



# CITY OF KENT, OHIO

CITY COUNCIL ■ 320 S. DEPEYSTER STREET ■ KENT, OHIO 44240 ■ 330-678-8007

**Wednesday, July 21, 2021**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
Executive Session Immediately Following

## **AGENDA**

### **7:25 P.M. Board of Control**

### **7:30 P.M. Regular Council Meeting**

1. Roll Call
2. Opening Remarks and Pledge of Allegiance (Mr. Kuhar)
3. Approval of Minutes
  - 3.1 Regular City Council Meeting of June 16, 2021
  - 3.2 Zoning Public Hearing of July 7, 2021
  - 3.3 Tax Budget Public Hearing of July 7, 2021
  - 3.4 Special City Council Meeting of July 7, 2021
4. Communications
  - 4.1 Public Comment
    - 4.1.1 Anyone wishing to address Council must submit their written comments to the Clerk of Council at [councilclerk@kent-ohio.org](mailto:councilclerk@kent-ohio.org) by **4:30 p.m.** on the day of the meeting. If also requesting to speak at the meeting, comments are limited to three (3) minutes.
  - 4.2 Written Communication (All placed on file in the Clerk of Council's office)
    - 4.2.1 Civil Service Commission Regular Meeting Agenda for June 21, 2021 received June 18, 2021.
    - 4.2.2 May Statistical Report for the Kent Police Department was received from Chief Shearer on June 24, 2021.
    - 4.2.3 Standing Rock Cemetery Board Agenda for July 8, 2021 and the meeting minutes from June 10, 2021 received June 24, 2021.
    - 4.2.4 Copy of letter from Mr. Dave Ruller and Fire Chief John Tosko to Dr. Megerian, CEO of University Hospitals, regarding the possible closure of the free standing UH emergency room in Kent received and forwarded to Council on June 25, 2021.

- 4.2.5 Planning Commission and Staff Report for July 6, 2021 received on June 29, 2021.
- 4.2.6 Twenty-two letters from local residents, encouraging Kent to make a minimum goal of reducing carbon emissions at least 30% by 2030 in support of Power A Clean Future Ohio were sent to Mayor Fiala. These were received on July 2, 2021 and are on file in the Clerk of Council's Office.
- 4.2.7 Board of Health Agenda and Statistical Reports for the July 13, 2021 meeting and May meeting minutes received on July 9, 2021.
- 4.2.8 Parks and Recreation Board packet for July 15, 2021 received July 8, 2021.
- 4.2.9 July meeting cancellation notice from the Civil Service Commission received July 16, 2021.
- 4.2.10 Planning Commission Agenda and Staff report for July 20, 2021 received on July 16, 2021.

#### 4.3 City Manager's Report

### 5. Standing Committees & Legislation

#### 5.1 **Committee of the Whole** (Mayor Fiala)

5.1.1 Committee Meeting Minute Approval: None

5.1.2 Action Recommended: None

#### 5.2 **Community Development** (Kuhar/Rosenberg)

5.2.1 Committee Meeting Minute Approval: (*In Progress*)

5.2.2 Action Recommended:

- 1) Authorize the proposed Code modifications that would enable civil enforcement of garage and yard sale violations.

5.2.3 **Draft No. 2021- 065** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 769.03 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KENT TITLED "PENALTY" TO CHANGE ITS CURRENT MINOR MISDEMEANOR STATUS TO A CIVIL OFFENSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

#### 5.3 **Health & Safety Committee** (Amrhein/Sidoti)

5.3.1 Committee Meeting Minute Approval: (*In Progress*)

5.3.2 Action Recommended:

- 1) Approve the updated Portage County Hazardous Mitigation Plan

5.3.3 **Draft No. 2021-066** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE PORTAGE COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

#### 5.4 **Land Use Committee** (Ferrara/Schafer)

5.4.1 Committee Meeting Minute Approval: *(In Progress)*

5.4.2 Action Recommended:

- 1) Approve Zoning Change from Commercial to Commercial High Density Multifamily Residential

5.4.3 **Draft No. 2021-067** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY'S ZONING DISTRICTS MAP FOR PARCEL #45-004-00-00-053-000 (CORNER OF SR43 & SR261) TO BE REZONED FROM ITS CURRENT C: COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT (CH1141) TO C-R: COMMERCIAL HIGH DENSITY MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT (CH1145), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Authorized)

#### 5.5 **Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities** (Sidoti/Wallach)

5.5.1 Committee Meeting Minute Approval: *(In Progress)*

5.5.2 Action Recommended:

- 1) Approve the proposed agreement with KSU to share the costs of the proposed pedestrian improvements
- 2) Authorize the extended closure of a section of Erie Street to support the new outdoor ice rink

5.5.3 **Draft No. 2021-068** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO A PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT AND KENT STATE UNIVERSITY TO JOINTLY IMPROVE THE SAFETY FOR PEDESTRIANS WITHIN THE CITY AND KSU CAMPUS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

5.5.4 **Draft No. 2021-069** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPROVE A NEW SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION FOR KENT STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE CITY OF KENT FOR AN ICE RINK THAT WILL START ON NOVEMBER 25, 2021 AND RUN THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

#### 5.6 **Finance Committee** (DeLeone/Wallach)

5.6.1 Committee Meeting Minute Approval: *(In Progress)*

5.6.2 Action Recommended:

- 1) Authorize the transfer of the outstanding loan balance, and payment terms, to the new property owner of the Kent Wells Sherman House Loan

- 2) Authorize the acceptance and allocation of grant funding to be used for the replacement of police ballistic vests
- 3) Approve the 2021 budget appropriations amendments

- 5.6.3 **Draft No. 2021- 070** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2012-57, ADOPTED ON JUNE 20, 2012, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2012-69, ADOPTED ON JULY 18, 2012, SO AS TO ISSUE A NEW PROMISSORY NOTE TO 257 NORTH WATER, LTD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,463.00 AS THE NEW OWNER OF 247 NORTH WATER STREET; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY KWSH Loan (Authorized)
- 5.6.4 **Draft No. 2021- 071** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,786.25 FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF BALLISTIC VESTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)
- 5.6.5 **Draft No. 2021- 072** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-129, THE CURRENT APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, PASSED DECEMBER 16, 2020; 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, 2021; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)
- 5.6.6 **Draft No. 2021-073** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2021 COMMUNITY EVENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Unauthorized)
- 5.6.7 **Draft No. 2021-074** AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THREE (3) DONATIONS TO THE CITY OF KENT PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE YOUTH TACKLE FOOTBALL PLAYER SPONSOR FUND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Unauthorized)

6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
8. Councilmembers' Comments
9. Mayor's Report
10. Executive Session: In accordance with ORC §121.22 Section G, Item (1): "To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official."  
Items to be discussed: City Manager Evaluation
11. Adjournment

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**DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-065**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 769.03 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KENT TITLED "PENALTY" TO CHANGE ITS CURRENT MINOR MISDEMEANOR STATUS TO A CIVIL OFFENSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, the provisions regulating garage and yard sale operations are specified in KCO 769. The penalty for noncompliance with these regulations is currently a minor misdemeanor offense, which requires the City to address such violations through the filing of a court action; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Development Department is responsible for responding to resident complaints regarding alleged garage and yard sale regulation violations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Development Department and Law Department are requesting the penalty be changed from its current minor misdemeanor status to a civil offense, as specified in Section 501.13 Civil Offenses.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, that:

**SECTION 1.** Kent City Council does hereby amend Section 769.03 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Kent titled "Penalty" to change its current minor misdemeanor status to a civil offense, and is more fully described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein.

**SECTION 2.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 3.** That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jerry T. Fiala  
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amy Wilkens  
Clerk of Council

I, AMY WILKENS, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF *ORDINANCE No.* \_\_\_\_\_, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

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AMY WILKENS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL  
(SEAL)

**DRAFT RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 066**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE PORTAGE COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, all of Portage County has exposure to natural, technological, and human caused hazards that pose a risk to life, property, environment and the County's economy; and

**WHEREAS**, pro-active mitigation of known hazards before a disaster event can reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property; and

**WHEREAS**, The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) requires state, counties, towns, special districts and other jurisdictions to have a hazard mitigation plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan must be updated every five (5) years to maintain eligibility for pre- and post- disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant funds administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and

**WHEREAS**, on February 22, 2021, the Portage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency was notified that the updated Portage County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan has received approval from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and that all jurisdictions should proceed with adoption.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, that:

**SECTION 1.** the City of Kent, Ohio adopts in its entirety, the Portage County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as the jurisdiction's Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions identified in the Plan pertaining to this jurisdiction.

**SECTION 2.** Will use the adopted and approved portions of the Plan to guide pre- and post-disaster mitigation of the hazards identified.

**SECTION 3.** Will coordinated the strategies identified in the Plan with other planning programs and mechanisms under its jurisdictional authority.

**SECTION 4.** Will continue its support of the Portage County Mitigation Planning Committee as described within the Plan.

**SECTION 5.** Will help to promote and support the mitigation successes of all participants in this Plan.

**SECTION 6.** Will incorporate mitigation planning as an integral component of government and partner operations.

**SECTION 7.** Will provide an update of the Plan in conjunction with the County no less than every five (5) years.

**SECTION 8.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 9.** That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Jerry T. Fiala  
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amy Wilkens  
Clerk of Council

I, AMY WILKENS, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF *RESOLUTION NO.* \_\_\_\_\_, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

(SEAL)

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AMY WILKENS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

**DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-067**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY'S ZONING DISTRICTS MAP FOR PARCEL #45-004-00-00-053-000 (CORNER OF SR43 & SR261) TO BE REZONED FROM ITS CURRENT C: COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT (CH1141) TO C-R: COMMERCIAL HIGH DENSITY MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT (CH1145), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kent Planning Commission is recommending a proposed amendment to the City's Zoning Districts Map to allow Parcel #45-004-00-00-053-000 (Corner of SR43 and SR261) to be re-zoned from its current C: Commercial Zoning District (CH1141) to C-R: Commercial High Density Multifamily Residential Zoning District (CH1145); and

**WHEREAS**, on May 4, 2021, the Planning Commission voted 3-1 to recommend the zoning map change; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing will be held at the July 7, 2021 Council Committee session.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, that:

**SECTION 1.** Kent City Council does hereby authorize the amendment to allow Parcel #45-004-00-00-053-000 (Corner of SR43 and SR261) to be re-zoned from its current C: Commercial Zoning District (CH1141) to C-R: Commercial High Density Multifamily Residential Zoning District (CH1145).

**SECTION 2.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 3.** That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council, this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

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(SEAL)

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AMY WILKENS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

**DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 2021 - 068**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO A PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT AND KENT STATE UNIVERSITY TO JOINTLY IMPROVE THE SAFETY FOR PEDESTRIANS WITHIN THE CITY AND KSU CAMPUS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kent desires to enter into a Pedestrian Safety Improvements Agreement with Kent State University (KSU) to jointly improve the safety for pedestrians within the City and KSU Campus by improving the signing, pavement markings and signal improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the agreement includes the City and Kent State University splitting the out of pocket costs, with the City's maximum commitment to be \$15,000.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, that,

**SECTION 1.** Council does hereby authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Pedestrian Safety Improvements Agreement with Kent State University (KSU) to jointly improve the safety for pedestrians within the City and KSU Campus by improving the signing, pavement markings and signal improvements, and is more fully described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein.

**SECTION 2.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 3.** That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council, this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

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(SEAL)

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AMY WILKENS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

**DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 2021 - 069**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPROVE A NEW SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION FOR KENT STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE CITY OF KENT FOR AN ICE RINK THAT WILL START ON NOVEMBER 25, 2021 AND RUN THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, the Kent State University and the City of Kent would like to install a temporary ice rink; and

**WHEREAS**, the organizers would like to temporarily close East Erie Street/Depeyster and East Erie Street/Haymaker beginning October 18, 2021 (start set-up) through February 29, 2022 (end cleanup); The actual Event will be from November 25, 2021 through February 28, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kent City Council consents to authorizing the City Manager or his designee to sign the Special Event Application as long as he is comfortable and believes the safety and security of the City's citizens will not be adversely affected.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, that:

**SECTION 1.** That the Kent City Council authorizes the City Manager or his designee to execute the Special Event Application for the Kent State University and City of Kent, Ohio in substantial conformance with the Special Event Application attached hereto as Exhibit "A", as long as the City Manager or his designee believes the safety and security of Kent's citizens are adequately projected.

**SECTION 2.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

**DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 2021 - 070**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2012-57, ADOPTED ON JUNE 20, 2012, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2012-69, ADOPTED ON JULY 18, 2012, SO AS TO ISSUE A NEW PROMISSORY NOTE TO 257 NORTH WATER, LTD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,463.00 AS THE NEW OWNER OF 247 NORTH WATER STREET; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, Kent Wells Sherman House, Inc. is selling the property located at 247 North Water Street, Kent, Ohio to 257 North Water, Ltd. and the new owner will be assuming the loan balance and monthly payments; and

**WHEREAS**, Kent Wells Sherman House, Inc. has made all loan payments through July 31, 2021 leaving a loan balance of \$8,463.00 due on the loan; and

**WHEREAS**, the City needs to issue a new promissory note naming 257 North Water, Ltd. as the responsible entity in the amount of \$8,463.00 balance due on the loan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, that:

**SECTION 1.** The Kent City Council is hereby amending Ordinance No. 2012-57, adopted on June 20, 2012, as amended by Ordinance No. 2012-69, adopted on July 18, 2012, so as to issue a new promissory note to 257 North Water, Ltd. In the amount of \$8,463.00 as the new owner of 247 North Water Street, Kent, Ohio.

**SECTION 2.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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AMY WILKENS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL  
(SEAL)

**DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 2021 -071**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,786.25 FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF BALLISTIC VESTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kent Police Department purchased ballistic vests for their department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Attorney General's office in conjunction with the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation has reimbursed the City 75% of the cost of the ballistic vests.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, that:

**SECTION 1.** That Kent City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager, or his designee, to accept the grant funding in the amount of \$17,786.25 for reimbursement for the purchase of ballistic vests for the City of Kent Police Department.

**SECTION 2.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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Mayor and President of Council

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AMY WILKENS  
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**DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-072**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-129, THE CURRENT APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, PASSED DECEMBER 16, 2020; 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, 2021; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to amend current appropriations, transfers and advances for the expenses and other expenditures for the City of Kent, Ohio, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, at least three-fourths (3/4) of all members elected thereto concurring:

**SECTION 1.** That the current appropriations Ordinance No. 2020-129 passed December 16, 2020; as amended by Ordinance No. 2021-13, passed 2/17/2021, as amended by Ordinance No. 2021-39, passed 4/21/21, be amended as set forth in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein, so as to increase appropriations in Fund 001, General; Fund 134, UDAG/RLF; Fund 138, Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (ARPA); Fund 201, Water Fund; and Fund 301, Capital Improvements; and to decrease appropriations in Fund 001, General; and Declaring An Emergency.

**SECTION 2.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formation action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 3.** That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reason manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediate after passage.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jerry T. Fiala  
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amy Wilkens  
Clerk of Council

I, AMY WILKENS, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF *ORDINANCE No.* \_\_\_\_\_, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
AMY WILKENS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

**DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 2021 - 073**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2021 COMMUNITY EVENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kent, Ohio is a member of the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council ("NOPEC") and is eligible for a NOPEC 2021 Community Event Sponsorship Award in the amount of \$2,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the City would like to use the funds for the 2021 Main Street Kent Octoberfest.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, that:

**SECTION 1.** Kent City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager, or his designee, to accept the NOPEC 2021 Community Event Sponsorship Program Award in the amount of \$2,000.00.

**SECTION 2.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 3.** That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jerry T. Fiala  
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amy Wilkens  
Clerk of Council

I, AMY WILKENS, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF ORDINANCE No. \_\_\_\_\_, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

(SEAL)

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AMY WILKENS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

**DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-074**

**AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THREE (3) DONATIONS TO THE CITY OF KENT PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE YOUTH TACKLE FOOTBALL PLAYER SPONSOR FUND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kent Parks & Recreation Department has received three (3) donations as follows:

- 1) \$5,000.00 from Scott Hamilton; and
- 2) \$350.00 from Gayle Horning; and
- 3) \$100.00 from David Wyse.

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to accept said donations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, that:

**SECTION 1.** That Council does hereby authorize the City Manager on behalf of the City of Kent to accept the donations totaling \$5,450.00 and for the Budget and Finance Director to appropriate the donations into the proper fund.

**SECTION 2.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 3.** That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jerry T. Fiala  
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amy Wilkens  
Clerk of Council

I, AMY WILKENS, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF ORDINANCE No. \_\_\_\_\_, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
AMY WILKENS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL  
(SEAL)



**City Council Regular Meeting**  
The City of Kent, Ohio  
Wednesday, June 16, 2021

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was held virtually using the Zoom platform and live streamed on the City of Kent YouTube Channel.*

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

**PRESENT:** Mr. Jack Amrhein; Mr. Michael DeLeone; Mr. Garret Ferrara (after first Executive Session topic of land for sale; 7:45 PM); Mr. John Kuhar; Ms. Gwen Rosenberg; Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish; Mr. Roger Sidoti; Mr. Robin Turner

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mr. Jerry T. 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, Service Director; Mr. Jim Bowling, City Engineer; Ms. Joan Seidel, Health Commissioner; Ms. Rhonda Hall, Budget and Finance Director; Mr. Gary Bishop, IT Manager; Mr. John Tosko, Fire Chief; Mr. Nick Shearer, Chief of Police; Ms. Angela Manley, Parks and Recreation Director; Ms. Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council

**ABSENT:** Ms. Tracy Wallach

MOTION TO EXCUSE Ms. Wallach from the meeting made by Mr. DeLeone SECONDED by Mr. Sidoti and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7-0.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION made by Mr. Amrhein, SECONDED by Mr. Sidoti and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7-0. Mr. Amrhein read the following statement to move into Executive Session:

In accordance with ORC §121.22 Section G, Item (1): "To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official." **AND** Section G, Item (2) "To consider the purchase of property for public purposes, the sale of property at competitive bidding, or the sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit-for-use property in accordance with section [505.10](#) of the Revised Code, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest.

On roll call voting "Present": Mr. Amrhein; Mr. DeLeone; Mr. Kuhar; Ms. Rosenberg; Ms. Shaffer Bish; Mr. Sidoti; Mr. Turner.

Mr. Ferrara joined the Executive Session after Section G, Item 2 was done being discussed. He was not included in the discussion to avoid any conflict of interest issues.

MOTION TO MOVE BACK TO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING made by Mr. Kuhar, SECONDED by Ms. Rosenberg and passed by a voice vote of 8-0.

THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2021

Mayor Fiala called upon Councilmember Turner for opening remarks.

Mr. Turner asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes:**

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF MAY 19, 2021, THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 19, 2021, THE PUBLIC HEARING OF JUNE 2, 2021 AND SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 2, 2021 made by Mr. Turner, SECONDED by Mr. Kuhar and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0.

**Communication:**

**Public Comment:** There were no visitors signed in to speak at the meeting.

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

1. Email from Health Commissioner Joan Seidel thanking Council for its discussion and vote for a resolution supporting Public Health received May 20, 2021.
2. Letter from League of Women Voters of Kent regarding reactivation of Observer Corps, where designated League members attend governmental meetings notifying Council that Kitty Endres will be attending Kent City Council meetings as an observer received on May 18, 2021.
3. Planning Commission Agenda and Staff Report for June 1, 2021 received on May 25, 2021.
4. Notification the June Board of Health meeting was canceled received May 28, 2021.
5. Email received from Mr. Peter Paino regarding the proposed changes to the Architecture Review Board received June 2, 2021 and forwarded to Council.
6. Standing Rock Cemetery meeting minutes for May 13, 2021 and Agenda for the June 10, 2021 meeting received on June 2, 2021.

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

7. Email from Community Development Director, Bridget Susel, to City Council sharing the minutes from the Architecture Review Board meeting on May 4, 2021 regarding their courtesy review of the proposed new City of Kent Administration Building received June 11, 2021.
8. Parks and Recreation Board Packet and Mail Survey for June 17, 2021 received June 11, 2021.
9. Email from Police Chief Shearer updating Council on the Lexipol conversion, Detective Paul Fafrak retirement, future ballistic vest requests and future meetings scheduled with KSUPD, Black United Students and the Undergraduate Student Government received June 11, 2021.

10. Planning Commission Meeting Agenda and Staff report for June 22, 2021 received June 15, 2021.

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

1. Request for Council's authorization to approve a request from the Kent Chamber of Commerce to extend the hours of the DORA from 10 pm to 11 pm for one night only on June 26, 2021. (Draft #2021-056)
2. Request for Council's authorization to establish a new ARPA budgetary fund to manage and track ARPA related expenditures. (Draft #2021- 062)
3. Request for Council's authorization to accept and allocate a donation to Kent Parks & Recreation in the amount of \$100 from Pete and Lois Orlando for a memorial tree. (Draft #2021-063)
4. Request Community Development Committee time to modify Kent City Code to make a garage/yard sale violation a civil offense.
5. Request Health and Safety Committee time to provide Council with an update on the Kent Police Department activities.
6. Request Health and Safety Committee time to present the Portage County Hazardous Mitigation Plan for Council's approval.
7. Request for Land Use Committee time to present a request for rezoning of a property at SR43 and SR261.
8. Request for Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities Committee time obtain Council's authorization to update the numbers of accounts for trash and recycling.
9. Request for Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities Committee time to present a request for a street closure as part of the 2021 Craft Beer Festival.
10. Request for Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities Committee time to present recommendations to update the City's Code for the regulation of food trucks and food carts in the City.
11. Request for Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities Committee time to obtain Council's approval for pedestrian safety improvements planned for areas around the KSU campus.
12. Request for Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities Committee time to request Council's approval for the closure of a portion of Erie street during the 2021 holiday season for a new community ice rink
13. Request Finance Committee time to obtain Council's approval for the transfer of the Kent Wells Sherman House loan to the new owner of the property.
14. Request Finance Committee time to request Council's approval to forgive a property rehabilitation loan due to the passing of the property owner.
15. Request Finance Committee time to obtain Council's approval to accept and allocate grant funds that were obtained for the purchase of replacement ballistic vests for Kent Police Officers.
16. Request Finance Committee time to obtain Council's approval of the 2022 County Tax Budget and authorization to submit the proposed budget to the County.
17. Request Finance Committee time for Council's consideration of a 2021 Budget Appropriations Amendment.

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS #1-17 OF THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, made by Mr. Amrhein, SECONDED by Ms. Rosenberg, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0.

Mr. Ruller add that since this is the last scheduled meeting using Zoom, he wanted to take a moment to thank Amy Wilkens, Gary Bishop, all of staff, and all of Council and the Community for cooperating. He knows this has not been the easiest transition to go virtual. All in all, we got the functional work done that needed to be done. He appreciates everyone's cooperation. He hopes this is the end and there is no return of the virus.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES/ LEGISLATION**

### **1) COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES of June 2, 2021 made by Mr. Amrhein, SECONDED by Mr. DeLeone, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0.

MOTION TO APPOINT KAREN BECK TO THE PARTA BOARD made by Ms. Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Mr. DeLeone and CARRIED with a voice vote of 7-0-1 with Mr. Amrhein abstaining.

MOTION TO APPOINT TOM PASCARELLA, KATHIE SLATER AND BENJAMIN TIPTON TO THE SALARY REVIEW COMMITTEE and WARNER MENDENHALL AND JEFF ROEGER AS ALTERNATES made by Ms. Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Mr. Kuhar, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0.

Ms. Shaffer Bish thanked all who applied for this committee and unfortunately, we only have three vacancies and two alternates, but are appreciative.

MOTION TO INSERT NAMES INTO LEGISLATION made by Mr. Kuhar, SECONDED by Mr. Amrhein, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0.

**Draft No. 2021-053** RESOLUTION APPOINTING KAREN BECK TO THE PORTAGE AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (PARTA) 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 and SECONDED by Ms. Ms. Shaffer Bish. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Turner, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 7-0-1 with Mr. Amrhein abstaining.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2021-053 made by Mr. Kuhar and SECONDED by Mr. DeLeone. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Turner, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 7-0-1 with Mr. Amrhein abstaining.

**RESOLUTION 2021-053 PASSED** as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

**Draft No. 2021-054** RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOM PASCARELLA, KATHIE SLATER AND BENJAMIN TIPTON TO THE SALARY REVIEW COMMITTEE AND WARNER MENDENHALL AND JEFF ROEGER AS ALTERNATES, 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 Bish and SECONDED by Mr. Kuhar. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2021-054 made by Mr. Kuhar and SECONDED by Ms. Shaffer Bish. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

**RESOLUTION 2021-054 PASSED** as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

## **2) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES AND RECOMMENDED ACTIONS of June 2, 2021 made by Mr. Kuhar, SECONDED by Mr. DeLeone and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

- 1) Authorize the acceptance of the sign donation, and installation of the sign in the City Right of Way

Mr. Kuhar added he is disappointed the area west of South Water Street was not included in this which is very much a part of the South End and definitely a location that is most travelled in front of Walgreens. There are a lot of families that live in this area.

**Draft No. 2021-055** AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DONATION FROM THE PORTAGE FOUNDATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$13,995.00, AND USE THE FUNDS TO PAY ADVANCED DISPLAY FOR NEW SIGNAGE FOR THE "HISTORIC SOUTH END" NEIGHBORHOOD, 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 and SECONDED by Mr. Sidoti. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Mr. Amrhein. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2021-055 made by Mr. Kuhar and SECONDED by Ms. Rosenberg. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Mr. Amrhein. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

**ORDINANCE 2021-055 PASSED** as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

**Draft No. 2021-056** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DOWNTOWN KENT DORA THAT WAS ENACTED ON JUNE 17, 2020, ORDINANCE 2020-49, TO EXTEND THE DORA HOURS UNTIL 11:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 2021 ONLY, 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 and SECONDED by Ms. Rosenberg. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer

Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

Mr. Ferrara interrupted voting by asking if this is where he should make an amendment.

Clerk Wilkens stated it should be done before voting on adopting this ordinance.

MOTION TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE DORA HOURS UNTIL 11PM SEVEN DAYS A WEEK PERMANENTLY made by Mr. Ferrara, SECONDED by Mr. Sidoti, and carried by a voice vote of 8-0

Mr. Ferrara said as summer season comes upon us, there will be more than one organization asking to extend the hours, and to avoid having to return to Council each time for approval, it would make sense to enact this. We do not have much time for nice weather, and people would enjoy the opportunity to be outdoors longer.

Mr. Sidoti said we need to be consistent. Problems would occur after it is extended for one day with confusion of moving it back to 10pm. Things are opening such as the Kent Stage, and their programs let out at 10pm. People will want to come down after the show. It just makes common sense to move to a later time.

Mr. Kuhar said he was confused. He thought bars were required to close at 10 p.m. and thought it was a State mandate. He asked if the DORA is just an isolated agreement with the City.

Mayor Fiala said that was his understanding that the DORA is an agreement with the City.

Ms. Shaffer Bish added there have not been any incidents and 10 p.m. is pretty early. We are seeing a lot of vibrancy downtown and does not think it would have a negative impact to have one more hour. She thinks having it until 11 p.m. seems reasonable.

Mr. DeLeone said the only complaint he has received was that the DORA hours ended too early. Another hour would be plenty.

Ms. Rosenberg said people really love it. She asked if there had been any complaints from the neighborhood. Mr. Ruller said there have not been. She added the DORA cups have already been purchased with the time on it, but said she didn't think bartenders would have a hard time explaining it's been extended to 11p.m.

Ms. Shaffer Bish explained to Mr. Kuhar that the bars stopped serving DORA drinks a half an hour before the end. People finish their drinks and then cannot get another (outdoor) drink. If they want another drink, they go inside the bar.

MOTION to ADOPT THE AMENDEMENT TO DRAFT 2021-056 made by Mr. DeLeone and SECONDED by Mr. Kuhar. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2021-056 AS AMENDED made by Mr. DeLeone and SECONDED by Mr. Kuhar. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

**ORDINANCE 2021-056 PASSED** as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

### **3) HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES of June 2, 2021 made by Mr. Amrhein, SECONDED by Mr. DeLeone and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0.

NO RECOMMENDED ACTIONS TO APPROVE

### **4) LAND USE COMMITTEE**

MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES of June 2, 2021 made by Ms. Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Ms. Rosenberg and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7-0-1 with Mr. Ferrara abstaining.

MOTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS of June 2, 2021 made by Ms. Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Mr. DeLeone and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

- 1) Authorize the Zoning Code update to amend Part Eleven- Planning and Zoning Code Chapters 1101-1175
- 2) Authorize the Zoning Code change from Industrial to Commercial Downtown at 107 Lake Street

**Draft No. 2021-057** AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CHAPTERS OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE IN PART ELEVEN OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES (CODE), REPEALING CERTAIN CHAPTERS OF THE CODE, 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 Bish and SECONDED by Mr. Sidoti. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Ms. Turner, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2021-057 made by Ms. Shaffer Bish and SECONDED by Mr. Sidoti. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Ms. Turner, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

Mr. Sidoti stated he is in favor of the ordinance and commended Bridget Susel on a great job negotiating through the issues brought forward. He added he would like to see City Council and the Architecture Review Board (ARB) have a work session some time in the future to clear up what their role is and it would be a great benefit to the community to do so.

**ORDINANCE 2021-057 PASSED** as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

**Draft No. 2021-058** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY'S ZONING DISTRICTS MAP FOR PARCEL #17-031-21-00-001-000 (107 LAKE STREET) TO BE REZONED FROM ITS CURRENT 1155 I: INDUSTRIAL TO 1146 C-D: COMMERCIAL DOWNTOWN, 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 Ms. Rosenberg. On roll call, voting "Yes": Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 7-0-1 with Mr. DeLeone abstaining.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2021-058 made by Mr. Kuhar and SECONDED by Mr. Amrhein. On roll call, voting "Yes": Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 7-0-1 with Mr. DeLeone abstaining.

**ORDINANCE 2021-058 PASSED** as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

#### **5) STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES AND COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS of June 2, 2021 made by Mr. Sidoti, SECONDED by Mr. DeLeone and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**

- 1) Approve the submission of the AMATS Grant Funding grant application and if approved authorize the allocation of the funds
- 2) Approve the submission of the OPWC Grant Funding grant and loan applications and authorize the allocation of the funds

**Draft No. 2021- 059** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KENT TO SUBMIT TWO (2) FUNDING APPLICATIONS TOTALING \$1,495,200 AND TO EXECUTE THE SUBSEQUENT AGREEMENT TO THE AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (AMATS) SPECIAL RESURFACING PROGRAM FY 2022 & FY 2023/24, AND TO ACCEPT THE GRANTS, IF AWARDED, WITH CORRESPONDING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO RESURFACE MAIN AND WATER STREETS AND MOGADORE ROAD/SUMMIT STREET, 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": Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT NO. 2021-059 made by Mr. Kuhar and SECONDED by Mr. DeLeone. On roll call, voting "Yes" Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

**ORDINANCE 2021-059 PASSED** as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

**Draft No. 2021-060** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KENT TO SUBMIT TWO (2) FUNDING APPLICATIONS TOTALING \$945,000 AND TO EXECUTE THE SUBSEQUENT AGREEMENTS WITH THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC), AND TO ACCEPT THE GRANTS, IF AWARDED, WITH CORRESPONDING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS 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 Bish, SECONDED by Mr. Sidoti. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT NO. 2021-060 made by Ms. Shaffer Bish and SECONDED by Mr. Ferrara. On roll call, voting "Yes" Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

**ORDINANCE 2021-060 PASSED** as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

## **6) FINANCE COMMITTEE**

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES AND COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS OF June 2, 2021 made by Mr. DeLeone, SECONDED by Mr. Sidoti, and CARRIED by a voice vote 8-0.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**

- 1) Authorize the acceptance of the Easement for the new nursing home facility at the intersection of Meloy Road and State Route 43

**Draft No. 2021-061** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE WATER TAP-IN FOR A SKILLED NURSING FACILITY LOCATED AT 5075 SR 43 AND MELOY ROAD, OUTSIDE THE CITY OF KENT, 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, SECONDED by Ms. Shaffer Bish. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Turner, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT NO. 2021-061 made by Mr. Kuhar, SECONDED by Mr. DeLeone. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Turner, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

**ORDINANCE 2021-061 PASSED** as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

**Draft No. 2021-062** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ALLOW THE BUDGET & FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO CREATE A NEW GENERAL LEDGER FUND FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING

CALLED THE LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND #138, 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 and SECONDED by Mr. Sidoti. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2021-062 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 Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

**ORDINANCE 2021-062 PASSED** as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

**Draft No. 2021-063** AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100.00 TO THE CITY OF KENT PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF A MEMORIAL TREE FOR THE KENT PARKS, 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. Ferrara and SECONDED by Ms. Rosenberg. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Mr. Amrhein. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2021-063 made by Mr. DeLeone and SECONDED by Mr. Kuhar. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Mr. Amrhein. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

**RESOLUTION 2021-063 PASSED** as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

**Unfinished Business:** NONE

**New Business:**

Mr. Sidoti wanted to circle back to the ARB comments made during the Committee Meeting. He has begun a ledger of issues that have come up with the ARB and is trying to find a common link. He thinks it has to do with not have a shared understanding on how decisions are made with the ARB. The Planning Commission, community members and Council members have all gotten involved. He thinks when it was first founded, he does not believe current Council members were here. He is not ready to put this into a Committee as an item but thinks a work session would benefit all.

Mr. Kuhar said when the ARB's authority was changed there seemed to be more problems. His thoughts are maybe they should be in an advisory capacity.

Ms. Shaffer Bish thinks it would be good to have a detailed discussion with the Architecture Review Board and that it would benefit the city to have this work session.

MOTION TO SCHEDULE A WORK SESSION WITH CITY COUNCIL AND THE ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD TO ESTABLISH A COMMON VISION made by Mr. Sidoti SECONDED by Ms. Shaffer Bish and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0.

**Council Comments:**

Mr. DeLeone reminded Council Members to complete Mr. Dave Ruller's evaluation. Ms. Wilkens added she would call Mr. Turner regarding delivering a paper copy to him.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Fiala encouraged all to come down to Dan Smith Park on the weekends. They have music playing on Friday nights from 6pm-8pm. There are fireworks on June 26<sup>th</sup>. The Planning Commission is meeting to discuss the new City Hall and he is happy about that. This is the final Zoom meeting and the next meeting July 7, 2021 will be held in person at the Fire Station. He reminded all that Father's Day is this Sunday to give your dads your respect.

Mr. Turner said that due to medical issues and has to wait a period of time to get the vaccine. This puts him into August until he can get vaccinated. He is concerned about coming to an open meeting, and that it could be problematic. He will be working with his doctor and will provide an update. He wanted to make the Mayor and Council aware of his situation.

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

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Amy Wilkens  
Clerk of Council

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Jerry T. Fiala  
Mayor and President of Council



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## Public Hearing Minutes Wednesday, July 7, 2021

At 6:50 p.m., Mayor Jerry T. Fiala called the **Public Hearing for the Zoning Map Amendment** to order. Roll call was taken.

**PRESENT:** Mr. Jack Amrhein; Mr. Michael DeLeone; Mr. Garret Ferrara; Mr. John Kuhar; Ms. Gwen Rosenberg; Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish; Ms. Tracy Wallach

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

**ABSENT:** Mr. Roger Sidoti; Mr. Robin Turner

MOTION TO EXCUSE Mr. Roger Sidoti and Mr. Robin Turner made by Mr. Kuhar  
SECONDED by Mr. Amrhein and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7-0.

Ms. Susel started by stating in accordance with 1111.05 of the Kent Zoning Code, the public hearing is being held to allow for public comment on a proposed zoning map amendment to Parcel # 45-004-00-00-053-000 (Corner of SR 43 and SR 261) From C: Commercial to C-R: Commercial High Density Multifamily Residential.

This item will be discussed during the committee meeting this evening.

Mayor Fiala asked for comments from the audience. There were no members of the public signed in to speak.

Hearing no further business, Mayor Fiala adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:57 p.m.

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## Public Hearing Minutes Wednesday, July 7, 2021

At 6:50 p.m., Mayor Jerry T. Fiala called the **Public Hearing for the City of Kent Annual Tax Budget** order. Roll call was taken.

**PRESENT:** Mr. Jack Amrhein; Mr. Michael DeLeone; Mr. Garret Ferrara; Mr. John Kuhar; Ms. Gwen Rosenberg; Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish; Ms. Tracy Wallach

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

**ABSENT:** Mr. Roger Sidoti; Mr. Robin Turner

MOTION TO EXCUSE Mr. Roger Sidoti and Mr. Robin Turner made by Mr. Kuhar  
SECONDED by Mr. Amrhein and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7-0.

Ms. Rhonda Hall introduced the Public Hearing to allow for Public Comment on the City of Kent Annual Tax Budget.

Mayor Fiala asked for comments from the audience. There were no comments.

Hearing no further business, Mayor Fiala adjourned the Public Hearing at meeting at 6:52 p.m.

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## Special City Council Meeting Wednesday, July 7, 2021

At 7:50 p.m., Mayor Jerry T. Fiala called the **Special City Council Meeting** order. Roll call was taken.

**PRESENT:** Mr. Jack Amrhein; Mr. Michael DeLeone; Mr. Garret Ferrara; Mr. John Kuhar; Ms. Gwen Rosenberg; Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish; Ms. Tracy Wallach

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

**ABSENT:** Mr. Roger Sidoti; Mr. Robin Turner

**MOTION TO EXCUSE MR. SIDOTI AND MR. TURNER** made by Mr. Ferrara,  
**SECONDED BY Mr. Amrhein and CARRIED** by a voice vote of 7-0.

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE DRAFT 2021-064** made by Mr. Kuhar **SECONDED** by Mr. Ferrara and **CARRIED** by a voice vote of 7-0-0.

**Draft No. 2021-064 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022, SUBMITTING THE SAME TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR, 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": Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish. The Motion **CARRIED** by a roll call vote of 7-0.

**MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2021-064** made by Mr. Kuhar and **SECONDED** by Mr. DeLeone. On roll call, voting "Yes": Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish. The Motion **CARRIED** by a roll call vote of 7-0.

**ORDINANCE 2021-064 PASSED** as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

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Amy Wilkens  
Clerk of Council

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Jerry T. Fiala  
Mayor and President of Council

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