALLY DEDICATED TO MITIGATING OR RESPONDING TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

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

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

The following votes were recorded: Mr. Klepacz, Yea; Mr. Lautar, Yea; Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Wanamaker, Yea; Mayor Patterson, 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: 10479-20
BY: MR.LAUTAR AND MR.WANAMAKER

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR FEDERAL FAST ACT FUNDS THROUGH THE MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Mr. Lautar read the above resolution and moved for approval. Mr. Wanamaker seconded the motion.

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

The following votes were recorded: Mr. Klepacz, Yea; Mr. Lautar, Yea; Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Wanamaker, Yea; Mayor Patterson, 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: 10480-20
BY: MR.WANAMAKER AND MR.KLEPACZ

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR LEVEL 2 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION GRANT FUNDING THROUGH THE MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Mr. Wanamaker 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: Mr. Klepacz, Yea; Mr. Lautar, Yea; Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Wanamaker, Yea; Mayor Patterson, 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: 10481-20
BY: MR.KLEPACZ 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, 2020

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

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

The following votes were recorded: Mr. Klepacz, Yea; Mr. Lautar, Yea; Mrs. Fisher, Yea; Mr. Wanamaker, Yea; Mayor Patterson, 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

CERTIFICATIONS AND PETITIONS

MANAGER'S REPORT/COMMUNITY UPDATE

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

- There is still time to complete the 2020 Census. The deadline to complete the 2020 Census is September 30.
- Shred Day will be held on Saturday, October 3 from 9 a.m. - noon in the Government Center Parking Lot.
- National Fire Prevention Week is October 4-10. Residents can contact the Kettering Fire Department regarding fire safety at 937-296-2489.
- Leaf pickup will begin on Monday, October 19 in District 1.
- Beggar's Night will be held on Saturday, October 31 from 6:00 -8:00 p.m. This event is depended upon State of Ohio guidelines.

Mr. Klepacz asked that Mr. Schwieterman reiterate that Beggar's Night is up to residents and parents to participate. If a resident wishes not to participate, they should leave their exterior lights off to discourage people from approaching their property.

Mr. Schwieterman mentioned that every year we encourage our residents to make sure their property is illuminated for the safety of the children who are participating in Beggar's Night. If a resident chooses not to participate in Beggar's Night, they should leave their exterior lights off to discourage people from approaching their property. He is encouraging residents to use their exterior lights to symbolize if they are participating in Beggar's Night. Families are encouraged to make their own decision if they would like to participate in Beggar's Night or not. If you are going to participate in Beggar's Night, please read and follow the State of Ohio guidelines.

Mr. Lautar asked Mr. Schwieterman to elaborate on where residents should place their additional leaves as it pertains to the leaf pickup program.

Mr. Schwieterman informed city council that if the leaf crew has already passed the home of a resident and they have additional leaves that they need to dispose of; they can utilize the Yard Debris Center. Residents should place their leaves at the curb and make sure other yard debris is not comingled with the leaves to protect the safety of city staff and the equipment.

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

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Lautar reported:

- On September 17 he attended the employee appreciation lunch drive-thru at Polen Farm.

Mr. Duke reported:

- Absent.

Mr. Wanamaker reported:

- Nothing to report.

Mr. Scott reported:

- Absent.

Mr. Klepacz reported:

- This week is National Small Business Week; support local Kettering businesses.

Mrs. Fisher reported:

- Nothing to report.

Mayor Patterson reported:

- On September 17 he attended the employee appreciation lunch drive-thru at Polen Farm.
- Beggar's Night participation is up to individual families. Please follow state guidelines if you participate.

They're being no further business to come before this meeting of the Kettering City Council; Mayor Patterson adjourned the City Council Meeting at 7:53 p.m.

ATTEST:

LaShaunah D. Kaczynski
Clerk of Council

DONALD E. PATTERSON, MAYOR