

KETTERING CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
September 6, 2005

The Council of the City of Kettering, Ohio, met in special session on Tuesday, September 6, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Kettering Government Center, 3600 Shroyer Road. The Mayor, Marilou W. Smith, presided and the Clerk of Council, Connie S. Gaw, recorded. This meeting was telecast live on the cable access channel.

Council Members Present: Duke, Lehner, Patterson,
Thompson, and Wasky

Council Members Absent: Wanamaker

Total Members Present: Six (6)

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

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

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME: Helen Smith, Coordinator of Kettering, England Sub Committee.

Ms. Smith welcomed the visitors from Kettering, England. She read an itinerary of events planned. She introduced the guests.

Pat Asbrey
Joan Cowell
Alec and Rona Gordon
David and Carol Page
Margaret Preece
Rita Smith

Ms. Smith gave a gift from the Sister City Committee to Mr. Alec Gordon, past Mayor of Kettering, England. Mayor Smith welcomed the visitors and gave each a gift from the City of Kettering.

Mr. Alec Gordon thanked everyone for their hospitality. He stated that he shares our distress on the tragedy that happened in the Gulf States. He extended an invitation for everyone to visit them in Kettering, England.

Ms. Joan Cowell thanked the Mayor for the gifts and stated that she appreciates the hospitality given to them this evening. She thanked the Sister City Committee and told them that she brought history books about Kettering, England for them to read and enjoy.

Mayor Smith thanked the Sister City Committee and all of the host families.

RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION
NO. 7948-05
BY: MR. WASKY AND MR. PATTERSON

APPOINTING PEGGY LEHNER TO SERVE AS THE CITY OF
KETTERING'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE RTA BOARD OF
TRUSTEES

Mr. Wasky read the above resolution and moved for approval. Mr. Patterson seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the following votes were recorded: Mr. Thompson, Yea; Mr. Duke, Yea; Mrs. Lehner, Abstain, Mr. Wasky, Yea, Mr. Patterson, Yea; Mayor Smith, Yea. There being five (5) Yea votes, one (1) Abstain votes, and no (0) Nay votes, the motion was declared carried and the resolution duly adopted.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Steve Husemann, the City Manager had nothing to report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Lehner reported that she is very saddened by the tragedy in our Gulf States. A great number of people's homes and lives have been destroyed beyond comprehension. There will be many living in shelters for months to come. The City Council and staff have been looking for ways to help. Families in need may come to Ohio for assistance. In order to be more prepared they have developed a plan called "One Family at a Time." The goal is to get these families out of the shelter system quickly and provide them with the basic tools to become self-sufficient. A system is needed that is sensitive to the families needs. They are asking churches or civic groups to adopt just one family and help them to rebuild their lives. This will take commitment to find appropriate housing, employment for one member of the family, furnish the home with necessities, help the family enroll children in school, make sure medical needs are met, provide social structure for the family, and help the family return to their homes if/when they desire. Council and staff wanted to roll out the initial plan this evening. Many details still need to be worked out. An e-mail address has been established so that citizens can contact Ms. Lehner with questions. That address is: katrina@ketteringoh.org.

Mayor Smith stated that she feels this is a great idea with a lot of potential. It will be a big job, but feels they can do it.

Mr. Wasky indicated that he supports this idea as well. Many steps still need to be worked out. He has sent a proposal to Congressman Mike Turner and Toby Burke, Special Assistant to the President, that the federal government provide paid jobs for many of the displaced families to rebuild the gulf region, This could be similar to the Marshall Plan following World War II, and would provide a productive and constructive outlet for those willing to work to rebuild their region and economy.

Mr. Thompson had nothing to report.

Mr. Duke had nothing to report.

Mr. Patterson again welcomed the Kettering, England guests and stated that he hopes that they enjoy their stay in Kettering Ohio. He wished them a safe trip home.

Mayor Smith thanked Connie Gaw, Pat Honious, and Judy Deady for all of their work in preparing for the reception held in honor of our Kettering, England visitors this evening.

BUSINESS NOT ON WRITTEN AGENDA
Communications and Reports

Council Comments

Audience Participation (5 Minute Limit Per Speaker)
None

There being no further business to come before this special meeting of the Kettering City Council, Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

MARILOU W. SMITH, MAYOR

Connie S. Gaw
Clerk of Council