



City Council Regular Meeting
The City of Kent, Ohio
Wednesday, September 15, 2021

At 7:32 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; Mr. John Kuhar; Ms. Gwen Rosenberg; Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish; Mr. Robin Turner; Ms. Tracy Wallach; Mr. Roger Sidoti

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; Ms. Joan Seidel, Health Commissioner; Ms. Rhonda Hall, Budget and Finance Director; Mr. Gary Bishop, IT Manager; Mr. Bill Myers, Fire Chief; Ms. Suzanne Stemnock, HR Manager; Ms. Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council

Mayor Fiala called upon Councilmember Wallach for opening remarks. Ms. Wallach mentioned she is tired of wearing her mask and asked everyone to get vaccinated.

Mayor Fiala asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF August 18, 2021 and the Work Session Minutes from September 1, 2021 made by Mr. DeLeone, SECONDED by Mr. Kuhar and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0-1 with Ms. Wallach abstaining.

Communication:

Public Comment: There were two visitors signed in to speak at the meeting.

Mayor Fiala read the following statement:

"While the law does not require Council to provide time for public comment, we have historically invited the public to make comments and we appreciate their input. This is the time where residents and others can comment on matters that concern them. However, we will not engage in debate, and as President of Council, I reserve the right to end any public communication that is disruptive, embarrassment, harassment or otherwise objectionable. We ask that give your name and address and limit comments to three (3) minutes."

1. Mr. Doug Fuller of 1431 River Edge Dr., Kent Ohio approached the microphone and introduce himself to Council. He had previously submitted comments to the Council Clerk (**Attachment #1**) that were distributed to Council prior to the meeting. He came before

Council to clarify a few items regarding the Design Guidelines for the Architecture Review Board that were discussed in the previous meeting. He prefaced his comments by stating he had made an error when he spoke last to Council about the property of the Bell Tower Brewery being outside of the Design District. He said that was an error and is clearly inside the Design Guidelines District and apologized for making that mistake. He continued his comments by referencing a committee that worked on the original design guidelines and a manual they prepared for their work. He said this manual was not adopted, instead a document that he believes is unusable is currently being used. He passed out a handout with information on Elizabeth Corbin Murphy who was the professional architect that worked on these guidelines. He compared the two documents and suggested Council review the original document that was put together by the committee, as it may be useful and suggested getting an assessment of the two documents. He asked Council members, at least one, to be a part of the process.

2. Christopher Myers of 220 E. Elm Street approached the microphone to address Council. He sang a song about racism from the 1940's. He wanted to talk to Council about racism and read his comments from his previously submitted statement (**Attachment #2**). He added the sub-woofer man is back on the streets and thinks eight million dollars is a lot to spend on City Hall.

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

1. Notification of the Main Street Kent Oktoberfest Event which is set for September 25, 2021 in downtown Kent received on August 19, 2021.
2. Email from Standing Rock Cemetery Board requesting a joint meeting to appoint an upcoming vacant spot of the appointed Franklin Township Commissioner received August 20, 2021.
3. Email from resident Christine Vais requesting the City reinstate the citywide mask mandate received and forwarded to Council on August 24, 2021.
4. Letter from Ohio Citizen Action along with eleven handwritten letters from residents requesting the City of Kent join the Power a Clean Future Ohio and take the 30 by 30 pledge, received and forwarded to City Council and members of the Sustainability Commission on August 27, 2021.
5. Standing Rock Cemetery Board of Trustees August meeting minutes and Agenda for the September 9, 2021 received on August 26, 2021.
6. Kent City Health Board Agenda for September 14, 2021 and minutes from August 10, 2021 received on September 9, 2021.
7. City of Kent Zoning District Map update from August 2021 received September 9, 2021.
8. Email from Christopher Clevenger-Morris resigning from the Planning Commission received and forwarded to Council on September 9, 2021.

MOTION TO ACCEPT MR. CHRISTOPHER CLEVINGER-MORRIS' RESIGNATION MADE by Mr. Ferrara SECONDED by Mr. DeLeone and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0.

Communication received after the agenda was published:

1. Parks and Recreation September Board Report received on Monday, September 13, 2021.
2. Planning Commission Agenda and Staff Report for the September 21, 2021 meeting received September 15, 2021.
3. Request from Paul Kulwinski, Director of Licensing for the Division of Liquor Control to cancel the liquor license transfer request originally submitted in April 2021 for Olympia Hotel Management, DBA Kent State University Hotel & Conference Center and replace with a NEW liquor license request with the same type of permit, privileges and hours, etc. Chief Shearer has no objection.

MOTION TO RETURN THE NEW LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST WITH NO OBJECTIONS
MADE by Mr. Ferrara SECONDED by Mr. Kuhar and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

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

1. Rhonda has requested Council's authorization to certify the tax rates and amounts to Portage County. (Draft #2021-099)
2. Rhonda has requested Council's authorization to accept and allocate a \$500 donation from the Edith Chase Symposium to be used to help support the City's pollinator park behind the Police Station. (Draft #2021-100)
3. The City Clerk has requested Council's authorization to schedule a public hearing on the request to expand the DORA district boundaries.
4. The City Clerk has requested Council's authorization to schedule the annual Democracy Day public comment session.
5. Bridget has requested Community Development Committee time to allow the owner of the Garage 108 to appeal a ruling of the ARB on her property.
6. Nick has requested Health & Public Safety Committee time to present a proposal to provide contract 911 dispatch services to Brimfield Township.
7. Tom has requested Health & Public Safety Committee time to present a request from local businesses to expand the DORA district boundaries.
8. Jim has requested Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee time to present a proposal for a new street improvement project at Gougler and River Street.
9. Jim has requested Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee time to present a proposed license agreement with the owner of 257 N. Water Street for an outdoor patio.
10. Hope has requested Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee time for Council's consideration of a water tower easement with Kent State University.
11. Rhonda has requested Finance Committee time for Council's consideration of proposed 2021 Budget appropriations amendments.
12. Rhonda has requested Finance Committee time to present a request from local businesses to create 3 new TIFF agreements to support their business investment.
13. Joan has requested Council's authorization to accept and allocate grant funds received from the CDC to support Health Department services.

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS #1-13 OF THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, made by Mr. Amrhein SECONDED by Mr. Ferrara and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

STANDING COMMITTEES/ LEGISLATION

1) COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION TO APPROVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 MADE BY Mr. DeLeone SECONDED BY Mr. Kuhar and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0-1 with Ms. Wallach abstaining.

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS #1 AND #3 OF THE ACTIONS RECOMMENDED MADE by Mr. DeLeone SECONDED Mr. Sidoti and CARRIED by a voice vote 9-0-0.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- 1) Authorize setting the rate of pay for At Large Council Members, Ward Council Members and the Mayor of Kent as recommended by the 2021 Salary Review Committee.
- 2) Authorize the City's Law Director to draft a letter of reprimand asking for the Chair of the Planning Commission to step down from his position.
- 3) Authorize the yearly update to the City Codified Ordinance Books.

Before the ordinances were put to the vote, Mayor Fiala stated the following ordinances were not for the current members but for future terms.

Mayor Fiala asked Clerk Wilkens to read Draft No. 2021-092 by title only.

Draft No. 2021- 092 AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE RATE OF PAY FOR THE AT LARGE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS 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. Shaffer Bish. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2021-092 made by Mr. Ferrara 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, Ms. Wallach. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

ORDINANCE 2021-092 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Draft No. 2021- 093 AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE RATE OF PAY FOR THE WARD COUNCIL MEMBERS 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, Ms. Wallach. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

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MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2021-093 made by 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, Ms. Wallach. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

ORDINANCE 2021-093 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Draft No. 2021- 094 AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE RATE OF PAY FOR THE MAYOR OF KENT, OHIO 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 Mr. Sidoti. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2021-094 made by made by Mr. Ferrara 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, Ms. Wallach. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

ORDINANCE 2021-094 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens

Draft No. 2021- 095 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CITY OF KENT CODIFIED ORDINANCES 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 Mr. Kuhar. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2021-095 made by 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, Ms. Wallach. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

ORDINANCE 2021-095 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens

2) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 made by Mr. Kuhar SECONDED Mr. Ferrara by and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0-1 with Ms. Wallach abstaining.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- 1) Authorize the development of community enrichment/engagement guidelines for the

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- funding of the Neighborhood Grant Program.
- 2) Authorize the approval of a license agreement with Main Street Kent to allow for the installation of a new public art piece.

Draft No. 2021- 096 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR FUNDING OF TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT PROGRAM (NGP) TO ALLOW FOR COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT/ENGAGEMENT, 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. Ferrara. On roll call, voting "Yes": Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2021-096 made by made by Ms. Shaffer Bish and SECONDED by Mr. Ferrara. On roll call, voting "Yes": Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

ORDINANCE 2021-096 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens

Draft No. 2021- 097 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT AND MAIN STREET KENT (MSK) TO INSTALL AND MAINTAIN AN ART PIECE AND ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPING, 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": Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2021-097 made by made by Ms. Shaffer Bish and SECONDED by Mr. Sidoti. On roll call, voting "Yes": Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

ORDINANCE 2021-097 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens

3) HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES of SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 MADE BY Mr. Amrhein SECONDED Mr. DeLeone by and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0-1 with Ms. Wallach abstaining.

MOTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS of SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 MADE BY Mr. Amrhein SECONDED Mr. DeLeone by and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

- 1) Authorize the Law Director and Chief of Police to review the City's noise ordinance and return to Council with recommendations.
- 2) Continue to monitor COVID numbers prior to deciding on mask mandates.
- 3) Authorize staff to disperse COVID information presented from Health Commissioner and mention the effectiveness of masks and vaccines as a preemptive measure.

4) LAND USE COMMITTEE

No Meeting Minutes or Recommended Actions.

5) STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES of SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 MADE BY Mr. Sidoti, SECONDED Mr. Amrhein by and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0-1 with Ms. Wallach abstaining.

MOTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS of SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 made by Mr. Sidoti, SECONDED by Mr. DeLeone and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

- 1) Authorize the change in the City Parking Ordinance to allow for on street parking on Walnut Street.

Draft No. 2021-098 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 353.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KENT TITLED "PARKING REGULATION AUTHORIZATION" TO ALLOW FOR ON-STREET PARKING ON THE EAST SIDE OF WALNUT STREET BETWEEN CHERRY AND HARRIS STREETS; 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 Mr. DeLeone. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2021-098 made by Mr. DeLeone and SECONDED by Mr. Sidoti. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

ORDINANCE 2021-098 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

6) FINANCE COMMITTEE

NO COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OR ACTIONS TO APPROVE.

Draft No. 2021-099 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR 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. Wallach. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2021-099 made by Mr. DeLeone and SECONDED by Mr. Sidoti. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

ORDINANCE 2021-099 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Draft No. 2021-100 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00 TO THE CITY OF KENT SERVICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF NATIVE PLANTS AND AN INFORMATION SIGN FOR THE POLLINATOR PARK / HAMMOCK PARK, 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. Amrhein. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2021-100 made by Ms. Shaffer Bish and SECONDED by Mr. Amrhein. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

Ms. Shaffer Bish thanked the donor for the items and the sign to identify the pocket park. She mentioned visiting the park just recently and loves seeing the lights at night. She added this is just one example of one of the things that make Kent a unique city to live in and hopes all residents will get a chance to enjoy it.

ORDINANCE 2021-100 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Unfinished Business: NONE

New Business: NONE

Council Comments:

- 1) Mr. Garret Ferrara said the 9/11 presentation was very nice and hopes the safety forces continue to honor those lives lost on 9/11/2001 and it is something that cannot be forgotten.
- 2) Ms. Gwen Rosenberg congratulated Angela Manley, the City of Kent's new Parks and Recreation Director for the Art in the Park event. She said the event was really well done, the weather beautiful and was a job well done. She also congratulated Main Street Kent for receiving the Year's Best Main Street Event Award from the Main Street Organization for Rainbow Weekend. She ended her comments by congratulating Rhonda Boyd for the Environmental Activism Award she received from the Portage Parks.
- 3) Mr. Kuhar told everyone to get vaccinated to save a life.
- 4) Mr. Amrhein said he was fortunate enough to be invited on a tour of Bell Tower Brewery and said the community is in for a very big treat, as it is one of the most stunning buildings he has ever seen.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Fiala was going to comment on the 9/11 ceremony, but that was already covered by Mr. Garret Ferrara. He estimated there were approximately 50 people in attendance.

Motion made by Mr. Amrhein 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(3) Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action AND (4) Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment "* Items to be discussed: Boards and Commissions; Pending Litigation; Contract Negotiations **SECONDED by Ms. Rosenberg. On roll call voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein; Mr. DeLeone; Mr. Ferrara; Mr. Kuhar; Ms. Rosenberg; Ms. Shaffer Bish; Mr. Sidoti; Mr. Turner and Ms. Wallach.**

MOTION TO RETURN TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MADE by Mr. Ferrara (8:51 pm)
SECONDED by Mr. Kuhar and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0.

MOTION APPOINT MICHELLE FREDERICK TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH made by Mr. Turner
SECONDED by Mr. Kuhar and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0.

MOTION AUTHORIZE INSERTION OF NAME INTO LEGISLATION MADE by Mr. DeLeone
SECONDED by Mr. Kuhar and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0.

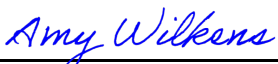
Draft No. 2021-101 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MICHELLE FREDERICK TO THE
HEALTH BOARD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Ms. Hope
Jones per Mayor Fiala's request.

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 Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach. The Motion CARRIED by a roll
call vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2021-101 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, Ms. Wallach. The Motion CARRIED by a roll
call vote of 9-0.

RESOLUTION 2021-101 PASSED

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:53 P.M.



Amy Wilkens
Clerk of Council



Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council



Council, Clerk of <councilclerk@kent-ohio.org>

Today's Council Meeting - September 15, 2021

Douglas Fuller <dfuller161@gmail.com>

Wed, Sep 15, 2021 at 11:59 AM

To: Clerk of Council <councilclerk@kent-ohio.org>

Comments on the City of Kent Design Guidelines

- Origin of the Original Design Guidelines accepted by City Council on October 2, 2009
- Changes made to the Design Guidelines approved on April 13, 2011
- General comparison of the two:
 - Table of Contents
 - Color
 - District Boundary changes
 - others
- Professional assistance in Developing the original Design Guidelines.
 - Elizabeth Corbin Murphy
- Suggestions:
 - ?

Doug Fuller

Comments from Mr. Christopher Myers:

I began by saying that I will probably be called racist by my remarks but that I have been called vulgar and a stalker.

I continued by singing a little grade school song of racial and religious harmony from the early 1940s during WWII and which should be just as applicable today:

"We work and play together,

We hear our country's call.

No matter what our race or creed

We are Americans all"

I then read from my notes: "I am not going to talk this evening about the NAACP's Geraldine Nelson's letter to council in which she besmirches a member of Council as racist and hard-hearted." I added that I had read the councilperson's words she said were racist and that I could find nothing in them that affected negatively upon any minority citizen. I went on: " ... nor will I talk about Health Commissioner Joan Seidel's inability to name a Kent racist in an encounter I had with her downtown. I will, however, acknowledge and comment upon Councilman Amrhein's statement about Kent racism as it appears in the minutes of the 21 July 2021 regular council meeting." I indicated that Mr. Amrhein was Council's representative on Kent's Board of Health.

I continued, " All along I was under the impression that when the Kent City Board of Health declared racism a public health crisis it was talking about words or deeds, things plainly, overtly, right out in the open and identifiable, as being hurtful to the life, liberty and pursuit of happiness of minorities. But Mr. Amrhein said that is not the case.

According to Mr. Amrhein "...the Board is not saying that people in Kent are racist but that "... there seems to be social and cultural injustices that create a problem for minorities receiving health care." I ask: "Who are the perpetrators of these social and cultural injustices that the Board defines as unseen, unheard, and refers to as, '...a covert sort of situation.' "

I continue that perhaps someone has reported to the Board about a black citizen going to the doctor and standing in front of the receptionist and not being recognized as being there. If something like this is reported what is the Board doing about it? Does it verify or take any action?

I then changed the subject to say that the sub-wooferman is still in his vehicle disturbing the peace in our neighborhood and that he had just passed the fire department on S. DePeyster Street going South to North and that Councilwoman Shaffer's home has also affected by it. She nodded assent.

Then I said that I thought 8.3 million dollars for the new city hall was too much and that I guessed that councilpersons must have a lot of money.

I said I despise racism and, like Elvis, left the building.