



City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

The City of Kent, Ohio
Wednesday, August 19, 2020

At 7:30 p.m., Mayor Jerry Fiala called the **Regular Meeting of Kent City Council** to order. Roll was taken.

PRESENT: Mr. Jack Amrhein; Mr. Michael DeLeone; Mr. Garret Ferrara; Mr. John Kuhar; Ms. Gwen Rosenberg; Ms. Heidi Shaffer; Mr. Roger Sidoti; Mr. Robin Turner; Ms. Tracy Wallach

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Jerry Fiala, Mayor and President of Council; Mr. Dave Ruller, City Manager; Ms. Hope Jones, Law Director; Ms. Bridget Susel, Community Development Director; Ms. Melanie Baker, Public Service Director; Mr. Jim Bowling, City Engineer; Ms. Joan Siedel, Health Commissioner; Ms. Rhonda Hall, Budget and Finance Director; Mr. Kevin Schwartzhoff, Parks and Recreation Director; Mr. Gary Bishop, IT Manager; Mr. Nick Shearer, Police Chief; Mr. John Tosko, Fire Chief; Ms. Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council

Mr. Robin Turner opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF July 15, 2020 made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Mr. DeLeone, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0.

Communication:

Public Comment: Mayor Fiala asked the Clerk if anyone had requested to speak before Council. There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

Written Communications were reported by Clerk Wilkens and placed on file in the Clerk's office as follows:

1. Liquor license transfer request from Paying It Forward LLC to Umbrian Hills LLC, 405 E. Main Street, Kent was received July 27, 2020. Chief Shearer had no objections.
MOTION TO RETURN WITH NO OBJECTIONS was made by Mr. Kuhar, **SECONDED** by Mr. DeLeone and **CARRIED** with a voice vote of 9-0.
2. Civil Service Commission Meeting Agenda for July 20, 2020 was received on July 17, 2020.
3. Resignation letter from Brian Gray from the Portage Area Regional Transit Authority (PARTA) Board effective July 16, 2020 was received on that date.
4. Civil Service exam notice for the Secretary to the Chief of Police position received on July 21, 2020.

5. Letter from Richard and Elizabeth Pryor of 233 Columbus Street regarding Kent State students returning and the enforcement of large gatherings was received and forwarded to Council on August 3, 2020.
6. Standing Rock Meeting Minutes from July 9, 2020 and Agenda for the August 13, 2020 meeting were received on July 29, 2020.
7. Letter from Sally Burnell to City Council members regarding rent-controlled housing was received on August 4, 2020.
8. Planning Commission Agenda and Staff Report for the August 18, 2020 meeting was received on August 7, 2020.

Communications Received after Agenda Publication were reported by Clerk Wilkens and placed on file in the Clerk's office as follows:

9. The Kent Parks and Recreation minutes from July 16, 2020 and the agenda for the August 20, 2020 meeting was received on August 13, 2020.

City Manager's Report was called for by Mayor Fiala.

1. Chief Tosko asked for Council's authorization to accept a \$250 donation from Leslie Tan in honor of Eric Martin for use by the Kent Fire Department. (Draft #2020-87)
2. Mr. Kevin Schwartzhoff asked for Council's authorization to accept a \$500 donation from a few Council and community members to Kent Parks and Recreation for the purchase of a weathervane for the downtown Gazebo. (Draft #2020-88)
3. Ms. Amy Wilkens has requested Committee of the Whole time for consideration of fall 2020 Boards and Commission applications.
4. Ms. Amy Wilkens and Ms. Hope Jones have requested Committee of the Whole time to review suggestions for membership guidelines on City Boards and Commissions.
5. Ms. Melanie Baker and Ms. Rhonda Hall have requested Committee of the Whole time to finalize recommendations for the new City Hall building, including a discussion of the recommended financing strategy.
6. Ms. Bridget Susel has requested Community Development Committee time to present a request for the City to vacate unused/surplus City owned land on Adrian Avenue.
7. Ms. Bridget Susel and Ms. Hope Jones have requested Community Development Committee time to present a new "Hometown Foundation" and discuss the proposed articles of incorporation.
8. Mr. Jim Bowling has requested Finance Committee time for Council's authorization to submit the City's next round of Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) project requests.
9. Mr. Jim Bowling has requested Finance Committee time for Council's authorization to submit a bridge safety grant request for the rehabilitation of the Sunrise Drive bridge.

10. Chief Nick Shearer has requested Finance Committee time for Council's consideration of a request to donate surplus Kent Police equipment (2-gun locks) to the Mogadore Police Department.

11. Ms. Rhonda Hall has requested Finance Committee time for Council's consideration of a 2020 Budget Appropriations Amendment.

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS #1-11 OF THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT made by Mr. Amrhein, seconded by Ms. Shaffer, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0.

Standing Committees/Legislation

1) Committee of the Whole:

MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES of August 5, 2020 made by Mr. Sidoti, seconded by Mr. Kuhar and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS made by Mr. DeLeone, seconded by Mr. Sidoti CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0.

Voting for Boards and Commissions

MOTION TO APPOINT DAVID SOUKENIK to the Board of Building Appeals made by Mr. Kuhar, SECONDED by Ms. Wallach and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO APPOINT LOUISE FREDERICK to the Board of Health was made by Ms. Wallach, SECONDED by Mr. DeLeone and CARRIED by a voice vote on 9-0.

MOTION TO APPOINT ANDRIA BLACKWOOD to the Fair Housing Board was made by Mr. Kuhar, SECONDED by Ms. Wallach and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO APPOINT WILLIAM ARTHUR to the Parking Action Commission was made by Mr. Kuhar, SECONDED by Ms. Shaffer and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO APPOINT KAREN BECK to the Portage Area Regional Transportation Authority Board was made Ms. Rosenberg, SECONDED by Ms. Wallach and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0-1, with Mr. Amrhein abstaining.

MOTION TO APPOINT JACK MURPHY to the Portage Area Regional Transportation Authority Board was made by Mr. Kuhar, SECONDED by Mr. Turner and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0-1 with Mr. Amrhein abstaining.

MOTION TO INSERT APPOINTED NAMES INTO DRAFT LEGISLATION was made by Mr. Kuhar, SECONDED by Mr. Sidoti and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0.

Draft No. 2020-71 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING DAVID SOUKENIK TO THE BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Mr. DeLeone, seconded by Mr. Kuhar. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner and Ms. Wallach.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT NO. 2020-71 made by Mr. Kuhar and seconded by Mr. Sidoti. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner and Ms. Wallach.

RESOLUTION 2020- 71 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Draft No. 2020-72 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING LOUISE FREDERICK TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Mr. Kuhar, SECONDED by Mr. DeLeone. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner and Ms. Wallach.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT NO. 2020-72 made by Mr. Kuhar and seconded by Mr. DeLeone. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner and Ms. Wallach.

RESOLUTION 2020-72 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Draft No. 2020-73 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ANDRIA BLACKWOOD TO THE FAIR HOUSING BOARD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Ms. Shaffer, SECONDED by Mr. Sidoti. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner and Ms. Wallach.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT NO. 2020-73 made by Mr. Kuhar and seconded by Mr. Sidoti. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner and Ms. Wallach.

RESOLUTION 2020-73 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Draft No. 2020-74 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING WILLIAM ARTHUR TO THE PARKING ACTION COMMISSION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Ms. Shaffer, SECONDED by Mr. DeLeone. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner and Ms. Wallach.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT NO. 2020-74 made by Ms. Shaffer and seconded by Mr. DeLeone. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner and Ms. Wallach.

RESOLUTION 2020-74 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens

Draft No. 2020-75 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JACK MURPHY TO THE PORTAGE AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Mr. Kuhar, SECONDED by Mr. DeLeone. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner and Ms. Wallach.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT NO. 2020-75 made by Mr. Kuhar and seconded by Mr. DeLeone. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner and Ms. Wallach. Mr. Amrhein abstained.

RESOLUTION 2020-75 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens

Draft No. 2020-76 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING KAREN BECK TO THE PORTAGE AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Ms. Shaffer, SECONDED by Mr. DeLeone. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner and Ms. Wallach.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT NO. 2020-76 made by Ms. Shaffer and SECONDED by Mr. DeLeone. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner and Ms. Wallach. Mr. Amrhein abstained.

RESOLUTION 2020-76 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Draft No. 2020-77 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REQUEST OF THE KENT CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KENT TO TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO EMPOWER THE KENT CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO HANDLE MATTERS RELATED TO CIVIL AND CLASSIFIED SERVICE POSITIONS WITH THE KENT CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Mr. Sidoti, SECONDED by Ms. Rosenberg. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner and Ms. Wallach.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT NO. 2020-77 made by Mr. Sidoti and SECONDED by Mr. Amrhein. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, and Ms. Wallach. On roll call voting "No": Mr. Kuhar and Mr. Turner.

Mr. Kuhar stated he opposed the resolution because he thinks it takes away transparency and there should be an outside voice in the process.

RESOLUTION 2020-77 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

2) Community Development Committee:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MEETING MINUTES OF August 5, 2020 and the TWO (2) RECOMMENDED ACTIONS made by Mr. Kuhar, seconded by Mr. Amrhein, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0.

Draft No. 2020-78, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH BROWNFIELD RESTORATION GROUP (BRG) TO COMPLETE THE UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK REMEDIATION AT 301 WEST MAIN STREET (FORMER WORLD IMPORTS SITE) AS REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, DIVISION OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL, BUREAU OF UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK REGULATIONS (BUSTR) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Mr. Kuhar, SECONDED by Mr. Sidoti. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner and Ms. Wallach.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT NO. 2020-78 made by Mr. Kuhar and SECONDED by Ms. Shaffer. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner and Ms. Wallach.

ORDINANCE 2020- 78 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Draft No. 2020-79 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH KMPH REAL ESTATE, LLC, AND MC AUTOMOTIVE, INC. (AKA MONTROSE MAZDA) PROVIDING FOR A PROJECT AND REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO THE OHIO COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA PROGRAM (CRA), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Ms. Shaffer, SECONDED by Mr. Sidoti. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner and Ms. Wallach.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT NO. 2020-79 made by Ms. Shaffer, SECONDED by Mr. DeLeone. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner and Ms. Wallach.

ORDINANCE 2020- 79 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

3) Health and Safety Committee:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY MEETING MINUTES from the Special Committee Meeting of July 15, 2020, THE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES of August 5, 2020 and the ONE (1) RECOMMENDED ACTION made by Mr. Amrhein, SECONDED by Mr. Kuhar and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0.

Draft No. 2020-80 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A "HEALTH EQUITY IN ALL POLICIES" (HEIAP) APPROACH TO PUBLIC POLICY THAT INTENTIONALLY CONSIDERS THE HEALTH

IMPACT OF ALL PROPOSED LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS PRIOR TO THEIR IMPLEMENTATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Ms. Shaffer, SECONDED by Mr. Sidoti. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner and Ms. Wallach.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT NO. 2020-80 made by Ms. Shaffer, SECONDED by Mr. Sidoti. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner and Ms. Wallach.

RESOLUTION 2020- 80 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

4) Land Use Committee:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES of August 5, 2020 and the ONE (1) RECOMMENDED ACTION made by Mr. Ferrara, SECONDED by Ms. Shaffer and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0.

Draft No. 2020-81 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DONATION OF A PARCEL OF LAND (0.377 ACRES) LOCATED ON FAIRCHILD AVENUE ADJACENT TO FOREST LAKES RECREATIONAL AREA APPRAISED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,100.00 TO THE CITY OF KENT PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT FROM BILL ARTHUR, TRANSOHIO PROPERTIES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Mr. DeLeone, SECONDED by Ms. Shaffer. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner and Ms. Wallach.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT NO. 2020-81 made by Ms. Shaffer and SECONDED by Mr. DeLeone. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner and Ms. Wallach.

ORDINANCE 2020- 81 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

5) Finance Committee:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF August 5, 2020 made by Mr. DeLeone, seconded by Mr. Sidoti, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE THREE (3) FINANCE COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS made by Mr. DeLeone, seconded by Mr. Sidoti and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0.

Draft No. 2020-82 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO AND THE KENT CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION REGARDING THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM, EXTENDING

THIS AGREEMENT UNTIL MAY 27, 2021, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Mr. Kuhar, seconded by Ms. Rosenberg. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner and Ms. Wallach. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT NO. 2020-82 made by Mr. Kuhar and seconded by Mr. DeLeone. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner and Ms. Wallach. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

ORDINANCE 2020- 82 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Draft No. 2020-83 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CERTIFICATION OF NON-PAYMENT OF WATER USE CHARGES, WASTEWATER USE CHARGES, STORM WATER UTILITY CHARGES AND RECYCLING/SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CHARGES TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR THE PLACEMENT OF THE CERTIFIED AMOUNT ON THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LIST AND DUPLICATE AGAINST THE PROPERTY FOR THE NON-PAYMENT OF WATER USE CHARGES, WASTEWATER USE CHARGES, STORM WATER UTILITY CHARGES AND RECYCLING/SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CHARGES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Mr. Amrhein and seconded by Ms. Rosenberg. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner and Ms. Wallach. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2020-83 made by Mr. DeLeone and seconded by Mr. Sidoti. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner and Ms. Wallach. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

ORDINANCE 2020-83 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Draft No. 2020-84 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT MOWING BILLS, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE VIOLATIONS-CITATIONS, ZONING VIOLATIONS-CITATIONS, AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT VIOLATIONS-CITATIONS TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR THE PLACEMENT OF THE CERTIFIED AMOUNT ON THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LIST AND DUPLICATE AGAINST THE PROPERTY SERVED BY THE MOWING SERVICES, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE VIOLATION-CITATIONS, ZONING VIOLATIONS-CITATIONS, HEALTH DEPARTMENT VIOLATIONS-CITATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Ms. Rosenberg and seconded by Mr. Sidoti. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner and Ms. Wallach. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2020-83 made by Ms. Rosenberg and seconded by Mr. Sidoti. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner and Ms. Wallach. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

ORDINANCE 2020-84 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Draft No. 2020-85 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CERTIFICATION OF NON-PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR RESIDENTS RESULTING FROM THE 2019 ANNUAL CONCRETE REPAIR PROGRAM, TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR THE PLACEMENT OF THE CERTIFIED AMOUNT ON THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LIST AND DUPLICATE AGAINST THE PROPERTY FOR THE NON-PAYMENT OF SIDEWALK REPAIRS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Ms. Shaffer and seconded by Mr. Amrhein. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner and Ms. Wallach. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2020-85 made by Mr. DeLeone and seconded by Mr. Sidoti. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner and Ms. Wallach. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

ORDINANCE 2020-85 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Draft No. 2020-86 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2019-139, THE CURRENT APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, PASSED DECEMBER 18, 2019; SO AS TO ADJUST APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS AND ADVANCES FROM THE VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE CITY OF KENT TO INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Mr. Amrhein and seconded by Mr. DeLeone. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner and Ms. Wallach. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2020-86 made by Mr. DeLeone and seconded by Ms. Rosenberg. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner and Ms. Wallach. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

ORDINANCE 2020-86 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Draft No. 2020-87 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250.00 TO THE CITY OF KENT FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM LESLIE TAN, IN THE NAME OF ERIC MARTIN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Mr. Kuhar and seconded by Mr. DeLeone. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner and Ms. Wallach. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2020-87 made by Mr. Kuhar and seconded by Mr. DeLeone. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner and Ms. Wallach. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

ORDINANCE 2020-87 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Draft No. 2020-88 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00 TO THE CITY OF KENT PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE A WEATHERVANE FOR THE DOWNTOWN GAZEBO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Mr. Kuhar and seconded by Mr. DeLeone. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner and Ms. Wallach. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2020-88 made by Mr. Kuhar and seconded by Ms. Rosenberg. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner and Ms. Wallach. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

ORDINANCE 2020-88 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Unfinished Business: NONE

New Business

New Business for Mr. Kuhar

Mr. Kuhar introduced two items to of new business. He asked the Administration to review the upcoming construction on N. Water Street which will affect the overnight parking permits. He asked for a solution for a place for permit holders to park.

MOTION FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS TAKE A REDUCTION OF 20% OF PAY FOR THE LAST FEW MONTHS OF THE YEAR made by Mr. Kuhar and seconded by Ms. Rosenberg and FAILED by a voice vote of 3-6.

Mr. Kuhar added the City is in a tight spot with the Covid virus and this would be a small donation that City Council could make and thinks it is the right thing to do.

Ms. Rosenberg added she thinks it is appropriate and the City has been very responsible in handling the budget during this pandemic and she supports Council helping.

Ms. Shaffer is against this motion stating Council fought for years and years for an increase in pay and are the worst paid Council in Portage County with no benefits. She has gotten a larger

amount of calls from residents and is dealing with a lot more issues and feels she is earning her money. This amount would be a drop in the bucket and more just symbolic. She said if you want to donate money, donate to things that matter, charitable causes and that this action would not make enough of a significant impact.

Ms. Wallach says this should be voluntary and not mandatory.

Mr. Turner agreed and thinks if a council person would like to do this, it should be voluntary. He said taking a cut would impact him significantly and may decide to do something a little less, but something to contribute. He respects Mr. Kuhar's motion but would like this to be voluntary.

Mr. Amrhein added he does not personally have a problem with a 20% cut in pay, but he is not going to push it on other people. He is more than happy to give up the 20% but is not going to make this decision for another member.

Mr. Fiala added members can not give themselves a raise. If you vote to cut pay it would affect the next person who holds office pay as well. He asked Ms. Hope Jones to look into this.

Ms. Jones said she is not sure a decrease in pay can be authorized by a vote. If members would like to donate money back to the City, that can be done.

Mr. Fiala said most do something special with their paychecks and the motion has failed.

New Business for Ms. Shaffer

Ms. Shaffer asked about what could be done about noise in the neighborhood from loud cars. She is receiving a lot of complaints and asked how this would be enforced.

Chief Shearer said there is a city noise ordinance regarding any noise that can be heard 30 ft. beyond the right of way and one for squealing tires that are enforceable. It would need to be something observed by the officer. The police can enforce a noise violation if the person is willing to sign a charge against someone who is making that as long as the police can identify who is making noise.

New Business for Ms. Wallach

Ms. Wallach wanted to make an argument against putting on the third story above Council chambers in the new city hall. She reviewed the old council chambers and storage needed and pointed out after being there for twenty years, no additional space was needed.

Mr. Ruller said storage was okay, but functionality of the space was the problem.

She continued by reviewing the new city hall square footage and said she does not believe it is needed.

Mr. Ruller said this is scheduled for discussion in two weeks.

Her second item of new business was in regards to the book White Fragility. She would like to buy a copy for everybody to read and she is going to try to have the author facilitate a workshop.

Mr. Kuhar relayed a story about Amway Corporation's new office building built in the 70's. He said they had prepared for technology fifty years out but by the 1980's technology had advanced and they needed nowhere near the space they planned for.

Mayor Fiala suggested he bring that information to the next Council Meeting when the discussion is planned.

Councilmembers' Comments

Mr. Kuhar said he was pleased with the amount of people he sees in the community wearing a mask. If everyone would talk to people they know to carry on the precautions in the home, it would help out tremendously.

Ms. Wallach said she is pleased with the mask wearing but there are still people wearing incorrect types with the vents on them and unusual versions of masks. She is also concerned with the return of Kent State University students moving back to campus and has seen a lot of students around town without masks. She asked for the current numbers in the city. Dave Ruller said they would get those numbers to Council. He said the one good thing is there have been no deaths in Kent. The City is in daily conversations with Kent State Administrators to help get compliance.

Mr. Amrhein said he has started going back to the Wellness Center and has felt very safe. They require masks worn correctly. He attends at 6:00 a.m. and there are only a few people in attendance.

Mr. Sidoti said there was nice television coverage on students moving back to campus. He believes modeling is important and everyone in the video was wearing masks.

Mayor Fiala added he was in downtown Kent at 8:30 p.m. and there was no social distancing between people standing in line to get into the bars. He said they were not wearing masks while waiting in line. He added that education is key.

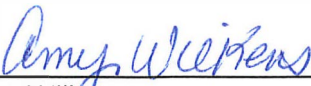
Ms. Wallach added if students do not wear their masks on campus they could be punished.

Mr. Turner wanted to acknowledge the passing of Kelvin Berry who passed away this week. He was a good man, and a great associate from the University to the City of Kent and will be missed greatly.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Fiala encouraged members to go downtown and introduce selves to students exploring what Kent has to offer. It is not the usual Discover Downtown Kent due to the virus, but everyone is doing the best they can in these times.

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M.



Amy Wilkens
Clerk of Council



Jerry Fiala
Mayor and President of Council