

KETTERING CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 8, 2007

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in regular session on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Kettering Government Center, 3600 Shroyer Road. The Mayor, Donald E. Patterson, presided and the Clerk of Council, Connie S. Gaw, recorded. This meeting was telecast live on the cable access channel.

Council Members Present: Duke, Klepacz, Lehner, Spolrich, Thompson, and Wanamaker

Council Members Absent:

Total Members Present: Seven (7)

Mayor Patterson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and then gave the invocation. He introduced the student pages, Elizabeth Amoa Awuah, Maura O'Neil, and Katy Weiser from St. Charles School. He then introduced the cable TV operators, Earl Jones, Bill Greger and John Golub. He thanked these volunteers for their assistance.

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

PROCLAMATION: Older American Month – May 2007

Mr. Duke read the above Proclamation and same was accepted by Nan Buehrer, from the Charles Lathrem Center and some members of the CIL Advisory Board.

PROCLAMATION: Police Memorial Week – May 13 – 19, 2007

Mr. Thompson read the above Proclamation and same was accepted by Police Chief James O'Dell.

PROCLAMATION: Relay for Life Days – May 19 & 20, 2007

Mrs. Lehner read the above Proclamation and same was accepted by Rob Lampe, Chair of the 2007 Relay for Life.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION: Chief Master Sergeant, David P. Marcum, Ohio Air National Guard

Mr. Spolrich read the above Resolution of Appreciation and same was accepted by Chief Master Sergeant, David P. Marcum. The Mayor and Council expressed appreciation and thanked David Marcum for serving in Iraq and for risking his life for our country. They welcomed him home.

PRESENTATION: Ohio Air National Guard

Major General David Hartley (retired), with the Ohio Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) State Chairman commended the City of Kettering and commended them for supporting this program. Col. Mike Roberts, Vice Commander of the 178th Fighter Wing presented the Patriot Award to Mayor Patterson and Chief O'Dell. This award honored them for their continued professional support of the deployed members of the Police Department. Major General David Hartley stated that he would have the City Manager sign a Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve. Mayor Patterson then asked that a Special Resolution be read authorizing the City Manager to sign this document.

A SPECIAL RESOLUTION
NO: 8259-07
BY: MAYOR PATTERSON AND MR. THOMPSON

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT AND A
STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR THE GUARD AND THE RESERVE

There being seven (7) Yea votes and no (0) Nay votes, the motion was declared carried by a unanimous vote.

Major General David Hartley then read the Statement of Support and City Manager Mark Schwieterman signed it on behalf of the City of Kettering.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PUBLIC HEARING To rezone an approximate 2.26 acre tract of land located on the east side of Galewood Street, 2670 Galewood Street (formerly known as the Birchwood Swim Club property), from R-2 Single Family Residential District to R-3 Single Family Residential District (Z.C. 873-07).

Mr. Ron Hundt, City Planner, Planning and Development Department reported that Planning Commission has recommended approval of this rezoning. This request would allow for the redevelopment of the former Birchwood Swim Club property by the Franklin Foundation. The proposed development is for 24 apartment units for seniors in a single building, similar to the two other Franklin Foundation developments in Kettering. Once Council approves the rezoning, the applicant will then go through a Planned Unit Development process at Planning Commission. He showed an aerial photograph of the site and elevations and floor plans of the proposed building. The façade will be mostly brick. This development meets the zoning standards as provided by C.O. 1175.098, is conducive to the redevelopment as an infill development site for senior housing, and will provide a positive affect for the surrounding residential neighborhood.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Jean Becke, 705 Schuyler - asked how many square feet each unit would be.

Lynn Dalton, 3280 Ridgeview – expressed that she is the applicant and represents the Franklin Foundation. The one-bedroom units are 579 square feet. The two bedroom unit is 810 square feet and is typically reserved for the on site manager. In addition to the units the building will have community space, kitchen, craft room and laundry facilities. The building is all-inclusive and is for independent living seniors age 62 and over on a fixed income. The waiting lists are typically long for their units.

Mrs. Lehner wondered if the people that are currently on the waiting lists would be given first priority.

Ms. Dalton replied once the ground is broken they will start an interest list for this development. Later they will invite the people on this list to submit applications. The process will be as fair and equitable as possible.

Debra Childress, Senior Service Coordinator for the City of Kettering thanked Council for honoring the older Americans this evening. Her position was created at the direction of Council around six years ago. It was designed to reach the seniors that could not get to the senior center. She feels very privileged to be able to reach out and help those seniors in need in our community.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Patterson closed the public hearing and advised that Council would render a decision at the May 22, 2007 Council Meeting.

ORDINANCES IN SECOND READING

RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION

NO: 8260-07

BY: MR. WANAMAKER AND MRS. LEHNER

AMENDING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ("CDBG") PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007 (FY 2007)

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

Mr. Tom Robillard, Planning and Development Director reported that each year as a result of reconciling uncommitted funds available, encumbrances, and program income received from the prior year, the CDBG program is amended. This amendment also includes a new program that will create an opportunity to partner for a unique home ownership promotion project. Funds for this project will include up to \$50,000 in HOME dollars and up to \$21,000 in CDBG dollars.

There being no discussion on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Mr. Thompson, Yea; Mr. Klepacz, Yea; Mr. Duke, Yea; Mr. Wanamaker, Yea; Mrs. Lehner, Yea; Mr. Spolrich, Yea; Mayor Patterson, 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: 8261-07

BY: MRS. LEHNER AND MR. SPOLRICH

DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF REPAIRING CURBS, SIDEWALKS AND DRIVEWAY APPROACHES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS WHERE SAFETY HAZARDS EXIST WITHIN THE CITY OF KETTERING (PROJECT NUMBER 05-107)

Mrs. Lehner read the above resolution and moved for approval. Mr. Spolrich seconded the motion.

Mr. Schwieterman explained this year's curb, sidewalk and drive approach repair program involved various locations throughout the City where safety hazards exist and on Far Hills Ave. from the Washington Twp. Corp-Line to the Oakwood Corp-Line to prepare for an asphalt resurfacing in 2009 by ODOT.

There being no discussion on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Mr. Spolrich, Yea; Mr. Wanamaker, Yea; Mrs. Lehner, Yea; Mr. Duke, Yea; Mr. Klepacz, Yea; Mr. Thompson, Yea; Mayor Patterson, 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: 8262-07

BY: MR. SPOLRICH AND MR. THOMPSON

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO USE COMPETITIVE BARGAINING AND NEGOTIATED QUOTES TO CONTRACT FOR RENOVATION OF THE JUSTICE BUILDING AT THE KETTERING GOVERNMENT CENTER

Mr. Spolrich read the above resolution and moved for approval. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion.

Mr. Schwieterman explained they will be seeking proposals for the renovation of the Justice Building to include architectural and construction services, at the Kettering Government Center.

There being no discussion on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Mr. Thompson, Yea; Mr. Klepacz, Yea; Mr. Duke, Yea; Mr. Wanamaker, Yea; Mrs. Lehner, Yea; Mr. Spolrich, Yea; Mayor Patterson, 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

TO REZONE AN APPROXIMATE 2.26 ACRE TRACT OF LAND LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF GALEWOOD STREET, 2670 GALEWOOD STREET (FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE BIRCHWOOD SWIM CLUB PROPERTY), FROM R-2 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-3 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (ZONING CASE 873-07)

Mr. Thompson read the above ordinance in first reading. The ordinance will appear on the May 22, 2007, Council meeting agenda for second reading.

CERTIFICATIONS AND PETITIONS

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Mark Schwieterman, City Manager reported:

GYPSY MOTH – aerial spray program will begin in Ohio this week and began in Cincinnati yesterday. The purpose of the spraying is to attack the gypsy moth larva. The Ohio Department of Agricultural (ODOA) has been monitoring traps in the Kettering area for some time now. Last year moths were found in the David Road, Croftshire to Wilmington, stopping short of Whipp Road area. He thought the spraying was scheduled for May 9, 2007 but found out late this afternoon that it will be held off until next week. The product they are using has been on the market since 1961 and ODOA has no concerns with this spray. It is not harmful to people or animals. The spraying will take less than one hour to complete. Approximately 900 home will be called the day before the spraying by the CODE RED system to make them aware it will be happening. Residents with concerns can call the Ohio Department of Agriculture at 1-800-282-1955 or the City Managers office at 296-2412.

MATRIX REPORT – The City has received the final draft version of this report. This study is a review of the City's Fire Department. The City had this review conducted to find out what the department is doing right, how they can improve and also develop a master plan for the future. As a result of the study the City will soon begin a search for a new fire chief. The City of Kettering will continue to move their combination department into the next phase of development. The current draft will surely be modified in some way. City staff will work closely together on this endeavor.

Mayor Patterson stated that the City of Kettering is committed to continue to have a combination fire department force that will include both career and volunteer firefighters.

Mr. Duke asked what is the time line for finding a new fire chief.

Mr. Schwieterman replied that they will contract with a recruiting firm to conduct this search. It will not be a quick process and could take up to six months. The City's number one priority is to find the right person and make the right choice. The search will be conducted nationally.

OTHER BUSINESS NOT ON WRITTEN AGENDACommunications and ReportsAudience Participation (5 Minute Limit Per Speaker)

Jean Becke, 705 Schuyler – She had questions regarding the petition opposing the dispatch. She wondered what needed to be done to make it a valid petition. She knows that the signer should be a resident of Kettering and a registered voter, but thought there might also be something else they needed to do.

Mr. Dave Eubank, Law Director stated that he is not in a position to give her an answer. The requirements and the correctness of a petition is not something that the City can judge. The Montgomery County Board of Election does this. The City Law Department does not provide legal opinions to citizens. He advised her to contact the Board of Elections regarding this issue.

Mrs. Becke stated the Relay for Life is a wonderful event. She is a cancer survivor and attended last years relay. She read a letter from her grandson stationed in Iraq. She asked that everyone keep him in their prayers.

Arnold Meier, 3736 Valleywood Drive – stated that he received the Council's letter to City residents about the Regional Dispatch issue. Council stated they realize public safety is of the utmost importance. The letter offered to make sense of a service that could surpass what the City currently has, a service that could save the City substantial dollars in the future and provide a better position for technology down the road. This project became public in December of last year. He wondered how much manipulation was going on before that. Council says they are concerned about the opinion of residents yet they continue to ignore the desires of the public. The actions of Councilmember's show disdain for public concerns. After the public challenged the issue, comments from Council were that they were not in support of the original dispatch proposal. If they weren't in agreement why didn't they step up and speak up at one of the many Council meetings. In January, the City Manager offered a cost picture of the project upon which those substantial savings dollars were based. Since that point, Mr. Radcliff, Dispatch Project Manager has now forecasted a need for an additional three to five million dollars for the project. If a back-up system were needed it might be eleven million additional dollars. Who in their right mind would not want a back-up system? He suggested that the cost savings expressed is a joke. Will the County's service surpass what Kettering currently has? He assumes that the proposed dispatch project may be perfected in the next two years. Certainly we would not want to risk our safety any longer than that. The County system is behind in many areas and is now in the process of spending over 1.5 million dollars, just to get up to matching other municipalities. No one has seen a timetable to get this equipment up and running. Anyone with experience in equipment installations knows it takes considerable time to perfect the operations. The Council's letter stated, "surpass what we currently have", what yardstick are they using and how long are they willing to wait and at what cost? The letter also states that the City could save substantial dollars in the future. So far with eleven million dollars plus in expenditures it has all the appearances of a cash cow. Experience has shown projects of this type are open to nepotism, political favoritism, abuse of power and abuse of public funds. Sheriff Vore made prior commitments, which are now being changed, so his statements cannot be trusted. Next, the letter offered to provide better technology down the road, its bad enough that the City procrastinated around with the 800 MHz radio system for several years to the point that an additional \$400,000 was required to implement the project. Council now wants to align with an operation that has to spend 1.5 million to just get caught up to where others already are. That's is not his idea of a progressive operation. Lip service appears to be the mode of operation for this project. Other cities have said no to this proposal. Residents of Kettering certainly will not get a no-bias view from the Dayton Daily News. The only hope is word of mouth between residents. The residents will not be kept informed of the project status. The project is already a little over four months old and little has been accomplished from which the public knows.

Mr. Thompson stated that he keeps seeing people come up and make statements in the most part that are not true. Council has not made any commitment other than to study this program and will not make a decision on something that they don't have the answers to. He is tired of resident's insinuating that Council is making decisions when they are not. If anyone has concerns, he wished they would call him directly because he would be happy to discuss them.

Mayor Patterson stated the conclusion of the letter stated that Council has until December 31, 2007 to determine if a regional dispatch makes sense in Kettering. By studying the issues they will then be able to make the appropriate decision on how the City will move forward.

Carla Sacher, 708 Talbot Drive – She stated that she is a City of Kettering dispatcher. Council keeps stating that a decision has not been made, but obviously one has. She recently received a letter from Sheriff Vore and he is making offers to Kettering dispatchers to come and work in his current dispatch center. How can they make an informed choice when Kettering has not even made theirs? The County is currently operating on a deficit and has no sound financial plan. Sheriff Vore indicated they would have to go through their hiring process. Does the Sheriff not trust the city of Kettering hiring process? This is an insult to our City's hiring process. They are seasoned and experienced professionals and should not be treated as an inexperienced new hire. Why does the offer from Montgomery County not recognize their 170 years of collective experience? The money he offered them was less than they make at the City and less than the personnel that already work there with less than 5 years of experience. They cannot afford a 20% pay cut. She wonders if Council agreed with this offer from Sheriff Vore? She finds it hard to believe this would be the philosophy of our City. They have dedicated their careers to the City of Kettering and you do not treat family this way. If this were to be a true countywide dispatch center, then all of Montgomery County should be included, even those that opted out. Outsourcing our dispatch will mean a loss of local control.

Mrs. Lehner stated they have not agreed to any proposal by the County and nothing is on the table. She was not aware of any letter that was sent out by the Sheriff.

Mr. Thompson commented that he was not aware of any letter sent out from the Sheriff's department. Sheriff Vore must be hiring dispatchers for his current operation. He would recommend that our City dispatchers not take his offer because they would be taking a pay cut.

Mr. Schwieterman stated that he had not seen the letter that went out to the dispatchers but was aware that one was being sent to them. At the Technical Advisory Committee meeting, Sheriff Vore indicated that his current operation was understaffed. With many communities possibly participating in the regional dispatch there were concerns that some may be left without jobs. Sheriff Vore decided to offer the positions to all dispatchers in the Montgomery County area. This would give them the opportunity to apply at the current operation. This was not a commitment from the City to indicate that we are going on board with the regional dispatch.

Bert Cream, 4425 Parklawn Drive – he expressed that he was interested in the Matrix Study and wondered if the citizens will have an opportunity to get involved and interact with this proposal.

Mr. Schwieterman stated that the Matrix Study is a final draft and is significantly complete. They will be working internally with the Fire Department and City staff to look at it a little more closely and possibly make some changes.

Mr. Cream stated that he felt that it would be good for the City to have the citizen's point of view and hoped they would consider allowing them to participate. He wondered how much money was spent on this report. He appreciates the integrity of Council and staff to make sure citizens are safe.

Mr. Schwieterman replied that it cost between 40 and 50 thousand dollars. It was a very extensive and in-depth complete analysis of how our Fire Department does business. It gave recommendations on changes that could be made to make our Fire Department run better.

Mayor Patterson stated that this was a proactive effort to study how our existing Fire Department works and get recommendations for the future.

Bruce Abrams, 2709 Harvey Ave., Vice President of the FOP – The issue of outsourcing our dispatch center is a very emotional one. Our citizens are fighting to maintain local control. This is not a personal issue. Our Police have worked closely with the Sheriff's office in the past. Sheriff Vore is very proud of his employees. It is the job of the FOP to make sure their officers receive the best support and that is what our dispatchers give to our officers. The recent offer from the County for dispatchers is insulting to our employees. Why would they want to work for four or five dollars less with no seniority? He thanked the citizens whose fight is a noble one and will intensify within the next few months. Cheaper does not mean better. The FOP has kept an open mind. The concept of a combined dispatch is unnerving but worth finding out about. They are still waiting for answers. The dispatch is a very important part of the police family. He hoped that someone could at least come up with an accurate cost savings for the City.

Paul Markowski, 1357 Central Park – Stated that he recently read a story on the history of Van Buren Township. His understanding is that Dayton wanted to annex Van Buren Township. Everyone was against this so a group of citizens got together and pushed to become a City. This is in parallel to another group, The Citizens Against Regional Dispatch. This group wants to get the dispatch issue put on the public ballot for vote. He hopes Council will not view this as stepping on their toes. This is something that will affect everyone in the city and he hopes they don't take it as a personal assault, but as a compliment. The citizens are happy with the dispatch they already have.

Glen Gentry, 825 Lovetta Drive – Stated that he had the honor a privilege to serve on the Kettering Police Department for 25 years. When this issue first started up he listened closely. Down through the years citizens moved to this community because it is a great place to live with great schools. He knows Council is in the investigative process but feels this regional dispatch will not be safe for our officers. Any officer knows that a good dispatcher is worth their weight in gold. When you need them it is important to personally know that the voice that is coming over the radio is someone that knows and cares about you. He feels that Kettering's personnel are cream of the crop. He has always felt that the County was understaffed. He thinks that the new dispatch center will not be staffed properly. Let's keep officer safety first.

Tim Azbill, 4824 Ackerman – He read the second to the last paragraph of the letter from Council stating that the City is actively participating in the process – it gives us voice and representation. He expressed that this is why CARD exists and why they are trying to get this on the ballot to give our citizens a voice.

Kary Riley, 1457 Cardington Rd. – Expressed that she purchased a home in Kettering because of the safety that Kettering provides. That is why she is against the dispatch. As staff makes decisions from the information they receive, she hopes that the residents will have access to this information either by letter or website. There is a lot of talk about the advance 911 cellular issues. How much money will Kettering receive from the 911 funds?

Mayor Patterson replied that it is the City's intent to get the information out to the public as it begins to gel. And as we know, things are not progressing very quickly. Council is still waiting on information. When Council receives the information then, citizens will receive the information.

Mrs. Lehner stated that one of Council's concerns with the ballot issue is that this dispatch is a very complicated process. It will take up to a year to study. Information

will not be the type of information that can be placed in a 30 second sound bite. By putting this on the ballot, citizens will be making a decision based on emotion, fear and lack of information. She is interested in hearing from the community of how they can make an informed choice with a 30 second sound bite.

Mr. Duke expressed that there seems to be a lot of confusion about information sharing. Many citizens are questioning this. There are a number of full time staff working on this proposal as a full time job. They are doing the type of research that is needed. Some have even traveled to other cities to see how regional dispatch centers are working in other areas. The City is not holding back information. As soon as the committee decides the location for the regional dispatch, the citizens will know. He believed that Miamisburg, Dayton and Kettering have submitted proposals to have the dispatch located in their communities.

Vickie Barnhill, 2801 Purdue – She has lived in Kettering for 30 years and raised two children here. She is glad that we have the caliber of dispatchers that we have here. If anyone wants to get more information on the dispatch issue they should go to the CARD website. It is a good source of information. She is very concerned about the letter from Council. The word safety was only mentioned three times. The rest of the letter is about shopping center and money that can be saved. She loves Kettering and has stayed here. Safety should have been given more importance in the Council letter. She does not feel they are doing a great job into looking at this regional dispatch that is not good for her family. She is concerned about the Gypsy Moth spraying. They make 900 phone calls and send out 2700 letters from Council. She feels Council is defensive to the CARD effort. She is proud of our Police and Fire departments. CARD has collected approximately one thousand signatures on their petition. Citizens have the right to vote on this issue. She is speaking from the heart and she thinks a combined dispatch is wrong. Council needs to consider everything involved. She has dealt with the Montgomery County Dispatch in the past and she was not impressed with their services.

Mike Gabrielson, 4100 Glenheath, President of the FOP- Stated that he finds it insulting that Council feels the City of Kettering residents are not intelligent enough to make a decision about this dispatch. He knows that a public forum could be used to disseminate this information and does not understand why the City cannot have a public hearing prior to the decision. The enhanced 911 system will be implemented regardless if there is a regional dispatch center or not. It has no bearing to opting in or out. The FOP's stance is to continue to conduct and investigation and monitor the process. It is still clear there is no plan and the timetable is not realistic. Any proposal will take months, if not years to implement. He believes the citizens should decide on what service they will receive and how much they want to spend. He does not support the regional dispatch. A complete plan will take years to develop and only then can a decision be made. This issue should be brought to the ballot and voted on by the citizens. Let the citizens decide.

Mrs. Lehner expressed that she has an issue with Mr. Gabrielson's opening statement. If we are going to deal with this issue as a community we have to be truthful and honest. At no point did she state that the citizens of Kettering were not intelligent enough to make a decision. She said that they might not be well informed. She would never insult the community or citizens and she resents his distortion of her comments.

Mr. Duke stated that the City did have a community forum in January. He wondered if Mr. Gabrielson attended it. It was an excellent forum with reports given by Chief O'Dell and Sheriff Vore and opportunities for community input. He does not see why this would not happen again once more information is received. The more information that is given to the public the better informed we all are. The dispatch center is also talked about at every City Council meeting for an hour or two.

Mr. Thompson again stated that Council does not have enough information to have a public forum at this time. He does not know why this is so hard for the citizens to understand. He hopes that citizens gather information before they buy cars and

homes and not just jump into it. The citizens do not want Council to even look at this issue and he feels this is very unreasonable of them.

Mayor Patterson stated that as information comes in it will be given out to the public by letters, television, website, or public forum. Until Council has more information there is nothing to report right now. We have no information to give to citizens at this time.

Carolyn Wilken, 2170 W. Schantz – She is with Citizens Against Regional Dispatch and they want answers. She feels this is a fight. They are at risk of losing something they want to keep and they need to fight to keep it. She encouraged citizens to educate themselves on this issue because it will only enhance the process. She urged them to visit the City website and also get on the CARD website for more information. She asked that Council please pay attention to its citizens. There is a lot of stuff going on in Montgomery County and they are not showing us that they currently have the quality dispatch that Kettering has. Kettering dispatchers know our Police officer's voices and what area of the City they are in. Our dispatchers are familiar with the Kettering area. She does understand that Council wants to investigate it, but feels there is too much risk. We already have a good dispatch now.

June Hites, 3600 Shroyer Rd – She read an editorial that was in the newspaper from a former Montgomery County Dispatcher regarding the misunderstanding of the 911 system.

Mr. Klepacz stated that he has been sitting all evening listening to everyone speak. He is a new Councilmember and is disappointed with the comments that citizens have made that it is a war, that Council feels the citizens of Kettering are not intelligent enough to make a decision, and that Council is deceitful and gives lip service. What citizens are not seeing is that Council has the same amount of passion as its citizens. He has set through Council meetings for over two months and has not seen any decisions made with deceit. Public safety and the safety of our officers are of the utmost importance to Council. When citizens say that Council is looking at cost savings and not looking at safety, this is just simply not true.

Gary Gose, AMVETS Post 2003, 3108 Woodman Drive – stated that he had good news, that the member of his post that needed a liver transplant received one and is doing very well. This Saturday they will have a spaghetti fundraiser for him. Also, if anyone has a worn, or torn flag, please bring it to the AMVETS post and they will retire them properly.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Spolrich reported that he reviewed the minutes of the regular and workshop meeting of April 24, 2007, and the Special Meeting of April 17, 2007, and moved the minutes be approved. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion and there being seven (7) yeas votes, and no (0) nay votes, the motion was declared carried by a majority vote.

Mr. Thompson - wished all mothers a "Happy Mother Day."

Mrs. Klepacz – No report.

Mr. Duke – reported that on May 9, 2007 the 4th Kettering Leadership Academy class will be graduating. Applications for next year's class are available from the Council Clerks office or citizens may call 296-2416 to have an application mailed to them.

Mr. Wanamaker – commented that when the Greene opened it increased the demand for buses. The residents on Glengarry Drive saw the amount of buses increase from 18 to over 80 per day. Thanks to Andy Aidt in the Public Service Department, RTA is going to cut the amount back again to 18. The loop for the additional buses will be moved over to the K-Mart shopping center.

Mrs. Lehner – No Report.

Mr. Spolrich – recognized the pages from St. Albert School. He thanked the citizens for their comments about the combined dispatch and expressed they were all heartfelt and sincere. He is also a citizen of Kettering and has been so since 1969. He chose to remain in Kettering because of safety services, schools and the way business is done. The City of Kettering does business with a sense of professionalism and he is very proud of that. Through efforts of City Officials, the County was told that they would not move forward until there is clear information about this combined dispatch. The City will get this information and will share it with citizens the best way they can. In November or December it is possible that Council will make a decision to proceed with the County for dispatch services. If he is satisfied with the information provided, he will vote yes, if not, he will vote no. Each and every detail is being researched and he asked that citizens please keep an open mind until it is completed.

Mayor Patterson – represented Kettering on May 1 & 2, 2007 at the City Leader Fly-In, held in Washington D.C. Approximately 120 area leaders attended this two-day session. On Sunday, May 6, 2007 he attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Dayton-Hauer Music house. Later that afternoon he attended the Kettering Medical Center ‘Women’s Walk for Wellness’ at Carillon Park. He presented a proclamation for Nurses Week at Kettering Medical Center on May 7, 2007. On May 8, 2007 he attended the “Mayor’s Walk” and Relay for Life kick-off at Delco Park. He urged citizens to support the Relay. The luminary display is very impressive and each luminary represents a cancer survivor on those that have lost their battle with cancer. He also thanked Nan Buechrer for coming this evening to accept the proclamation for Older American Month.

There being no further business to come before this meeting of the Kettering City Council, Mayor Patterson adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Connie S. Gaw
Clerk of Council

DONALD E. PATTERSON, MAYOR