



City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

The City of Kent, Ohio
Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be held virtually using the Zoom platform and broadcast live 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; Mr. John Kuhar; Ms. Gwen Rosenberg; Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish (7:33pm); Mr. Roger Sidoti; Mr. Robin Turner; 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. Bridget Susel, Community Development Director; Ms. Melanie Baker, Public Service Director; Mr. Jim Bowling, City Engineer; Ms. Joan Seidel, Health Commissioner; Ms. Rhonda Hall, Budget and Finance Director; Mr. Kevin Schwartzhoff, Parks and Recreation Director; Mr. Gary Bishop, IT Manager; Mr. John Tosko, Fire Chief; Mr. Nick Shearer, Chief of Police; Ms. Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council

Mayor Fiala called upon Councilmember Shaffer Bish for her opening remarks. She was not yet logged into the Zoom meeting due to technical issues; Mayor Fiala led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF October 21, 2020 and the Public Hearing on November 4, 2020 made by Mr. DeLeone SECONDED by Mr. Turner, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0-1 with Ms. Wallach abstaining.

Communication:

Public Comment: There were no visitors signed in to speak with Council. Mayor Fiala made the following announcement:

The City of Kent is accepting applications for the following Boards and Commissions: Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation, Sustainability Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Design and Preservation, Stormwater District Review and Appeals. The online application is available at the City website or by calling the Clerk of Council. The deadline to apply for these positions is November 23, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

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

1. Standing Rock Meeting Minutes from October 8, 2020 received on October 12, 2020

THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020

2. Board of Health Minutes and Statistical report from October 13, 2020 and Agenda for November 10, 2020 received on November 9, 2020

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

1. On November 10, 2020, received notification the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting for November 16, 2020 was cancelled
2. Planning Commission Agenda and Staff Report for the November 17, 2020 received on November 10, 2020
3. Letter from resident Laura Mazur regarding the yard waste drop-off site hours received on November 12, 2020 and forwarded to Council on that date (**Attachment #1**)
4. Civil Service Commission meeting agenda for November 16, 2020 received on November 13, 2020
5. Parks and Recreation Board Packet with minutes from the October 15, 2020 meeting and agenda for the November 19, 2020 meeting received on November 13, 2020

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

1. Request Council's authorization to approve the terms of the new OPBA union contract for a 3-year term. (Draft #2020-109)
2. Request Council's authorization to accept a \$20 donation from Jerry and Joan Skully and Jerry F. Skully for the use by the Kent Fire Department. (Draft #2020-114)
3. Request Council's authorization to accept a \$1,200 donation from Mike Pechac in memory of Lavonne Dunaway for use by Kent Parks and Recreation (Draft #2020-115)
4. Request Council's authorization to extend the lease of the Farmer's Market property on Franklin Avenue from November 30, 2020 to the end of the year.
5. Request Committee of the Whole time for Council to review the applicants for vacant positions on City Boards and Commissions.
6. Request Finance Committee time for Council to consider the renewal of the Portage County Public Defender contract with the City.
7. Request Finance Committee time for Council to consider the proposed 2021 Operating Budget.
8. Request Finance Committee time for Council's consideration of a 2020 Budget Appropriations Amendment.
9. Request Finance Committee time for Council's consideration of a new "then and now" procurement policy.
10. Request Land Use Committee time for Council's consideration of a request to subdivide and sell a piece of City property.
11. Request Land Use Committee time for Council to consider a proposed agreement with Klaben for a segment of the hike and bike trail connector along their property.
12. Request an Executive Session to review the proposed update to the City's General

Compensation Plan and Position Allocation.

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS #1-12 OF THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT made by Mr. Amrhein, SECONDED by Ms. Rosenberg, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0.

Mr. Ruller wished City Engineer, Jim Bowling who is turning 50 years old, a very happy birthday. He then introduced Health Commissioner, Joan Seidel, for a message regarding COVID 19 and the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday season.

Ms. Seidel said all are feeling the anticipation of the holiday festivities and the joy it brings but this year to show the most respect and love everyone should have smaller gatherings and only celebrate with people in the same house. The State of Ohio reports the cases per capita (of Covid 19) has risen to 284 per 100,000, which should be 50 per 100,000. The State also reports the positivity rate being 12.8%, with anything over 5% considered exponential growth. The numbers of new cases are very concerning. She said we do not want to be like starlings, which flock together and migrate, we don't want to gather everyone together. We need to be more like a bear, getting provisions, hunkering down in the den and staying safe with a small group of individuals. The reward for doing this is that more people will stay well and healthy and remain out of the hospital. Vaccines are on the horizon with Moderna and Pfizer reporting a 95% efficacy rate. Dr. Fauci from the CDC said he would be pleased with anything over 70%. Until those vaccines arrive, public health interventions need to continue on to keep everyone safe. She wished everyone a safe holiday season.

Mayor Fiala asked Ms. Seidel how long the vaccine will be effective. He had heard five years. Ms. Seidel replied she had heard one to three years but had not heard anything definitive as of now.

STANDING COMMITTEES/ LEGISLATION

1) Committee of the Whole:

MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES of November 4, 2020 made by Mr. DeLeone seconded by Ms. Rosenberg, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0-1, with Ms. Wallach abstaining.

NO RECOMMENDED ACTIONS TO APPROVE

Voting for Boards and Commissions

Ms. Rosenberg asked Council if a stipulation needed to be made regarding applicants applying for more than one board or commission requiring them to resign or if it is already understood from a previous resolution.

Ms. Hope Jones replied the Clerk will notify all members if they accept a position and are on another board, they will be required to resign.

Clerk Wilkens added current applicants have been informed of this requirement and are aware of the new rule of only being allowed to serve on one board at a time.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF ALL APPLICANTS FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS made by Mr. Turner SECONDED by Mr. Sidoti and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO MOVE NAMES INTO LEGISLATION made by Mr. Turner SECONDED by Mr. DeLeone and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0.

Draft No. 2020-104 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING HOWARD BOYLE II TO THE ARCHITECTURE REVIEW 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. Sidoti. 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. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT NO. 2020-104 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 and Ms. Wallach. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

RESOLUTION 2020-104 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens

Draft No. 2020-105 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CHRISTINE KLEIN TO THE CIVIL SERVICE 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 Mr. Kuhar, SECONDED by Mr. Ferrara. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach and Mr. Amrhein. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT NO. 2020-105 made by Mr. Kuhar and SECONDED by Mr. DeLeone. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach and Mr. Amrhein, The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

RESOLUTION 2020-105 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Draft No. 2020-106 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MICHAEL HARRISON AND JANET DAUBER 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 Mr. Ferrara, SECONDED by Mr. Kuhar. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, and Mr. DeLeone. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT NO. 2020-106 made by Mr. Kuhar and SECONDED by Mr. DeLeone. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, and Mr. DeLeone. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

RESOLUTION 2020-106 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Draft No. 2020-107 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING DENISE MOTE TO THE INCOME TAX REVIEW 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. DeLeone, SECONDED by Mr. Ferrara. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, and Mr. Ferrara. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT NO. 2020-107 made by Mr. Ferrara and SECONDED by Mr. Kuhar. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, and Mr. Ferrara. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

RESOLUTION 2020-107 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Draft No. 2020-108 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ERIC DECKER, TARA MURPHY and MIKE MCCLURE TO THE LOAN REVIEW 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. Ferrara. On roll call, voting "Yes": Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, and Mr. Kuhar. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT NO. 2020-108 made by Mr. Kuhar 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, and Mr. Kuhar. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

RESOLUTION 2020-108 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Draft No. 2020-109 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT AND THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (OPBA), FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 1, 2020 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2023, 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, seconded by Mr. DeLeone. On roll call, voting "Yes": Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT NO. 2020-109 made by Mr. Kuhar and seconded by Ms. Wallach. On roll call, voting "Yes": Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

ORDINANCE 2020-108 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

2) Community Development Committee:

NO MEETING MINUTES OR RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

3) Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities Committee:

MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES of November 4, 2020 made by Mr. Sidoti SECONDED by Mr. DeLeone, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0-1, with Ms. Wallach abstaining.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE ACTION ITEM made by Mr. Sidoti, SECONDED by Mr. DeLeone and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0.

Recommended Actions:

1. Allow the County/City multifamily recycling contract to expire at the end of the year and authorize multifamily properties to make their own arrangement for the collection of recyclables.

Draft No. 2020-110 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO AMEND THE CITY OF KENT'S RECYCLING SERVICE CONTRACT WITH PORTAGE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT SPECIFICALLY THE RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY FACILITIES; 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, SECONDED by Ms. Rosenberg. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, and Ms. Shaffer Bish. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT NO. 2020-110 made Ms. Shaffer Bish and SECONDED by Mr. Ferrara. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, and Ms. Shaffer Bish. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

ORDINANCE 2020-110 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

4) Health and Safety Committee:

NO MEETING MINUTES OR RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020

5) Land Use Committee:

NO MEETING MINUTES OR RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

6) Finance Committee:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF November 4, 2020 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 THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS made by Mr. DeLeone, seconded by Mr. Sidoti and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0.

Recommended Actions:

1. Certify and authorize the submission of the proposed property tax liens
2. Approve the 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Plan
3. Adopt the resolution to authorize the transfer of County tax proceeds
4. Approve the 2020 Budget Appropriation Amendments

Draft No. 2020-111 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT UNPAID CIVIL OFFENSE FINES: RENTAL LICENSING PROGRAM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR THE PLACEMENT OF THE CERTIFIED AMOUNT ON THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LIST, 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. Ferrara. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, and Mr. Sidoti. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT NO. 2020-111 made by Ms. Shaffer Bish and SECONDED by Mr. Ferrara. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, and Mr. Sidoti. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

ORDINANCE 2020-111 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Draft No 2020-112 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO ADVANCE ANY PROPERTY TAXES THAT HAVE BEEN COLLECTED PRIOR TO THE NORMAL FEBRUARY SETTLEMENT DATE FROM THE PROCEEDS OF THE 2020 TAX YEAR COLLECTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 321.34 OF THE OHIO REVISED 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 Mr. Kuhar and seconded by Ms. Rosenberg. On roll call, voting "Yes": Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, and Mr. Turner. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2020-112 made by Mr. Amrhein 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, Mr. Sidoti, and Mr. Turner. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

RESOLUTION 2020-112 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Draft No. 2020-113 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. Sidoti 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, and Ms. Wallach. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2020-113 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, and Ms. Wallach. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

ORDINANCE 2020- 113 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Draft No. 2020-114 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20.00 TO THE CITY OF KENT FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM JERRY AND JOAN SKULLY AND JERRY F. SKULLY, 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, Ms. Wallach, and Mr. Amrhein. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2020-114 made by Mr. Kuhar and seconded by Mr. Ferrara. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Turner and Mr. Amrhein. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

ORDINANCE 2020-114 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Draft No. 2020-115 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,200.00 TO THE CITY OF KENT PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT FROM MIKE PECHAC IN MEMORY OF LAVONNE DUNAWAY, 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. Shaffer Bish. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein and Mr. DeLeone. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2020-115 made by Mr. Kuhar and seconded by Mr. DeLeone. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein and Mr. DeLeone.

ORDINANCE 2020-115 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Unfinished Business: NONE

New Business:

Mr. Sidoti learned of the partnership with Main Street Kent and Kent State University, providing \$20 to spend in downtown businesses and would like to provide something similar to City of Kent employees. He realizes there are many people struggling in the community and many are those working in downtown businesses.

MOTION TO MOVE CITY COUNCIL TO EXTEND TO THE CITY'S 234 EMPLOYEES A GIFT CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25 FROM THE BUDGETED BUT UNEXPENDED COUNCIL FUNDS TO BE USED IN ANY DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES PARTICIPATING IN THE BLUE, GOLD AND GRATEFUL EFFORT made by Mr. Sidoti, SECONDED by Mr. Ferrara.

Motion Discussion:

Mr. Sidoti said it is a small token of appreciation and it is a little less than \$6,000 that can be spent downtown. They are thanking City employees with this and also helping support businesses.

Mr. Ferrara said it is a great idea and a great way to further the partnership where one hand washes the other. The employees do so much to make downtown presentable, keeping things up and running which often goes unnoticed. It is a great opportunity to thank them and help out downtown businesses.

Mr. Kuhar said it is a great idea and asked if they have the funds to cover it.

Mr. Ruller spoke with Ms. Hall when the question was posed to him and she confirmed there are.

Mayor Fiala confirmed with Mr. Sidoti that Council Members would be excluded from this motion.

Ms. Rosenberg added she will be abstaining from the vote due to having a business in downtown Kent. She said making the decision of where to open a business depends on whether

THE MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote of 8-0-1 with Ms. Rosenberg abstaining.

Ms. Wallach asked if anything could be done about the electricity outage on Lock Street in Kent. A machine shop is located on this street and has been without power for a couple of days. Ms. Baker checked the outages in that area and confirmed there are four outages. They are saying the power should be on by 4 pm the next day.

Ms. Wallach confirmed Governor DeWine has imposed a curfew but has not given any consequences for not wearing a mask. She said the reason Covid-19 is out of control is because people are not wearing masks or social distancing. She said now is the time to back up the mask mandate with penalties.

MOTION TO PUT PENALTIES ONTO THE CITY OF KENT MASK MANDATE was made by Ms. Wallach and SECONDED by none. The MOTION FAILED.

Council Comments

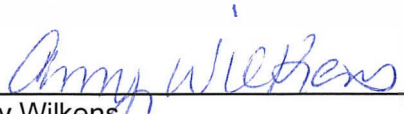
Ms. Shaffer Bish apologized for being late due to technical difficulties and is glad the Mayor opened the meeting for her. She knows families are facing difficult decisions at this time to not have the usual Thanksgiving dinner with people coming from out of state and knows it's a sacrifice. She hopes each family makes the right decision for themselves and have a healthy and safe Thanksgiving.

Mr. Kuhar said his family is going to have to biggest turkey in the store and cook it like they always do but there will only be a couple of people instead of a whole table full. They are thankful for all of the things they've had prior/since March. They have family members who had Covid and fortunately they had mild cases. He hopes everyone has a blessed and safe holiday. He congratulated the candidates who won their seats in the past election.

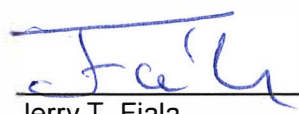
Mayor's Report:

Mayor Fiala wished everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving. He recognized the Central Maintenance workers for their hard work picking up leaves and putting up Christmas lights.

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:42 P.M.



Amy Wilkens
Clerk of Council



Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council

< for council meeting)

July 15th 20

To whom it may concern,

It has been reported repeatedly that as a result of the pandemic more people are working in their yards + gardens. I suspect most gardeners are gardening more too, I know I am.

I have used the city's Yard Waste Drop Off Site often over the years. Some times I might find one other person there. On those occasions I might call out a hello from 80 ft. away as we tend to our separate tasks.

Now, due to the reduced hours of operation and I.D. checking I'm required to come within 6 ft of the city employee and wait in line for 10 minutes on average,

2

The yard waste drop off site has gone from being a naturally safe, convenient city service to one that is less safe & inconvenient.

I feel certain this is not what was intended by city leaders.

I'm writing today to ask those same leaders to revisit their choice — then choose again to provide Kent residents with the safe, convenient yard waste drop off site they have counted on over the years.

sincerely, Laura Mazur