



City of Kent
Wednesday, May 18, 2022
Regular City Council Meeting
320 S. Depeyster Street, Kent, OH 44240

AGENDA

7:20 P.M. CHIP Public Hearing

On May 4, 2022, notice was given that Kent City Council will conduct its second public hearing on the 2022 Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program for Program Year (PY) 2022 Application for Funding. (Ordinance 2022-050)

7:25 P.M. CDBG Public Hearing

On May 4, 2022 , notice was given that the Kent City Council was conducting the second of two public hearings to allow for public comment on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year (PY) 2022 Action Plan. (Ordinance 2022-051)

Board of Control; Immediately Following Public Hearing

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. April 20, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2022 Joint Franklin Twp. & Kent City Council Meeting
4. Communications
 - 4.1. Public Comment
 - 4.2. Written Communication (All placed on file in the Clerk of Council's office)
 1. Email from Ms. Shirley Sobol, a resident on Lake Street, regarding interactions with Code Enforcement, received and forwarded to Council on April 27, 2022.
 2. Email from J. Andrew Rome, Market Manager for the Haymaker Farmers Market, regarding Mobile Food Unit Regulations was received and forwarded to Council on May 2, 2022.

3. Audit Release Notification from the Ohio State Auditor notifying Kent that the data provided to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System as of December 31, 2021 is accurate and complete was received on April 18, 2022.
4. Civil Service Commission Meeting Agenda was received on May 1, 2022.
5. Email was received on May 2, 2022 from Mr. Nick Bellas notifying Council he will be moving out of town and will be resigning from the Planning Commission effective May 31, 2022.
6. Board of Health Agenda and Statistical Report for the May 10, 2022 meeting was received on May 5, 2022.
7. Standing Rock Cemetery Board Meeting Agenda for May 12, 2022 was received on May 5, 2022.
8. Notification of the NAACP Scholarship Reception being held on May 14, 2022 was received and forwarded to Council on May 11, 2022.
9. Brady's Leap Riverwalk Dedication notification for Friday, May 20, 2022 at 11 a.m. on Main St. Bridge Trail Entrance Stairs was received and forwarded to Council on May 11, 2022.

4.3. City Manager's Report

5. Standing Committees & Legislation

5.1. **Committee of the Whole** Chair Mayor Fiala/ Vice-Chair Amrhein

5.1.1. Committee Meeting Minute Approval from May 4, 2022

5.1.2. Action(s) Recommended: NONE

5.1.3. Voting on Boards and Commissions

5.1.4. Authorization to Insert Names Into Legislation

5.1.5. **DRAFT 2022-045** A RESOLUTION APPOINTING _____ TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

5.1.6. **DRAFT 2022-046** A RESOLUTION APPOINTING _____ TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

5.1.7. **DRAFT 2022-047** A RESOLUTION APPOINTING _____ TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

5.1.8. **DRAFT 2022-048** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO EXPRESSING THE CONDEMNATION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF OHIO HOUSE BILL NO. 616, WHICH PROHIBITS AND CENSORS CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THE EXPERIENCES AND FAMILIES OF LGBTQ+ OHIOANS IN OUR SCHOOLS FROM GRADES K-12 AND DECLARING AN

EMERGENCY (Unauthorized)

- 5.1.9. **DRAFT 2022-049** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO EXPRESSING THE CONDEMNATION OHIO HOUSE BILL NO. 454, WHICH PROHIBITS AFFIRMATIVE CARE FOR OHIO TRANSGENDER YOUTH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Unauthorized)

5.2. **Community Development** Chair Kuhar/ Vice-Chair Rosenberg

- 5.2.1. Committee Meeting Minute Approval from May 4, 2022

5.2.2. Action(s) Recommended

1. Authorize the continuation of the Davey Tree Enterprise Zone Agreement.

- 5.2.3. **DRAFT 2022-050** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO THE STATE OF OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PY2022 COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION PROGRAM (CHIP) AND UPON AWARDING OF THE GRANT, AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Unauthorized)

- 5.2.4. **DRAFT 2022-051** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ASSISTANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 UNDER TITLE I OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED, INCLUDING THE PY2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND FILING OF THE PY2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN, INCLUDING RELATED CERTIFICATIONS, AND UPON AWARDING OF THE GRANT, AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized March, 2022)

- 5.2.5. **DRAFT 2022-052** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO CONTINUE THE ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT WITH THE DAVEY TREE EXPERT COMPANY PROVIDING FOR A PROJECT AND REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO THE OHIO ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM (EZ), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

5.3. **Health & Safety Committee** Chair Amrhein/ Vice-Chair Sidoti

- 5.3.1. Committee Meeting Minute Approval from May 4, 2022

5.3.2. Action(s) Recommended

1. Authorize the changes to the City's Noise Ordinance.

5.3.3. **DRAFT 2022-053** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 509.12 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KENT TITLED "UNLAWFUL NOISE", AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

5.3.4. **DRAFT 2022-054** AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING AN INDEFINITE MORATORIUM ON THE APPLICABILITY OF ORDINANCE NO. 2022-004 TITLED "MOBILE FOOD UNIT REGULATIONS" AS IT PERTAINS TO REGULATE VENDING, PEDDLING AND SOLICITING IN THE CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Unauthorized)

5.4. **Finance Committee** Chair DeLeone/ Vice-Chair Wallach

5.4.1. Committee Meeting Minute Approval from May 4, 2022

5.4.2. Action(s) Recommended

1. Authorize the acceptance and allocation of \$80,000 in grant funding to be used for the purchase of Police body cameras.

5.4.3. **DRAFT 2022-055** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,000 FOR BODY CAMERAS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

5.4.4. **DRAFT 2022-056** AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500.00 TO THE CITY OF KENT PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT FROM THE HENRY V. AND FRANCES W. CHRISTENSON FOUNDATION FOR KENT PARKS AND RECREATION BEAUTIFICATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.(Unauthorized)

6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
8. Councilmembers' Comments
9. Mayor's Report
10. Executive Session

- 10.1. To discuss conferences with an attorney concerning disputes that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

11. Adjourn

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #2

**CITY OF KENT
COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION (CHIP) PROGRAM
PROGRAM YEAR (PY) 2022 APPLICATION FOR FUNDING**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022
7:20 P.M.**

**KENT FIRE DEPARTMENT
LOWER LEVEL
320 SOUTH DEPEYSTER STREET
KENT, OHIO 44240**

The City of Kent will hold its second public hearing on the City's Program Year (PY) 2022 CHIP application on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 7:20 p.m. in the lower level of the Kent Fire Department, located at 320 South Depeyster Street, Kent, Ohio. The hearing provides the City with the opportunity to present the public with information regarding the City's PY2022 application for CHIP funding to continue its owner-occupied housing rehabilitation program for low and moderate income households.

All citizens are encouraged to participate in the public hearing and time will be afforded to any person interested in being heard. Persons with special needs or disabilities, as well as non-English speaking residents, are encouraged to participate in the public hearing. Any person who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication or a modification of policies and procedures in order to participate, should contact the City of Kent Community Development Department at 330-678-8108 or via e-mail at PetskoK@kent-ohio.org. Any request for auxiliary aid or other accommodation should be made as soon as possible, but no later than forty-eight hours prior to the public hearing.

All written comments or questions should be directed to Kathy Petsko, Grants and Neighborhood Programs Coordinator, via email at PetskoK@kent-ohio.org or mailed to: City of Kent, Community Development Department, 930 Overholt Road, Kent, Ohio 44240, by Wednesday, May 18, 2022. The City will submit the PY2022 application for CHIP funding to the State of Ohio Development Services Agency in June 2022.

**THIS PUBLIC HEARING AND ALL OTHER MEETINGS OF THE KENT CITY
COUNCIL ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**



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MINUTES

At 07:25 PM, Mayor Jerry T. Fiala called the CHIP Public Hearing to order.

Present: Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, 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; Mr. Jim Bowling, City Engineer; Ms. Joan Seidel, Health Commissioner; Mr. Nick Shearer, Chief of Police; Mr. Bill Myers, Fire Chief; Ms. Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council

Absent: Mr. Garret Ferrara, Ms. Tracy Wallach

Ms. Bridget Susel, Community Development Director, opened the public hearing to allow for public comment on the Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program. This is the first of two required hearings. There were no comments from the audience.

7:30 P.M. Regular Council Meeting

Present: Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, 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; Mr. Jim Bowling, City Engineer; Ms. Joan Seidel, Health Commissioner; Mr. Nick Shearer, Chief of Police; Mr. Bill Myers, Fire Chief; Ms. Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council

Opening Remarks and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Amrhein, Ward 2 Councilman, opened the meeting and asked that everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognizing and Honoring Police Officers

Mr. Nicholas Shearer, Chief of Police, wanted to acknowledge and honor the two police officers who were shot in the line of duty. Officer Kyle Auckland, Officer Lenny Kunka and Officer Matt Butcher were called up to the podium. Chief Shearer thanked City Council for the opportunity to present awards to these officers during the City Council meeting. The incident occurred in January 2021 and he wanted to go through the specifics of the incidents that occurred. Everyone was working remotely at that time (due to the pandemic), so he said it didn't seem fitting or appropriate to remotely honor these officers. He proceeded to go step by step with the incident.

On January 16, 2021, the three officers responded to a call of a burglary in progress on E. Summit St. The caller was a fifteen-year-old female in the house babysitting a one-year-old. A call received in this situation is not uncommon, there is fear sometimes when they are alone in the house. Officer Auckland, Kunka and one other officer were the first on scene. Officer Kunka went to the back of the house and saw an open door and it appeared to have been forced open. He saw a person in the house and immediately began giving verbal commands to them. He risked his life and entered the house to chase the suspect, who turned and fired one round at him. The other officers heard the shot and entered the house when Officer Auckland was shot in the chest. They did not draw their weapons or engage in a gun fight and, using hand to hand techniques, engaged the suspect and took the weapon away and secured him in handcuffs. Officer Auckland was wearing his body armor which protected him against the shot in the chest, but it certainly was an injury. He didn't know during the struggle where he was hit and if the body armor stopped the bullet. Officer Kunka said at the moment they were working to get the situation under control. Officer Butcher was the next officer to arrive and as he was getting out of his car, a gunshot went off, and without hesitation he ran into the house. He came into the situation as a senior officer and took control and calmed everything down. His leadership and guidance were instrumental in the situation. He added that throughout this incident and after, he had not heard any of the officers say "me", "I", or anything. Their primary focus on all of this has been everyone other than themselves- their families, the children in the house and each other. It goes without saying that their actions were heroic on that day and he cannot thank them enough for what they did and the display of everything officers do on a daily basis.

Chief Shearer then presented commendations to each officer, which he handed to each of the three. He stated he also had service ribbons for Officer Auckland and Officer Kunka, one being purple which is similar to the military purple heart. Because they were injured in the line of duty, the first is the Injury Service Award and next is the highest award, the Meritory Service Award. This award symbolizes the risk of their lives to save the life of someone else. Chief Shearer thanked everyone for the opportunity to recognize the officers tonight and it goes without saying that they deserve recognition. Everyone stood and applauded the officers.

Mayor Fiala asked the Chief if they could introduce any family members present. Officer Kunka introduced his wife to the group and she also received a round of applause. Officer Auckland stated " he was flying solo today". Mayor Fiala thanked them all for their service.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE MARCH 16, 2022 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MADE BY Mr. Jack Amrhein, **SECONDED** by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg and **CARRIED** by a voice vote of 7-0-2. Mr. Sidoti and Ms. Wallach voted to abstain.

Communications

Public Comment

Clerk of Council, Ms. Amy Wilkens called the first speaker to the microphone, Roberta Ullinger.

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 you to give your name and address and limit comments to three (3) minutes."

Roberta Ullinger of Majors Lane, read a prepared statement to Council (**Attachment #1**). Mayor Fiala asked if there was a copy available for the clerk and Roberta handed her a copy.

The next public comment was from J. Michael Fiala of Highland Ave. He is co-owner of Roll Call Burgers and Fries and Tap Root Catering. He wanted to publicly thank the group of city administrators and departments for allowing food truckers to be heard. On April 13th, he attended a meeting to share experiences as a food trucker with City Administrators. He hoped that the meeting was valuable and beneficial to all. He said, though, there is still a lot of work that needs to be done. At this point, he would urge members of Council to act to rescind the Food Truck ordinance that was previously passed, Chapter 744, and allow Chapter 745 to remain in effect until they can get a cohesive ordinance together. He said he had a lot more to say, but with the gravity of the recognition of the officers and what Roberta Ullinger came to talk about, he decided to cut his comments short because he believes those are much more important issues

for the community to consider. He thanked the City Council.

Mr. Doug Fuller of Riveredge Dr, Kent, started his comments by stating he has been an architect for 41 years and is now retired. He was on the Architecture Review Board for the City of Kent for many years. He came before Council to talk about the selection of a consultant to reevaluate and change the Design Guidelines. A directive from the City Council to the Administration was given to hire someone to do this. He wanted to make clear that he is 100% in favor of reviewing those changes that can be improved. The document that was used originally, and not the one that had been modified, was one that had been used for the downtown redevelopment. Good developers like guidelines. Mr. Fuller stated that Dave Ruller was the cornerstone of getting the original guidelines done, saying to the community that something was needed before the redevelopment. Recently, the administration sent out a proposal to ten different companies and received two responses. In his opinion, there was one company that had tremendous experience in this process, and happened to be the team that made the original guidelines. He added that he understands if the City didn't go with them because they wanted a different perspective. Mr Fuller added that the other firm, unfortunately, is an engineering company that has a few architects and stated in their proposal they have made design guidelines, but never really explained them as being architectural. He said they did not have the credentials to do it. In the first line of the RFQ, it says the City is requesting qualifications from consultants with appropriate expertise and experience. He said if you were to look at the proposal that was sent out by CT Consultants, there is nothing in there explaining their experience. He thinks we need an expert and begs them not to hire someone who doesn't have the experience, simply because there were only two proposals. He said there are many other firms in Ohio that can do this work with a lot of experience they can bring to the city and help us. He heard about the firm that has been selected and thinks we would be much better off using someone else. The two proposals were very different, and the one that was chosen is very administration balanced and relies on administration and limits citizen participation in the process. He thinks this town has tons of creative, interesting people that can help. He agrees that the design guidelines need changed and has a list of things that need to be brought to the table. The other proposal submitted is more balanced.. He concluded by stating that no matter who they hire, they choose a group that is willing to work with the citizens of Kent to develop the guidelines. He is looking forward to it and thinks we will learn a lot about ourselves, defining who we are.

Mayor Fiala stated it was his understanding that the contract had already been awarded. Mr. Fuller stated (off mic) that was sad and asked if any of the councilmembers were consulted on the choice. Mayor Fiala said we were not here to debate this tonight.

Written Communication

1. An email was received on March 31, 2022 from Ms. Bridget Susel stating there would be no Board of Zoning Appeals meeting for the month of April and no Planning Commission meeting on April 5, 2022.
2. A NEW C1 Liquor License request from Maggie's Campus Market, LLC located at 901 E. Main Street, Kent, was received on April 1, 2022. Chief Shearer had no objections.
3. A NEW C1 and C2 Liquor License request from Par Mar Oil Company DBA Par Mar Store #181 located at 850 N. Mantua Dr., Kent, was received on April 4, 2022. Chief Shearer had no objections.
4. The agenda for the Standing Rock Cemetery Board's April 14, 2022 meeting was received on April 4, 2022.
5. An email from the Friends of Crooked River about their annual meeting being held on April 19, 2022, was received and forwarded to Council on April 11, 2022.
6. An email from the Portage County Sherriff's Office regarding Portage County 9-1-1 Proposed Plan Changes was received on April 8, 2022.
7. The Planning Commission Agenda and Staff Report for the April 19, 2022 meeting was received on April 12, 2022.
8. The Board of Health February meeting minutes and April Agenda and Statistical report was received on April 13, 2022.

MOTION TO RETURN WITH NO OBJECTION TO THE LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST FOR MAGGIE'S CAMPUS MARKET MADE BY Mr. John Kuhar, SECONDED by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO RETURN WITH NO OBJECTION TO THE LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST FOR PAR MAR STORE #181 MADE BY Mr. John Kuhar, SECONDED by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Communications received after the agenda was published was read by Ms. Wilkens:

1. The Parks and Recreation Board Packet for the April 21, 2022 meeting was received on April 15, 2022.
2. An email from Morgan Tipton was received on April 18, 2022, notifying the PARTA Board and City Council that she will not be seeking another term on the PARTA Board, which ends June 30, 2022.

City Manager's Report

MOTION TO APPROVE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT MADE BY Mr. Jack Amrhein, SECONDED by Mr. Garret Ferrara and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

1. Request for Council's approval to re-authorize the closure of Franklin Avenue in the "warm weather" months of 2022 (approximately May

- through the first Saturday in October) for outdoor dining, seating and drinking in the DORA. (Draft# 2022-032)
2. Request for Council's approval to re-authorize a contract between the City and Main Street Kent to clean the tables, seating areas, trash, etc. (on Friday- Sunday) on the portion of Franklin Avenue that will be closed during the "warm weather" months of 2022. (Draft# 2022-033)
 3. Chief Myers has asked for Council's approval to accept and allocate a \$50 donation from Mary Kenneley in memory of the members of the Kruger family. (Draft #2022-041)
 4. The Mayor requested Committee of the Whole time in March to receive a presentation from the NAACP regarding a proposed new Commission.
 5. The Mayor has requested Committee of the Whole time for Council to consider applicants for vacancies on City Boards and Commissions.
 6. The City Manager has asked for Committee of the Whole time for Council to receive an update from Dana regarding the status of town gown initiatives.
 7. Mr. Tom Wilke has requested Community Development time for Council to receive the annual report from Main Street Kent for 2021.
 8. Mr. Tom Wilke has requested Community Development time to consider authorizing the continuation of the Enterprise Zone Agreement for Davey Tree.
 9. Ms. Hope Jones has requested Health and Safety Committee time to present the proposed revisions to the Food Cart Ordinance.
 10. Ms. Hope Jones has asked for Health and Safety Committee time to present proposed changes to the City's noise ordinance.
 11. Ms. Joan Seidel has asked for Health and Safety Committee time for Council to consider the renewal of the lease for the PARTA space for the City's Health Department.
 12. Police Chief, Nick Shearer, has asked for Finance Committee time for Council's approval of a body cam grant.

Mr. Ruller pointed out that item number nine is the food cart ordinance coming back to Council and that there have been a lot of conversations. After J. Michael Fiala's meeting with administration another round of emails and revisions were done and he thinks we are getting close to being able to present those to Council next month.

Committee of the Whole

MOTION TO APPROVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2022

MADE BY Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7-0-2. Mr. Sidoti and Ms. Wallach voted 'abstain'.

MOTION TO APPROVE ACTIONS RECOMMENDED MADE BY Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Mr. John Kuhar and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Action(s) Recommended:

1. Authorize the formation of a committee, comprised of five members of the community and up to two councilmembers, to set guidelines and receive submissions from the community on a new city flag, which will be voted on by Council.
2. Authorize forwarding the revised ordinance for the marijuana initiative petition to the County Board of Elections for the November election.

Second Reading of Draft 2022-021 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING REBEKKAH BERRYHILL AND JASON KNOWLES TO THE SHADE TREE COMMISSION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (**Authorized 3/16/22; Second Reading**) was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2022-021 MADE by Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Mr. Garret Ferrara. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2022-021 MADE by Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Mr. Garret Ferrara On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Jack Amrhein, Michael DeLeone, Garret Ferrara, John Kuhar, Gwen Rosenberg, Heidi Shaffer Bish, Roger Sidoti, Robin Turner, Tracy Wallach. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

ORDINANCE 2022-021 PASSED.

Draft 2022-030 AN ORDINANCE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF INITIATIVE PETITIONS PRESENTED BY LAUREN MCKOWN, MICHAEL RODRIGUEZ, RENE MCKOWN, ALEXANDRIA AKIN, AND ADRIENNE DEVAULT TO PLACE THE SENSIBLE MARIJUANA ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO ON THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022 BALLOT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2022-030 MADE by Mr. Garret Ferrara, SECONDED by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg. On Roll Call Voting "Yes": Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2022-030 MADE by Mr. Garret Ferrara, SECONDED by Tracy Wallach. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen

Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

ORDINANCE 2022-030 PASSED.

Community Development

MOTION TO APPROVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2022 MADE BY Mr. John Kuhar, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7-0-2. Mr. Sidoti and Ms. Wallach voted 'Abstain'.

MOTION TO APPROVE ACTION RECOMMENDED MADE BY Mr. John Kuhar, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Action(s) Recommended:

1. Authorize the proposed simplified and standardized Parks and Recreation fee calculation for residential development projects.

The Second reading of Draft 2022-022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ADJUST THE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE CURRENTLY UTILIZED FOR THE CELEBRATE KENT! AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT PROGRAM (NGP) TO SUPPORT MULTI-CULTURAL EVENTS, ACTIVITIES THAT PROMOTE AWARENESS, INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2022-022 MADE by Mr. John Kuhar, SECONDED by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2022-022 MADE by Mr. John Kuhar, SECONDED by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

ORDINANCE 2022-022 PASSED.

Draft 2022-031 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1191 "PARK IMPACT FEES" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KENT TO UPDATE OUTDATED LAND VALUATION CALCULATIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2022-031 MADE by Mr. Garret Ferrara, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2022-031 MADE by John Kuhar, SECONDED by Gwen Rosenberg. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

ORDINANCE 2022-031 PASSED.

Draft 2022-032 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO CLOSE FRANKLIN AVENUE FROM ERIE STREET TO MAIN STREET TO ASSIST DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2022-032 MADE by Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2022-032 MADE by Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

ORDINANCE 2022-032 PASSED.

Draft 2022-033 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF KENT, OHIO (CITY) AND MAIN STREET KENT (MSK) FOR NEEDED MAINTENANCE SERVICES TO KEEP THE "OUTDOOR SEATING AREA" ON FRANKLIN AVENUE SANITARY AND ORDERLY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Unauthorized) was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2022-033 MADE by Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Ms. Tracy Wallach. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2022-033 MADE by Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Ms. Tracy Wallach. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

ORDINANCE 2022-033 PASSED.

Health & Safety Committee

MOTION TO APPROVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2022 MADE BY Mr. Jack Amrhein, SECONDED by Mr. Garret Ferrara and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE ACTIONS RECOMMENDED MADE BY Mr. Jack Amrhein, SECONDED by Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Action(s) Recommended:

1. Authorize the acceptance of donations from the owner of the Wells Sherman House to the Kent Health Department.
2. Authorize the acceptance and allocation of \$25,000 received from the Ohio EPA grant funds to be used in the mosquito prevention program.

DRAFT 2022-034 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DONATION OF FOLDING TABLES, FOLDING CHAIRS AND A MONITOR SCREEN ESTIMATED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500.00 TO THE CITY OF KENT'S HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF DRAFT 2022-034 MADE by Mr. Garret Ferrara, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT 2022-034 MADE by Ms. Tracy Wallach, SECONDED by Mr. Garret Ferrara. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

ORDINANCE 2022-034 PASSED.

DRAFT 2022-035 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE OHIO EPA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 TO BE USED TO FUND THE MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM THROUGH APRIL 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF DRAFT 2022-035 MADE by Mr. Garret Ferrara, SECONDED by Ms. Tracy Wallach. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT 2022-035 MADE by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, SECONDED by Ms. Tracy Wallach. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

ORDINANCE 2022-035 PASSED.

Land Use Committee

MOTION TO APPROVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2022 MADE BY Mr. Garret Ferrara, SECONDED by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7-0-2. Mr. Sidoti and Ms. Wallach voted to 'Abstain'.

MOTION TO APPROVE ACTION RECOMMENDED MADE BY Mr. Garret Ferrara, SECONDED by Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Action(s) Recommended:

1. Authorize the annexation agreement between the Franklin Township and the City of Kent on State Rt. 43, annexing land into the corporate limits of Kent in order to be eligible for City services.

DRAFT 2022-036 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO SIGN AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT WITH FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP AS PART OF THE ANNEXATION OF PARCEL NO. 12-049-00-00-012-000 (6700 STATE ROUTE 43) INTO THE CITY'S JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF DRAFT 2022-036 MADE by Mr. John Kuhar, SECONDED by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin

Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT 2022-036 MADE by Mr. John Kuhar, SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

ORDINANCE 2022-036 PASSED.

Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities

MOTION TO APPROVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2022 MADE BY Mr. Garret Ferrara, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7-0-2. Mr. Sidoti and Ms. Wallach voted to 'Abstain'.

MOTION TO APPROVE ACTION RECOMMENDED MADE BY Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Mr. Garret Ferrara and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Action(s) Recommended:

1. Authorize the proposed street closure changes for the May 21st Jaycees Craft Beer Festival.

Second Reading of DRAFT 2022-024 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPROVE A NEW SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION FOR MAIN STREET KENT ART & WINE FESTIVAL FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (**Authorized 3/16/22; Second Reading**) was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF DRAFT 2022-024 MADE by Mr. Garret Ferrara, SECONDED by Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT 2022-024 MADE by Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Mr. Garret Ferrara. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

ORDINANCE 2022-024 PASSED.

Second reading of DRAFT 2022-025 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE WATER TAP-IN FOR THE HUMAN BEAN LOCATED AT 1713 EAST MAIN STREET/STATE ROUTE 59, OUTSIDE THE CITY OF KENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (*Authorized 3/16/22; Second Reading*) was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF DRAFT 2022-025 MADE by Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Ms. Tracy Wallach. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT 2022-025 MADE by Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Ms. Tracy Wallach. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

ORDINANCE 2022-025 PASSED.

DRAFT 2022-037 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPROVE A NEW SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION FROM THE KENT JAYCEES KNOWN AS "KENT CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL" TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022, AND THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF NORTH WATER STREET BETWEEN MAIN STREET AND PORTAGE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF DRAFT 2022-037 MADE by Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Ms. Tracy Wallach. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT 2022-037 MADE by Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

ORDINANCE 2022-037 PASSED.

Finance Committee

MOTION TO APPROVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2022 MADE BY Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Mr. Garret Ferrara and

CARRIED by a voice vote of 7-0-2. Mr. Sidoti and Ms. Wallach voted 'Abstain'.

MOTION TO APPROVE ACTIONS RECOMMEND MADE BY Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Mr. Garret Ferrara and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Action(s) Recommended

1. Accept the NOPEC Energized Community Grant for \$47,861 and allocate funds for future energy upgrades.
2. Authorize the disposal of 13 Panasonic Tough Book Police Computers that are no longer compatible with the City's network.
3. Authorize the application for RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity) grant funds for the East Main Street improvement project of \$5.25 million and to accept and allocate funds if awarded.

Second Reading of DRAFT 2022-026 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE BY INTERNET AUCTION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES PURSUANT TO SECTION 721.15 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (**Authorized 3/16/22; Second Reading**) was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF DRAFT 2022-026 MADE by Mr. Garret Ferrara, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT 2022-026 MADE by Tracy Wallach, SECONDED by Garret Ferrara. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

ORDINANCE 2022-026 PASSED.

Second Reading of DRAFT 2022-029 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$875.00 TO THE CITY OF KENT PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO BE USED FOR CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (**Authorized 3/16/22; Second Reading**) was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF DRAFT 2022-029 MADE by Mr. Garret Ferrara, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Mr.

John Kuhar, Ms.Gwen Rosenberg, Ms.Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms.Tracy Wallach. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT 2022-029 MADE by Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Mr. Garret Ferrara. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms.Gwen Rosenberg, Ms.Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms.Tracy Wallach. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

ORDINANCE 2022-029 PASSED.

DRAFT 2022-038 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$47,681.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF DRAFT 2022-038 MADE by Mr. Garret Ferrara, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms.Gwen Rosenberg, Ms.Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms.Tracy Wallach. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT 2022-038 MADE by Ms.Heidi Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Ms. Tracy Wallach. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms.Gwen Rosenberg, Ms.Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms.Tracy Wallach. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

ORDINANCE 2022-038 PASSED.

DRAFT 2022-039 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE TO DISPOSE OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S OLD MOBILE DATA TERMINALS ON THE BASIS THAT THEY ARE NOT COMPATIBLE WITH THE OPERATING SYSTEM, ARE NOT NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF DRAFT 2022-039 MADE by Mr. John Kuhar, SECONDED by Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms.Gwen Rosenberg, Ms.Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms.Tracy Wallach. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT 2022-039 MADE by Mr. John Kuhar, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr.

Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

ORDINANCE 2022-039 PASSED.

DRAFT 2022-040 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KENT TO SUBMIT A FUNDING APPLICATION FOR A REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY (RAISE) FEDERAL GRANT TOTALING \$5.25 MILLION, AND TO ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF AWARDED, WITH CORRESPONDING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE EAST MAIN STREET AREA IMPROVEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF DRAFT 2022-040 MADE by Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Ms. Tracy Wallach. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT 2022-040 MADE by Mr. John Kuhar, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

ORDINANCE 2022-040 PASSED.

Draft 2022-041 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50.00 TO THE CITY OF KENT FIRE DEPARTMENT IN MEMORY OF JO KRUGER AND THE KRUGER FAMILY INCLUDING GLEN KRUGER, JR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2022-041 MADE by Mr. Garret Ferrara, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2022-041 MADE by Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Garret Ferrara. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

ORDINANCE 2022-041 PASSED.

Unfinished Business

NONE

New Business

Ms. Wallach stated she would like to be the second council member on the flag committee. She states she has an art background and this would be appropriate.

MOTION TO APPROVE NEW BUSINESS MADE BY Ms.Tracy Wallach, SECONDED by Mr. Garret Ferrara and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Ms. Rosenberg thanked Roberta Ullinger for the excellent letter that was read to Council this evening. She said it was wonderful and if she could have everyone sign it and send it to the statehouse, she would. She agreed with everything that was said and wanted to make a motion that, as a Council, that we send it to Committee to discuss. Ms. Shaffer Bish said "Second". Ms. Roseberg continued speaking by saying an alternative would be to vote now and draft a letter instead of sending it for discussion.

MOTION THAT COUNCIL DRAFT A LETTER USING ROBERTA ULLINGER'S WORDS TO GO TO THE STATEHOUSE TO VOICE CONCERN ABOUT HOUSE BILL 616 AND 454 AND A RESOLUTION TO BE DONE IN MAY made by Ms. Rosenberg and SECONDED by Ms. Heidi Shaffer and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7-0-2. Mr. Kuhar and Mr. Ferrara voted to abstain.

Mr. Ruller interjected that he'd be happy to draft a letter based on the vote tonight, but if Council wanted an official resolution, that would have to wait until the Council meeting in May.

Ms. Rosenberg said we had a resident making a great case for a resolution, so she said she thinks we can do both. She thanked Roberta Ullinger for bringing this to Council's attention and for coming to the meeting and clearly stating why it is such bad legislation and that we should demand better from our state legislators. She said "thank you very, very much".

Ms. Shaffer Bish said she thinks this legislation is very distressing and it's offensive to the citizens of Kent and what we stand for, she believes.

Mr. Sidoti stated he is troubled by the legislation and has a history of government teaching and the ability to deny the history that has occurred in our country, undermines what this community stands for and undermines our whole country. This bill would allow people to deny that slavery existed, and deny that the Civil War happened. It would allow history teachers to be brought up to some kind of panel to say they are teaching something that is not acceptable. He finds it appalling that this would even be done. He added that as far as the issue of LGBTQ, he believes the bulk of the community do not

care who anyone sleeps with, how you identify yourself, what color you are or your religious beliefs. They care about how you treat other people, are you a good person. He said that is all that should count in this community and it really doesn't matter. His vote is going to be steeped in his personal belief that we should tell the state legislature that we do not stand for that. He does not stand for this and will send a personal letter too. We have to take a step back and put all politics aside and realize what is going on in terms of taking truth out of the ability to teach and educate and let kids draw their own conclusions. He concluded by asking not to take this out of the hands of teachers and helping young people.

Ms. Wallach said she saw a flier being passed around the Kent State campus against the bill. She hopes a lot of students get involved in the next election cycle this November.

Mr. Kuhar asked if this is a bill that has already been passed and is going to the voters. Mr. Sidoti said it was still in committee. Roberta Ullinger stated (off mic) that HB 454 is in committee and HB 616 has not yet been assigned.

Mr. Amrhein said he is very concerned we are taking giant steps backward in this country and will support the motion.

Mr. Kuhar said he has not read either of these house bills and is hesitant to vote on something he has not read.

Councilmembers' Comments

Mr. Ferrara wanted to take a moment to say how fortunate we are to have such professional safety forces, both Fire and Police, in light of what we saw tonight and the standards they uphold. If you go back and look at the time in which the incident happened and the public outcry about defending the police and police brutality, and here we are with three Caucasian police officers coming to the rescue of two African American women and being shot by an African American suspect, and race was never an issue. He thinks that is a testament to people in the community and whether you are a good person or not, but the fact is that our police did their job in a most professional manner and thank goodness everybody was safe. We are very fortunate to have such qualified police staff. This is a perfect example as to why you should not defund the police.

Mayor's Report NO REPORT

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Amy Wilkens
Clerk of Council

Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor & President of Council

Mayor Fiala, members of council, and Mr Ruller,

Thank you for giving me the time to speak this evening. I'm sure that you have heard of the terrible legislation that has been introduced in the State Legislature, targeting the LGBTQ and African American communities. I am here this evening to urge you to pass a resolution condemning these terrible bills and pass it on to Speaker of the House Cupp, Representative Pavliga, and Governor DeWine.

I'm speaking about 2 pieces of legislation, HB 454 and HB 616. HB 454 would make it illegal for physicians, psychologists, or any health care providers to administer gender affirming care to transgender youth. Not only is this a major overreach of government that would interfere with the relationship between healthcare providers, parents and their children, taking medical decisions out of the realm of medical professionals and parents, but would put the health and well-being of hundreds of transgender children at risk, many right here in our community. This is not experimental medicine as is claimed in the bill, but rather is scientifically and time proven medical care.

HB 616 would take control of decisions about curriculum away from local school boards and severely limit what teachers can and cannot teach our children. It is exceedingly vague and has the potential to censor any mention of race, sexual orientation, or gender identity. This bill is so vague that it is conceivable that my granddaughter may not be allowed to talk about her 2 grandmothers or invite us to grandparents breakfast as my kids did for their grandparents. And, would I be allowed to continue volunteering at the middle school, as I have since that school was built? This year my tech team at Stanton had 6 students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. At the beginning of this years first production, three of them introduced themselves using gender neutral pronouns. It's difficult to even imagine the ramifications of this poorly worded and vaguely written bill.

I cannot believe that either of these pieces of legislation reflects the morals of the citizens of Ohio. I know that they do not reflect how we feel in Kent, and would not be supported by a vast majority of our residents. I urge you to pass a resolution condemning these pieces of legislation.

I thank you for your attention, and make myself available to answer any questions.

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City of Kent
Wednesday, May 4, 2022
Special City Council Meeting
320 S. Depeyster Street, Kent, OH 44240

MINUTES

7:00 P.M. ANNUAL JOINT MEETING WITH FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

At 07:00 PM, Mayor Jerry T. Fiala called the Joint Franklin Township/Kent City Council Meeting to order.

Present: Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone,, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach, Ms. Kellie Kapusta (Franklin Twp. Trustee), Mr. Glenn Russell (Franklin Twp. Trustee), Mr. Scott Swan (Franklin Twp. Trustee)

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; Mr. Jim Bowling, City Engineer; Mr. Tom Wilke, Economic Development Director; Ms. Joan Seidel, Health Commissioner; Mr. Nick Shearer, Chief of Police; Mr. Michael Lewis, Police Lietenant, Mr. Bill Myers, Fire Chief; Ms. Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council

Absent: Mr. Garret Ferrara

Joint Appointment to Standing Rock Cemetery Board of Trustees

MOTION TO APPOINT MR. MICHAEL DELEONE TO THE STANDING ROCK CEMETERY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MADE BY Mr. Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Mr. Robin Turner and CARRIED by a voice vote of 10-0-1, with Mr. DeLeone abstained.

Authorization of Drafts

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE Draft No.'s 2022-042 , 2022- 043 and 2022- 044 MADE BY Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti and CARRIED by a voice vote of 11-0-0.

Legislation

DRAFT JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2022- 042 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP AND THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 759.34 DETERMINING THAT THE RATE OF TAXES TO BE LEVIED UPON ALL THE TAXABLE PROPERTY OF SAID MUNICIPALITY AND SAID TOWNSHIP FOR CEMETERY PURPOSES FOR THE TAX YEAR OF 2022 SHALL BE AND HEREBY IS FIXED IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO .60 MILLS FOR THE CITY OF KENT AND .60 MILLS FOR FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft Joint Resolution No. 2022-042 MADE by Mr. John Kuhar, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach, Ms. Kapusta, Mr. Russell and Mr. Swan. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 11-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft Joint Resolution No. 2022- 042 MADE by Mr. John Kuhar, SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach, Ms. Kapusta, Mr. Russell and Mr. Swan. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 11-0-0.

Joint Resolution 2022-042 has PASSED.

DRAFT JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2022-043 A JOINT RESOLUTION APPOINTING MICHAEL DELEONE, A MEMBER OF KENT CITY COUNCIL, TO THE STANDING ROCK CEMETERY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 759.36, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft Joint Resolution No. 2022-043 MADE by Mr. Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach, Ms. Kapusta, Mr. Russell and Mr. Swan. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 10-0-1, with Mr. DeLeone abstaining.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft Joint Resolution No. 2022-043 MADE by Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach, Ms. Kapusta, Mr. Russell and Mr. Swan. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 10-0-1.

Joint Resolution 2022-043 has PASSED.

DRAFT JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2022- 044 A JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING SALARY AND HOURLY PAY RAISES TO THE PERSONNEL OF THE STANDING ROCK CEMETERY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF DRAFT JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2022- 044 MADE by Ms. Tracy Wallach, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach, Ms. Kapusta, Mr. Russell and Mr. Swan. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 11-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2022- 044 MADE by Ms. Tracy Wallach, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach, Ms. Kapusta, Mr. Russell and Mr. Swan. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 11-0-0.

Joint Resolution 2022-044 has PASSED.

Mr. DeLeone said they were still waiting on the wall at the cemetery and wanted to give everyone an update that it was still pending.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 7:08.

Amy Wilkens
Clerk of Council

Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor & President of Council



City of Kent
Wednesday, May 4, 2022
City Council Committee Meetings
320 S. Depeyster Street, Kent, OH 44240

MINUTES

COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Present: Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara (7:40 p.m.), Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, 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. Melanie Baker, Service Director; Mr. Jim Bowling, City Engineer; Mr. Tom Wilke, Economic Development Director; Ms. Joan Seidel, Health Commissioner; Mr. Nick Shearer, Chief of Police; Mr. Michael Lewis, Police Lieutenant, Mr. Bill Myers, Fire Chief; Ms. Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council

Committee of the Whole (Chair Fiala/Vice-Chair Amrhein)

Boards and Commission Interviews

Mayor Fiala introduced the first topic of the evening. Clerk Wilkens introduced the first applicant to interview for an appointment to a Board or Commission, Naser Matar, to the microphone.

Naser Matar introduced himself to Council as a Kent resident interested in getting involved. Mayor Fiala asked City Council members if they had any questions for the applicant.

Ms. Shaffer Bish thanked Mr. Matar for applying, and asked if he would also be interested in the Planning Commission instead of the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Sidoti asked what he liked most about the city of Kent. He replied that he likes the summers when it is very quiet around town and when it is winter and gets darker earlier, there are a lot of people out and about. Mr. Sidoti thanked him. Mr. Turner asked if he had a preference on whether he would like to be

either on the Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission. Mr. Matar replied "Planning Commission". Mr. Turner clarified they can only serve on one board.

Ms. Debra Redman, who lives on Mantua Street, was the next applicant applying for the Board of Zoning Appeals. She works for Kent City Schools driving a school bus. She said many good things happen in the city and many don't realize what is going on until it happens. She referenced the building currently being built on Franklin Ave. and some other spot zoning that she has concerns about. She would like the Board to look at the zoning code and do what is good for the people.

Ms. Shaffer Bish thanked her for her interest and said the Board has to apply zoning using the law and asked how she handles conflict. Ms. Redman said her job as a bus driver has helped her with conflict management and that she is currently on the labor management committee for Kent City Schools.

Mr. Sidoti said he can attest to her being a great bus driver. He said the points she made tonight are actually the opposite of what the job entails.

Mr. Turner said there will be situations where there may be competing interests and divergence in the application of the law. He asked if she would be able to abide by the law and not necessarily advance the interests of her neighbors and friends. She clarified the question and said she could come to the Community Development department for clarification about the laws in place.

Ms. Michelle Sahr was the next applicant for the Board of Zoning Appeals and said she wanted to be on the Board and give back to the community, hearing there was a need. Ms. Wallach asked about her being a business owner if she would have a hard time recusing herself. She said she would not.

Ms. Rosenberg asked why she selected this board. Ms. Sahr said her husband was on the board and she had an interest. She has read the Kent City Code on her own and finds it interesting.

Ms. Melissa Zullo was called next as an applicant to the Board of Health. She is a professor of epidemiology at Kent State and is from NE Ohio. Last year she moved to Kent and is excited to be a part of the community. She has worked with the COVID response team for Kent and consulted with Summit County. There were no questions from Council members.

Ms. Rose Penix of Edgewood Dr. teaches part time and works for Summa Health systems as their inclusion coordinator, and has also applied for the Board of Health. Her background in diversity and equity would be something she would bring to the table. Her interest in the position would be to benefit the community.

Mr. Sidoti added there are a few open slots and encouraged members of the community to apply.

NAACP Presentation on Proposed Commission

Ms. Renee Romine introduced herself to the City Council and began the presentation by introducing Christie Anderson, of South Blvd. who is before the City Council representing the Kent Interfaith Council. Ms. Anderson began her presentation with a story of a resident in Ravenna who wanted to move, but couldn't until her son graduated high school and moved from home. She said when she was in the process of selecting a house, feeling welcome was not even a consideration. She offered the story to illustrate that, as a white person, she has a different perspective. She thinks with regret of the times she has spoken or thought a racist thought. Thinking about race helps her be the best she can be. She said racial tension will continue to arise and it is more powerful when black and white people work together. She said there is already a division and to disregard this. KIFA has spent six years talking about race and has opened eyes and hearts, strengthening our sense of community. The members of KIFA and the NAACP congratulate the City of Kent for exploring this topic and then, with thoughtful intention, make changes that are useful. She referenced her statistical handout (**Attachment #1**). One of five residents in Kent is a racial minority and highlighted the racial compensation of the City of Kent. She spoke with HR Manager, Suzanne Stemnock, about her desire to increase minority workers. Ms. Anderson said she has ways and targeted steps to reach out to minorities. She suggests the City collect information on the race and ethnicity of job applicants. Her conclusion is that the City is desirous of diversifying its workforce but needs to be more intentional, especially with outreach. She added that evidence exists that there is a need for a more formal inclusion mechanism. This person or group should be charged with five responsibilities: 1. Developing a process to make visible intentional barriers 2. Seek input from those impacted, as well as experts 3. Recommending an implementation strategy for lessons learned and best practices 4. Evaluating progress 5. Ensuring transparency and mandatory reporting for accountability.

Ms. Anderson assured Council that the effort to increase the number of employees of color will become easier over time once the workforce is more inclusive. She concluded by stating that diversity is the starting point, ensuring people are invited and inclusion ensures they are all there and respected for their contributions.

Ms. Renee Romine returned to the podium and stated there are a lot of people in the community that work behind the scenes to do things informally and thanked everyone who worked on putting this presentation together as well as working with the community. She thanked Dr. Hearn, Jen Case, Renee Ruchotzke, Christie Anderson, Dr. Geraldine Nelson, and Professor Gregory King. The goal is to establish a formal process in the form of a commission or a liaison to help build upon previous efforts to build an inclusive community that everyone will value and respect. She restated there are a lot of people working behind the scenes to assist and making it a more formal process would be great. She said the city's population is 78% white and 97% of the City staff is white, and if you are not in the position to have a voice you may miss out on important information. She said we need to improve on ways of getting

information out, as not everyone is getting the same information.

Dr. Geraldine Nelson thanked Ms. Renee Romine and Mr. Ruller's presentation about Heart and Soul. She added that her group went out and talked to the community and listened to people's stories. Many people were fearful of coming before Council in fear of retaliation. She shared her story of coming to Kent as a student at Kent State University. She looked for clues from people to know where she was welcomed and has lived that all her life. She wanted Council to have a glimpse into that type of life. She said we can be the city that others can look to. She asks everyone to take a walk in her shoes. She is not an angry black woman and wants everyone to hear her voice.

Ms. Renee Romine thanked Dr. Nelson and said they wanted to talk next about how the Commission/Liaison would add value and will have Dr. Gregory King shares what that would look like. She said as a City staff member that it would reflect the local community and would provide ways to provide opportunities for those outside looking in, gathering places to network and connect, bridging the disconnect between the City and local minority communities, having a liaison for businesses to contact, providing mentorship, marketing and hiring strategies that target minorities, and tracking applicants.

Dr. Gregory King came to the microphone to discuss how this would add value. Associate Professor, Dr. Gregory King of S. Depeyster Street introduced himself to Council. He said diversity, equity and inclusion has to be more than about race. He said equity is a guiding principal to how he lives his life and challenges everyone to think about equity in those terms. He said that Kent has a uniqueness and a diverse population that adds vibrancy to the community. Not a lot of people in Kent look like him. He respects his neighbors for commonalities. Some are struggling to simply exist and to coexist in a country engulfed in discrimination and turmoil. The scope of a commission to address inclusion could focus on three tenets: Education, Feedback and Ambassadorship. It would work with the City's DEI plan to address systemic barriers to include marginalized people. It could serve as a resource for City Council members and community members, providing education to facilitate better understanding and celebrate differences. It could provide ongoing education for community members and education for business owners on how to address biases, microaggressions, and exclusionary practices. Ambassadorship is the best way to recruit. People want to engage the community as a diverse place, connect to diverse perspectives. Feedback would be provided to Council on ways to address more diverse programs and a safe and inclusive government. It can bring the community together amidst diversity. He concluded by saying we must stop bullying people with disabilities, we must understand that gay rights are human rights, we must realize that women are more than just bodies and collectively affirm that black lives matter.

Ms. Renee Romine said that in closing, a committee or liaison to address the voices of those that are not carried, heard or noticed is needed. She said everyone does have a voice but some are not carried or heard. She asked City Council what the next steps would be in the process.

Mayor Fiala said when the presentation is over, he will ask the audience if there is anyone else that has input and then Council will discuss it.

Ms. Renee Romine said they have concluded their presentation and Mayor Fiala asked if there was anyone else that would like to speak on this subject.

Ms. Linda Sommers of Kent, Ohio, said she would like to also point out the stigma and disparity of mental health and substance abuse disorders in the community and that it is an area that needs to be addressed further. She said they run a minority owned recovery agency that can help people with that and added that May is Mental Health Awareness month.

Ms. Shaffer Bish said she is intrigued by the idea of "growing your own" because that is what we did in Economic Development. She said what we are focused on now is the social infrastructure and developing that. She said she saw that they mention a commission or liaison and if they are looking to connect to a group or if this would be a person that would work in the City or a volunteer.

Ms. Renee Ruchotzke said they are looking for a mechanism that would enable them to create a welcoming atmosphere. It doesn't have to be a commission, but has to be something that would allow a feedback loop as well. Shaffer Bish asked if this could be a staff person, such as a DEI staff member, whose job would be to reach out to the community. Ms. Ruchotzke said a lot of cities have done that but what's most important is that it impacts the whole culture of the city government. It could be a staff person or a point person and that there be a mechanism they are committed to. If it is a staff person, they would need to have the ability to give feedback and have an impact.

Mr. Ferrara asked why doesn't the NAACP act as that liaison and why they haven't been that liaison that comes to the City of Kent and promotes it within their organization and the community. Ms. Renee Romine said they are an informal mechanism working behind the scenes. They would like to work with Kent and want a more formal system that is in place, consistent and ongoing. They are happy to continue with the informal process.

Mr. Ferrara said the work the city is doing is a formal process that is regulated by law. He asks for the same respect and understanding that the City has for their informal process they have for the City. She said all her processes are not informal and she understands there needs to be methods in place for protection and she knows about laws. When considering inclusion, there are not many places that have formal processes, and that's what they are looking at to help change the system.

Ms. Kathy Kearnes of Athena Drive, who is on the NAACP Executive Committee, came to the microphone to speak. She stated that the idea of something formal is for accountability and being able to build in mechanisms that produce good outcomes for everyone. She said we would want a city that has staff that look like us, that would be a place where people from any

background could come here and feel comfortable and welcome to be a part of the community.

Dr. Gregory King said a formal commission says to the people of Kent that the City Council thinks it matters.

Mr. Turner said he was intrigued by the idea of an ombudsman for the community and the community approach. He said the government can be a part of a greater whole. He said, ultimately, on a committee of inclusion, some things can be done by the city government and some things cannot. He thinks it's an undertaking. There are things we don't know. He said if we can get the information then we can act on it. He said the city staff are presented with an issue, and they deal with it. He said the staff and council want to do the right thing for the community. Things presented tonight make sense. If we have a partner, which we do, it is the right thing. He said we can respond to the challenge and can make the community better. Everybody wants to do the right thing to make this community better for everyone. He commended the Mayor for allowing the conversation to move forward in the community. He asked them to continue to give us the information and the data to lift up this community. This is a very positive thing and, however, we end up deciding and thanking Dr. Nelson for bringing back Mr. Turner back to where he needs to be.

Mr. Sidoti thanked everyone and said that at the risk of the difficulties of talking about race, we have to acknowledge the fear of stumbling, or saying the wrong thing. He said the fear is deep on both sides. He was blessed to be around people of color in his formative years. He said we are behind because when it was brought to City Council, it was framed as if Kent was doing something wrong. We can put that behind us because we have to have real conversations. He asked how we get into homes of people of color who do not encourage their children to become police, fire or city employees. How can KIFA help? We've got to get people to get their children to overcome their fear. He said those are the tough conversations. He said the heart is there in Council and has always been there.

Dr. King said he sees Chief Shearer walking the streets in the downtown area frequently. He asks what will happen if that approach is taken in the black community. Why not a casual stroll down a street? Chief Shearer said he sees it downtown because that is where we are located. He said people who live in different areas do see police in their neighborhoods. He said there are officers that visit predominately black neighborhoods and this happens more frequently than usual. He just wanted to point out that it does occur. Geraldine Nelson said they want to work with the police department and the NAACP is trying to work on it and it's not about pointing a finger, but working together. Mr. Sidoti stated the example given was aimed towards police behavior, but how does that translate into getting those kids to apply to become a police officer? How do you create energy in the community to move this forward?

Mr. Kuhar said he would like the Council to entertain a motion to put together what was presented, sit down in committee with what we have and what we

want to accomplish and come up with a creative composition to make this happen. This was SECONDED by Mr. Turner. Ms. Shaffer Bish said she is torn between kicking the can down the road, but it is important. She likes the formal process and the idea of the liaison. It can be between city and community leaders, NAACP, Heart and Soul. She thinks this is worth coming back in committee to formalize a mechanism. She supports the motion making sure it gets back into committee soon. We are asking a lot of community members.

Mr. Sidoti said he agrees with Mr. Sidoti. He said six-seven years ago, we were talking about these issues and how to best approach this. We don't want this to become an overburdened process.

Mr. Kuhar likes to see the finished product in his head and in everything he does, needs a diagram and how the pieces can succeed together and how they fail. He said they need to draw it out and develop a plan of action.

Mr. Ferrara said he is voting in favor of the discussion. He would like these discussions to continue and hopes the discussions lead to relationships and help achieve better numbers. A formal committee process may bog things down. He is all for continued discussions.

Mr. Turner said that is why we are putting this into committee, to continue the discussion.

MOTION TO SEND TO COMMITTEE A FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE NAACP PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED COMMISSION OR DIVERSITY LIAISON MADE BY Mr John Kuhar, SECONDED by Mr Robin Turner and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

KSU Town-Gown Update

Dr. Dana Lawless Andric addressed Council, stating she was excited to report on what was going on at Kent State University. She added this is a great way to strengthen the communication between the University and the City of Kent.

Dr. Lawless Andric shared that the May 4th Commemoration took place today, and that it was the first commemoration since 2019 (due to the Covid 19 Pandemic). She noted that this year was special due to the dedication of the bronze markers for the wounded students.

She continued by stating there were zero student conduct referrals from "Fake" Patty's Day, which was a real testimate to the efforts to encourage students to have fun in a safe way.

She said they are excited to partner with the Kent Fire Department on live action fire training.

She said culinary services have had food truck Fridays, an RFP to have a spot on campus as well as dining dollars to invest in the community and focus on

local restaurants. They partnered with Haymaker to bring the Farmer's Market to campus, and each event was very well received by the students and staff.

KSU will be holding an alumni event called "Flashes Forever" on the Esplanade to welcome students, family and friends and then graduate over 5,000 students. She mentioned special graduation events, and also launching a special event group to connect the city with Kent State University. She said there are many events that benefit both and we need to jointly work together.

She ended her talk with updates for the Fall semester. Enrollment is looking strong with deposits being up, trending strong for the Kent campus. This summer the numbers will be a more solid indicator. They are anticipating about 5500 incoming students to campus. She said it is the first fall where we will be more like pre-pandemic with full in-person classes.

She is happy to officially announce the approval of Kent Skates, in partnership with the City of Kent, to come back starting November 22, 2022 until February 26, 2023. It was a well received event and she reviewed the flier she passed out **(Attachment #2)**

Mr. Ferrara reminded Dr. Lawless Andric that the KSU Women's Golf Team won the 26th in a row MAC tournament and the Men won the MAC tournament, with both going to the regional tournaments. Dr. Lawless Andric said athletics are doing great things and thanked Mr. Ferrara.

Ms. Shaffer Bish asked about enrollment numbers and international enrollment. Dr. Lawless Andric said there were approximately 17,000 to 20,000 students on campus, depending on graduate enrollment and undergraduate total. She said the numbers have fluctuated a lot because of the (COVID 19) pandemic and said she could provide updated data after the 15th day of enrollment. She was unsure of the international student enrollment because of all the factors that would take a student to arrive and would know better in the fall. She will return in the fall and provide a report to City Council.

There were no further questions and no action needed.

Community Development Committee (Chair Kuhar/Vice-Chair Rosenberg)

Main Street Kent (MSK) Annual Update

Ms. Heather Malarcik began her presentation by saying it has been a couple of years since she has been able to present in person about Main Street Kent and when she looks back at 2021 it feels like a long time ago. She is going to go back and review events in 2021 and then take a peak at this year.

The January 2021 Story Walk was covered by Fox 8 News and featured an interview with Ms. Malarcik in Acorn Alley. The Food Drive collected a pickup

truck full of food for Kent Social Services. The Board of Directors brought on Collin Boyle from Hometown Bank as the new Treasurer. They developed a subcommittee called "Fundraising Outside the Box", focusing their efforts on new ideas to raise money.

In February, MSK had the Chocolate Walk, which was a big sellout with businesses making above average sales during that event. Kent Goes Red by the American Health Association also occurred in February, featuring heart healthy food ideas and activities at local businesses and had a giant, red heart projecting on the Mill, lifting spirits throughout the community.

The month of March featured Kent's Women in Business, and in honor of the National Women's History Month, they featured all businesses who wanted to participate on social media.

In April, they did a promotion called "From Our Place to Yours", where businesses put together "take and make" experiences that people could pick up curbside and take home. They also did two walking tours which were very successful.

In May, they did another storywalk and adopt-a-spot and cleaned up Kent.

June brought the kiosk map updates with business turnover information being updated and adding the DORA information. They also did the first ever MSK 5K, which offered a run/walk, a beer glass and a ten dollar gift card. They welcomed a new Board Member, Ed Butch, from Kent State University, who has been instrumental in the Wizardly Weekend Planning and Business Enhancement Planning and Fundraising.

In July, the Wizardly Weekend continued with many events that were very successful. Businesses said this event brings people downtown and they would like it to continue as long as it continues to do so.

In August, MSK participated in Kent Connections, an event on the Esplanade, welcoming new students downtown. A new fundraiser for MSK, called Something's Got to Give at Troppus Projects, hosted over 60 pieces of art up for auction during the month of August.

In September, they had their first "back to normal" event- Octoberfest, with businesses voluntarily stopping selling DORA beverages so they could make money that day and they said they would be doing it again. Main Street Kent put up a Little Box of Kindness outside of Scribbles Coffee, which is a little box for people to take or leave something small for others, such as flower seeds, etc.

October brought the Family Friendly Halloween, which was outside, which went really well. Clean Up Kent happened again in the fall, with lots of volunteers helping out. Heritage Ohio had their annual award celebration in Springfield, Ohio in October and MSK received an award for Best Main Street Community

Event for Kent Rainbow Weekend. They also hosted their annual MSK Awards celebration at Kent Historical Society, celebrating all who support Main Street.

In November, they kicked off the Kent E-Gift Card Program, with Kent State, the City of Kent and Hometown Bank using this for an employee appreciation program. There was also the KENT public art installation on N. Water Street in November, receiving a partial grant to help with installation costs. The design on the front will be rotated on an annual basis.

December brought the Ugly Sweater Tavern Trek, where 170 people attended and raised \$1500 for Kent Social Services. There was one more Story Walk along with the Holiday Decorating Contest, which had the most participants out of all the events.

In 2021, they had a total of 2,248 volunteer hours, which is over \$57,000 of volunteer time they gave to Main Street Kent. She said this year's numbers are up as people are desperate to do and be a part of it all this year. Last year, there was an average of 217,000 page views of the website, with the community connection continuing to go.

This year, the Executive Team is looking to do some strategic planning, surveying volunteers on their satisfaction levels, with 9.2/10 and people staying 5 years and 60% wanting to be more involved. She continued by adding that PBS is doing a series called City Centric, with Kent being one of the cities and coming out in the fall. MSK has also developed the Kent Public Art Board which is taking this off of the City and facilitating implementing public art projects and helping the City of Kent with its new ARB Design Guidelines. All of the Main Street Kent events are coming back and they are bringing something new called the Crafty Crawl at the 3 breweries on June 25th. Rainbow week is coming back in October- partnering with the University on workshops and sponsorships. She said they are working harder than ever and have two staff and hundreds of volunteers.

Mr. Ferrara said they have done a great job and wants to know how they can get the big money so they can have a cushion. She said over the last 11 years they have worked very hard and are in good shape. It would be great to have a giant fundraiser but you are competing against many other non-profits. Mr. Ferrara asked that the local businesses work together to have a large fundraiser for them. He said they do so much and such a great job, it would be nice if they had a foundation that could back them up during hard times. He said they do a great job and the city appreciates it.

Ms. Shaffer Bish said the Art and Wine festival was coming up. She said the awards celebration could be a large fundraiser.

Ms. Rosenberg said the volunteer hours are incredible. She added they are doing a fantastic job. She asked if they have membership that businesses and organizations can participate in. Ms. Malarcik said through their website they have "Friends of Main Street" and accept support from individuals and

businesses. Ms. Rosenberg said she thinks they are doing an awesome job.

Mr. Sidoti asked Mr. Ferrara when the shin dig would be and if he would put him down for two tickets.

There were no further questions and no action needed.

Members of Council thanked Ms. Marlacik for her updates and the excellent work her and her staff do.

Continuation of the Davey Tree Expert Co. EZ Agreement

Mr. Tom Wilke presented the next housekeeping item on the continuation of the Davey Tree Expert EZ Agreement, that was approved last year. Once the project is started, even though it's not completed, it has to be reviewed and a recommendation needs to be made about whether to continue with the project. The Tax Incentive Review Council met on March 9, 2022 and made the recommendation to City Council to continue the agreement. He added that Davey Tree has already invested \$6.7 million out of the \$13 million it is required to, created 10 new FT jobs and created \$518,000 in new payroll. It was a pretty easy recommendation to make to City Council. They expect to be completed by late summer and move in early fall of this year.

He is asking for Council to approve the continuation of the EZ Agreement, with the emergency clause.

MOTION TO APPROVE DAVEY TREE EXPERT CO. EZ AGREEMENT MADE BY Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, SECONDED by Mr. Garret Ferrara and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Health and Public Safety Committee (Chair Amrhein/ Vice-Chair Sidoti)

Proposed Updates to City's Noise Ordinance

Ms. Hope Jones started by first apologizing to the Council for taking so long to do this, as this was placed on the to do list last year when a citizen complained. In response to this, Ms. Jones reviewed the new ordinance updating Section V2 where it mentions radios, stereos and music. She proposed deleting the last sentence: If any noises are heard at the property line, then you are in violation of the code. She suggests deleting that. She also referenced section C1 proposing private property between the hours of 9pm and 7 am in residential areas where sound is unreasonably audible past the property line, inserting the word "unreasonably", which gives the police department a little lead way and there will still be situations where people will not be happy. Ms. Jones said she believes this will solve some of what was an unreasonable situation.

Ms. Wallach asked why the time was changed to 7 am, when it used to be 8am. Ms. Jones said if they don't like it, they can put it back to 8 am. When she was looking at other city's ordinances, it seemed as if they were all done from 9 pm to 7 am. Ms. Wallach said she would like it to remain at 8 am.

Ms. Shaffer Bish echoed Ms. Wallach, saying that, especially on the weekend, you hear leaf blowers and lawn mowers and it would be nice to have that time.

Mr. Turner had a question about the word unreasonable and if perhaps there were some measurable aspects. Chief Shearer said they discussed at length how to measure this and that it became very difficult to enforce. He said the use of the word unreasonable is the language used in the Ohio Revised Code. He said it would be up to the person who signs the complaint. He said disorderly conduct uses the word unreasonable and the police are not able to be the person who makes that determination.

Mr. Kuhar stated if a person is using their leaf blower, which is unaltered and meets Federal specifications that a leaf blower must meet, then its not unreasonable. Ms. Jones said it is reasonable between 8 am and 9 pm and then after that time it would be unreasonable.

Mr. Sidoti asked if there was something in the contract with garbage pickup that says they cannot pick up before 7 a.m.

Mr. Deleone said he thinks 7 a.m. is fine and a lot of communities have that for lawn care services.

Ms. Shaffer Bish said if we want, we can make a distinction between weekends and weekdays, as she gets a lot of complaints when lawn care starts early in the morning.

MOTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED UPDATES TO CITY'S NOISE

ORDINANCE MADE BY Mr. John Kuhar, **SECONDED** by Ms.Tracy Wallach and **CARRIED** by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Finance Committee (Chair DeLeone/Vice-Chair Wallach)

Body Camera Grant Acceptance

Chief Shearer came before Council to ask for approval of a grant for a body camera program, which the purchase of was approved in last year's Capital Plan. He was waiting on returns from Federal and State grants, with the Federal Grant coming through. The project cost \$224,000 for the body cameras, and a grant was secured through the Department of Justice called the "Small Rural and Tribal Body Worn Camera" Program, which is for offices under 50. They received \$80,000 and are asking Council to accept it.

Ms. Rosenberg asked if all police officers are wearing body cameras and Chief Shearer replied they are fully rolled out. Part of the project was integrating the body cameras with the cruiser cameras, which has been a very user-friendly process, reducing time and redundancies for court procedures. It has made them more efficient but has also increased the number of public records requests they receive. He said he is in favor of the new program, as everything is recorded and able to be referenced.

MOTION TO APPROVE BODY CAMERA GRANT ACCEPTANCE MADE BY Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, **SECONDED** by Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish and **CARRIED** by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Executive Session to Discuss Board and Commission Appointments

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS MADE BY Mr. Jack Amrhein, **SECONDED** by Mr. Michael DeLeone and **CARRIED** by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

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

Also Present: Mr. Jerry T. Fiala, Mayor and President of Council

MOTION TO RETURN TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MADE BY Mr. John Kuhar, **SECONDED** by Mr. Roger Sidoti and **CARRIED** by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

No further action was taken by Council and the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Amy Wilkens
Clerk of Council

Heart and Soul

Goals (from Community Heart and Soul website)

- Enhance respect and civility
- Prompt citizens to be more engaged in govt and civic groups
- Build upon city's assets
- Create a community vision to guide/evaluate future City plans

Process

- Trained citizens ask residents questions about what they like about Kent and what they want to see in future.
- Following standard procedures, survey does not directly inquire about concerns

Successful results

Having data that represents all demographics of Kent population.

Includes opinions from those those less civically engaged, like lower-income

Use of volunteers who represent demographics of community

A final report that includes views of the majority but also cites those of minority

Ultimate dilemma for elected officials – Attentive to wishes of majority, yet represent all

Some minority groups lack advantages held by the majority to convey needs to policy makers

Need an intentional mechanism that:

- is readily known to users and accessible
- assures safety (guarantees confidentiality to prevent retribution)
- credible and accountable (sanctioned by the City)
- has capacity to analyze and identify patterns and research solutions
- has a relationship to the entities that can implement suggested solutions

Possible Model (Based on best practices from other cities at www.racialequityalliance.org)

a) Identifying issues of concern:

- Truth-telling (input from Black residents including KSU students)
- Fact-finding (data from institutions, Heart and Soul analysis and recommendations)

b) Moving forward in reconciliation:

- Investing in people and community (such as jobs, health resources, skill enhancement, education, housing, business development)
- Transforming institutional practices that hinder groups of people (such as job hiring/recruitment, financial lending, education)

Kent City Demographic Stats

2020 Census for City, Quick Facts, US Census

Population 28,215

Racial categories

78.1% White
9.5% Black
5.5% Multi-racial
4.6% Asian
2.6% Hispanic
0.2% Other

2019 Poverty rates within racial groups from citydata.com/poverty/kent-ohio

25.3% White
57.6% Black
41.1% Multi-racial
0 Asian
41.2% Hispanic/Latino
16.2% Other races

Housing condition and affordability, 2020—2024 Consolidation Plan

“The CHAS data shows that Asian, Black/African American and Hispanic populations have a disproportionately greater need than the City’s population as a whole.” pg 30

Homeless population

“As the table shows, 29.4% of the homeless population counted during the PIT classify themselves as minorities. These figures show that minorities are more likely to experience homeless when compared to the population as a whole .” pg 40

Kent City Government, FY 2021 Employees

2021 EEO Report for 256 Employees

Job Function	White	Black	Asian	Multi-racial	Other race
Financial admin	8				
Streets	40				
Police	64	2		1	
Fire	38			2	
Parks and Rec	40	2			
Health	6				
Community Dev	11				
Utilities	10				
Sanitation	12				
Other	19	1			
Total	248	5		3	
Percentage	96.80%	2.00%	0	1.20%	0
City residents	78.8%	9.5%	4.6%	5.5%	2.8%

Kent Skates



Kent Skates was the first outdoor ice rink established in Kent, Ohio. The ice rink was located in East Erie Street in downtown Kent between the PARTA parking deck and the Kent State University Hotel and Conference Center. It was open from Nov. 20, 2021, through Feb. 28, 2022, Wednesdays through Sundays.

Kent Skates created a family-friendly environment embraced by the whole community—from college students to families from the surrounding areas.

This free seasonal skating experience featured a snack bar, free skate rentals, food trucks, group event reservation options and walkable access to the many restaurants and shops in the downtown.

Several community partners and many other generous donors collaborated to make Kent Skates possible.

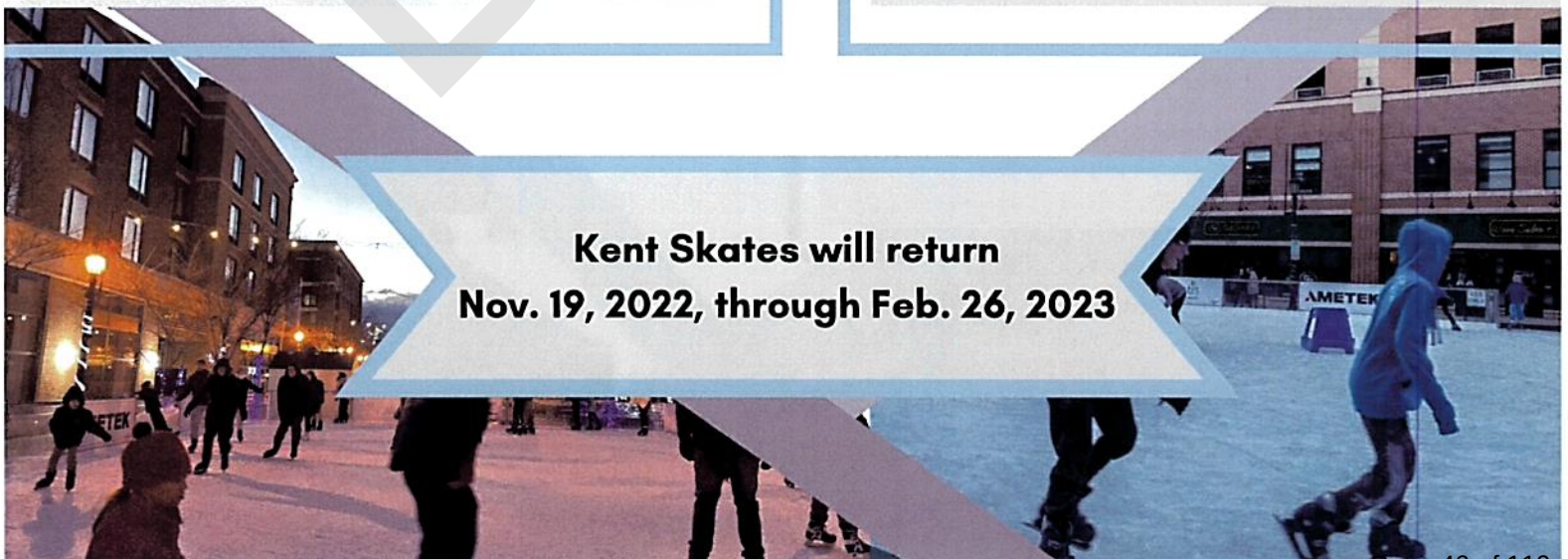
Community partners

- Kent State University Hotel and Conference Center
- Kent State University
- Kent Area Chamber of Commerce
- The city of Kent
- Main Street Kent

Our sponsors

- AMETEK
- Brimfield Insurance Group
- Destination Kent
- Hometown Bank
- Metis Construction Services
- Portage Community Bank
- Kent Sportswear
- Davey Tree Expert Co.

**Kent Skates will return
Nov. 19, 2022, through Feb. 26, 2023**



EVENT RESULTS

- **15,000+** ice rink visitors (1/3 attending after the holidays).
- **57** private group reservations.
- **9,662** visits to kent.edu/kentskates.
- **39,429** social media impressions.
- **182,000** impressions on WKSU radio.
- **687,000** media impressions through channels 5, 8, 19; print; and web.
- **48,000** impressions from 5-minute live segment on FOX 8.

"We noticed a lot of families coming into Kent from out of town for the ice rink this last winter.

In addition to the ice rink, they explored the stores and ate at the local restaurants. I think this was an excellent activity for bringing people into Kent, especially during a slow time of the year in January and February. I would love to see the ice rink return this upcoming season."

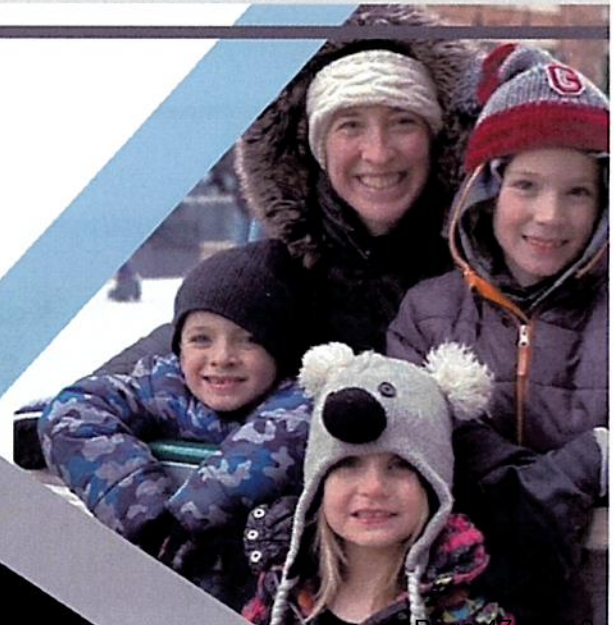
- Michelle Sahr, Owner
Off the Wagon and Red Letter Days

"In addition to strengthening our continued partnership with the city of Kent and Kent State University, the response from our guests was overwhelmingly positive. Guests would request rooms overlooking the ice rink to watch the skaters and several have made plans to return next winter to enjoy the rink again. Seeing Erie Street activated during the winter months left a positive impression not only with our guests, but our friendship and connection to our community."

- David Schoeffler, General Manager
Kent State University Hotel and Conference Center

"I cannot tell you how much our family LOVED it this winter. And I saw so many of my non-Kent friends coming into town to try it out as well..."

- Amy Mucha, mother of 3
Owner and Chief Pop Artist, Daisy Pops



DRAFT RESOLUTION NO. 2022- 045

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING _____ TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, at least a majority of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That _____ are hereby appointed to the **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.**

NAME

TERM

Immediately to 12/31/2023

SECTION 2. As stated in Section 150.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Kent, any person hereby appointed shall forfeit his or her term if he or she is absent from three (3) regular meetings of the Board or Commission to which he or she is appointed, unless one or more of these absences has been excused by the majority of members thereof.

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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

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_____.

AMY WILKENS
CLERK OF COUNCIL

(SEAL)

DRAFT RESOLUTION NO. 2022- 046

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING _____ TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, at least a majority of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That _____ are hereby appointed to the **PLANNING COMMISSION.**

NAME

TERM

SECTION 2. As stated in Section 150.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Kent, any person hereby appointed shall forfeit his or her term if he or she is absent from three (3) regular meetings of the Board or Commission to which he or she is appointed, unless one or more of these absences has been excused by the majority of members thereof.

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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 *RESOLUTION No.* _____, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON _____, 20_____.

(SEAL)

AMY WILKENS
CLERK OF COUNCIL

DRAFT RESOLUTION NO. 2022- 047

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING _____ TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, at least a majority of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That _____ is hereby appointed to the **BOARD OF HEALTH.**

NAME

TERM

SECTION 2. As stated in Section 150.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Kent, any person hereby appointed shall forfeit his or her term if he or she is absent from three (3) regular meetings of the Board or Commission to which he or she is appointed, unless one or more of these absences has been excused by the majority of members thereof.

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Date

Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: _____
Date

ATTEST: _____
Amy Wilkens
Clerk of Council

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(SEAL)

AMY WILKENS
CLERK OF COUNCIL

DRAFT RESOLUTION NO. 2022 -048

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO EXPRESSING THE CONDEMNATION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF OHIO HOUSE BILL NO. 616, WHICH PROHIBITS AND CENSORS CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THE EXPERIENCES AND FAMILIES OF LGBTQ+ OHIOANS IN OUR SCHOOLS FROM GRADES K-12 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 616 would prohibit grades kindergarten through three from teaching, using, or providing any curriculum or instruction materials on sexual orientation or gender identity, and grades four through twelve would be limited to certain instruction materials, lessons, and curriculum on sexual orientation and gender identity; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 616 not only censors critical race theory and the *New York Times*' "1619 Project," but also censors "diversity, equity, and inclusion learning outcomes" and "any other concept that the state board of education defines as divisive or inherently racist," and this language is exceedingly vague and broad and will challenge free speech in schools, and House Bill No. 616 creates an opportunity to ban discussions about topics that a select few politicians decide are inappropriate or harmful; and

WHEREAS, this bill puts K-12 teachers and schools in an impossible position, making them choose between following state law or federal law; federal law, under Title IX, requires teachers and schools be inclusive of LGBTQ+ students and teachers, however, House Bill No. 616 threatens to revoke teacher licenses and state school funding, or reprimand in any way that the Ohio Department of Education deems appropriate for violations of House Bill No. 616, which will create an untenable conflict of law; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 616 is an attempt to erase LGBTQ+ people from the classroom and is exceptionally cruel to LGBTQ+ community members, their families, and anyone who loves them, and the broad, open-ended ban on race- and gender-related topics deprives all Ohio students of a well-rounded education and puts some of Ohio's most vulnerable students in unsafe and unwelcoming classrooms; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 616 goes several steps further than Florida's "Don't Say Gay" bill by extending censorship through the twelfth grade, and because this bill is so extreme, House Bill No. 616 will damage Ohio's reputation and make it less inviting to both industry investors and workforce talent; and

WHEREAS, every student deserves a quality education in a school community where they are safe and supported, and students learn best when they are able to focus on their lessons instead of worrying about being mistreated because of their gender, race, abilities, or where they come from, and education that represents the diverse world around us is critical to maintaining a functioning democracy where our young people grow up prepared to engage in civic activity.

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

SECTION 1. Kent City Council hereby condemns proposed Ohio House Bill No. 616, which attempts to censor the education of Ohio students.

SECTION 2. 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 3. 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

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_____.

AMY WILKENS
CLERK OF COUNCIL
(SEAL)

DRAFT RESOLUTION NO. 2022 -049

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO EXPRESSING THE CONDEMNATION OHIO HOUSE BILL NO. 454, WHICH PROHIBITS AFFIRMATIVE CARE FOR OHIO TRANSGENDER YOUTH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 454 is an attack on affirming mental and medical care for LGBTQ+ youth and is modeled after legislation passed in Arkansas to significant national public and legal alarm, resulting in a federal court blocking the measure in July 2021; and

WHEREAS, according to the Williams Institute at UCLA Law School, similar laws have been introduced in nine states, but enacted by only one; and

WHEREAS, banning affirming mental and medical care for minors contravenes recommended medical advice and would harm the mental and physical well-being of LGBTQ+ youth across this state, especially transgender and nonbinary youth; and

WHEREAS, gender-affirming medical care is recommended for transgender youth by the American Academy of Pediatricians and the Endocrine Society, and such care is deemed evidence-based patient care by the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and the American Psychiatric Association; and

WHEREAS, research demonstrates that gender-affirming care -- medical and psychosocial health care designed to affirm individuals' gender identities -- greatly improves the mental health and overall well-being of transgender, gender-diverse, and nonbinary ("TGNB") children and adolescents as it is well documented that TGNB adolescents and young adults experience anxiety, depression, and suicidal ideation at a much higher rate than their cisgender peers; and

WHEREAS, according to The Trevor Project's 2020 National Survey on LGBTQ+ Youth Mental Health, fifty-four percent of young people identifying as transgender or nonbinary reported serious consideration of suicide in the past year, and twenty-nine percent reported attempting to end their lives, while numerous studies have demonstrated that gender-affirming care leads to improved mental health among TGNB youth; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 454 would interfere with youth healthcare and safety in a variety of ways, including prohibiting counselors and educators from concealing, or encouraging adolescents to conceal, feelings of gender dysphoria from their parents; prohibiting referrals for medicalized treatments for minors with gender dysphoria; barring Medicaid from covering the cost of sex reassignment surgery for minors; eliminating any requirement that private insurers cover medicalized treatments for gender dysphoria in adolescents; prohibit prescription of hormone blockers or cross-sex hormones to patients under age 18 experiencing gender dysphoria; and banning surgical interventions or sex reassignment surgery for minors; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 454 threatens physicians who provide this care with professional discipline, civil lawsuits, and the withdrawal of public funds from any hospital at which gender-affirming care occurs; and

WHEREAS, it is already clear that House Bill No. 454 and similar legislation are negatively impacting TGNB youth and their families, compounding the prejudice, discrimination, violence, and other forms of stigma they continue to face in their daily lives in the current sociopolitical climate, impairing the mental and physical health of LGBTQ+ individuals in the community; and

WHEREAS, many families have tragically considered fleeing their home states in order to maintain appropriate medical care for their vulnerable TGNB children and adolescents, who must continue their access to affirming and evidence-based transgender health care, regardless of where they live.

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

SECTION 1. Kent City Council hereby condemns proposed Ohio House Bill No. 454, which prohibits affirmative care for Ohio transgender youth.

SECTION 2. 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 3. 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

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____.

AMY WILKENS
CLERK OF COUNCIL
(SEAL)



CITY OF KENT, OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

DATE: May 2, 2022

To: Dave Ruller, City Manager

From: Kathy Petsko, Grants & Neighborhood Programs Coordinator

Re: PY2022 Community Housing and Impact (CHIP) Program Grant Application

The Community Development Department is working on developing a proposal to submit to the State of Ohio Department of Development (ODOD), Office of Community Development, requesting Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) grant assistance. The CHIP program is a competitive grant application process that provides funding for housing related activities that promote safe and decent housing for low and moderate income persons.

The City has been a recipient of CHIP funds in numerous prior funding cycles and has utilized the grant funds primarily to support owner-occupied housing rehabilitation projects. Staff will be requesting \$250,000, which is the funding level awarded to the City in the last two grant funding cycles (PY2015, PY2019), and the Community Development Department is proposing to use the grant funds, if awarded, for the continuation of owner-occupied housing rehabilitation activities.

The grant proposal is due June 22, 2022 and will need to include a copy of legislation authorizing the submission of the grant application. I am respectfully requesting that you present this unauthorized item at the May 18, 2022 Council meeting for review and approval so the City can finalize the CHIP PY2022 grant proposal and submit prior to the June deadline.

Please let me know if you need any additional information to have this item added to the agenda.

Thank you.

Cc: Hope Jones, Law Director
Bridget Susel, Community Development Director
Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council
CHIP 2022 Application file

DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 2022 -050

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO THE STATE OF OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PY2022 COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION PROGRAM (CHIP) AND UPON AWARDING OF THE GRANT, AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio Department of Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development, provides financial assistance to local governments for the purpose of addressing local housing needs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kent desires to participate in the program to receive financial assistance for community housing improvement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kent has the authority to apply for financial assistance and to administer the amounts received from the State of Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development, through its Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Kent must direct and authorize the Community Development Department to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required;

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

SECTION 1. Kent City Council authorizes the Community Development Department as the official representative of the City of Kent to make application to participate in the PY2022 State of Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development, Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program, and provide all information, funds, and documentation required in said application for submission.

SECTION 2. the Kent City Council hereby approves filing a proposal for financial assistance under the Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program.

SECTION 3. the Kent City Council hereby understands and agrees that participation in the program will require compliance with program guidelines and assurances.

SECTION 4. 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 5. 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

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AMY WILKENS
CLERK OF COUNCIL
(SEAL)

DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 2022-051

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ASSISTANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 UNDER TITLE I OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED, INCLUDING THE PY2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND FILING OF THE PY2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN, INCLUDING RELATED CERTIFICATIONS, AND UPON AWARDING OF THE GRANT, AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, under provisions of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (which title is hereinafter referred to as the "Act") and the regulations promulgated there under (24 CFR Parts 58 and 570, hereinafter referred to as the "Regulations"), the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (hereinafter referred to as the "Secretary") is authorized to make grants to units of general local government to help finance community development programs (as that term is defined in the Act and Regulations); and

WHEREAS, the Secretary has notified the City of Kent of its eligibility to apply for HUD/CDBG funds in the amount of \$311,337 for Program Year 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City proposes to apply for such a grant for Program Year 2022 and has, in that connection and as required by and pursuant to the Act and Regulations, prepared its PY2022 Annual Action Plan marked Exhibit "A" and on file in the City Council office, which contains local objectives, identification of housing, homeless and non-housing community development priorities, a description of activities to be undertaken, a local community development budget, and certifications in the form of assurances; and

WHEREAS, this Council has duly reviewed and considered the PY2022 Annual Action Plan, as well as the comments and recommendations of the public and City administrative and planning officials.

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

SECTION 1. This Council hereby finds and determines that the PY2022 Action Plan gives maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low-to-moderate income persons or aids in the elimination or prevention of slum and blight and the PY2022 Action Plan includes those activities to be undertaken by the City with the funds provided for the 2022 Program Year that meet the housing and community development needs and objectives allowed by the Act and Regulations and identified in the City's 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager, being the chief executive officer of the City as that term is defined in the Act and Regulations, is hereby designated as the authorized representative of the City to act in connection with the grant request and to provide such additional documentation or certifications as may be required by the Secretary or by other responsible agencies.

SECTION 3. That this Council hereby finds and determines that the City, in preparing its PY2022 Annual Action Plan, has complied with the applicable requirements of the Act and Regulations, and this Council hereby approves the PY2022 Annual Action Plan, together with all related documentation for submission to the Secretary.

SECTION 4. That this Council hereby directs that the City in carrying out the Program shall continue to comply with applicable requirements of the Act and Regulations and of other applicable laws, including, among others, requirements with respect to civil rights and anti-discrimination, citizen participation, relocation and land acquisition, environmental protection, cost accounting and administration, federal labor standards, flood control, conflicts of interest, political activity of employees, access to books and records and the requirements of giving maximum feasible priority to activities which will benefit low and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight, and this Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute and file with the Secretary certifications in such forms as the Secretary may prescribe, which will provide assurances concerning the foregoing matters, and concerning such other

matters as may be required by the Secretary in connection with carrying out the Community Development and Housing Program.

SECTION 5. That this Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to consent to assume the status of a responsible federal official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, insofar as the provisions of such act apply to the Secretary's responsibilities for environmental review, decision making and action to be assumed and carried out by the City Manager and authorizes the City Manager to consent on behalf of the City to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts for the purpose of carrying out the program. The City Manager is authorized to execute and file requests for release of funds and related certifications and prepare and file such other documents and take such other actions in connection with the environmental review process as may be required by the Act, the Regulations, particularly the regulations contained in 24 CFR Part 58, and by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

SECTION 6. 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 7. 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

Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

The Program Year (PY) 2022 marks the third year of the City of Kent's 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan period. The PY2022 Annual Action Plan identifies the specific programs and projects the City plans to implement with its PY2022 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) funding in the third year of its five-year Consolidated Plan period. The selected projects will assist the City in its efforts to address the five year goals the City established for addressing identified needs in the community, including housing needs, homeless issues, and community development initiatives. The PY2022 Action Plan also includes the commitment of available revolving loan funds (RLF) to provide the City with additional resources to assist with addressing identified housing needs.

The City of Kent received notification from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) of its PY2022 CDBG funding allocation amount, which is \$xxxxx. In response to a publically issued RFP, a total of seven (7) project proposals were received this year seeking CDBG funding assistance and the total amount of funding requested was \$306,000. The City has committed a portion of its CDBG funding to all seven (7) of the project proposals it received and also committed funds to fair housing and program administration.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The City of Kent identified the following specific funding objectives in its 2020 - 2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan:

OBJECTIVE #1: Targeted Infrastructure Improvements in Low- to Moderate-Income Residential Areas: Promote a suitable living environment by allocating CDBG resources to support infrastructure and public facility improvement activities that will assist with addressing the problem of aging and insufficient infrastructure in residential areas that have high concentrations of low- to moderate-income households.

OBJECTIVE #2: Offer Housing Programs to Provide Safe and Decent Housing for Low- to Moderate-Income Households: Promote safe and decent housing for low- to-moderate-income households throughout the City by providing owner-occupied housing rehabilitation and an energy efficiency repair program that ensures basic housing needs are met. Citywide, the percentage of households that are classified as low- to moderate-income is 61.6%. The City's housing stock is older, with 52.4% of the owner-occupied units constructed prior to 1969. Many of these older residential units have structural deficiencies which need to be corrected in order to ensure safe and decent housing.

OBJECTIVE #3: Provide Appropriate Supportive Services for Low- to Moderate-Income Persons: Provide assistance to nonprofit organizations that provide needed programs, public facilities, and supportive services for low- to moderate-income persons living in the community. The City maintains a strong working relationship with the nonprofit organizations operating in the Kent community and has used CDBG funds to support many needed programs.

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

The City's most recent Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for PY2020 was completed and submitted to HUD in October 2021. The PY2020 CAPER reported on performance for the program year August 1, 2020 through July 30, 2021. PY2020 was year two (2) of the five-year 2020-2024 Consolidated Planning period. The PY2021 CAPER will be submitted in October 2022.

During the 2015 – 2019 Five Year Consolidated Strategic Plan, the City completed energy efficiency improvements to thirty-nine (39) low- to moderate-income owner occupied housing units in the City of Kent; provided rehabilitation assistance for eleven (11) low- to moderate-income owner-occupied City of Kent Residents; provided homeless shelter services to four hundred eighty (480) homeless individuals; provided micro-enterprise assistance to thirteen (13) businesses; provided rehabilitation services to twenty-four (24) rental housing units for low- to moderate-income City of Kent residents; reconstructed three (3) City residential streets, completed one (1) Acquisition/Rehab/Resale of one (1) single family housing unit with Habitat for Humanity, which was then sold to a low-income homebuyer, and 2 public facilities - a cold storage facility expansion for Kent Social Services, and Access Point Health Care.

During PY2020, the first completed year of the 2020 - 2024 Five Year Consolidated Strategic Plan, the City of Kent provided CDBG funds for the following activities/projects: \$160,000 for

construction costs associated with the full depth reconstruction of approximately 900 feet of Walnut Street, from Cherry St. to Dodge St. Concrete curb and gutters, new catch basins, and storm sewers were installed and the existing 6" water main was replaced with an 8" line. Driveway aprons were rebuilt with concrete. Existing sidewalk was replaced with new concrete sidewalk; \$15,000 for the design of the Brady's Leap segment of the Portage Hike & Bike Trail which will improve the link from downtown Kent at the Main Street Bridge and expand recreation opportunities for Kent residents; \$18,000 to the Kent Police Department to provide increased Patrols and education to residents of low- to moderate-income neighborhoods and assisted housing complexes; \$35,000 to Community Action Council of Portage County for free furnace inspections/replacements and energy efficiency improvements for nine (9) low- to moderate-income Kent homeowners; \$30,000 to Family and Community Services for the remodel of the Miller Community House kitchen, which provided benefits to 151 low- to moderate-income homeless individuals; \$15,000 to Miller Community House for the provision of shelter to twelve (12) homeless individuals, and \$19,000 to Fair Housing Contact Service for the provision of Fair Housing Services to low- to moderate-income Kent residents.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The City conducted two public hearings while preparing its PY2022 Annual Action Plan. Announcements for the two public hearings were posted as display advertisements that appeared in the local general circulation newspaper fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled public hearings. Notices of the two public hearings were also posted on the City bulletin board fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled meetings. The first public hearing was held on February 16th, 2022, at 7:25 p.m. This session occurred early in the planning process and was held prior to a scheduled City Council session, in an open forum, and was promoted as an opportunity to present information about the CDBG program and to gather information and comments from interested persons concerning needs in the community or specific activities the City should consider funding during PY2022. The second public hearing was held on May 18th, 2022 at 7:25 p.m. in the same format as the first.

After writing the PY2022 Draft Annual Action Plan, the City provided a thirty (30) day public comment period that spanned the time-period of April 19th, 2022 to May 18th, 2022. Various community-oriented agencies and service providers were invited to review the draft and submit comments during the 30-day period. A notice was published in the local newspaper of general circulation announcing the 30-day comment period and availability of the draft for review and comment. Paper copies of the draft were made available for review upon request. The draft was published online at the City of Kent's Website, www.kentohio.org, under the Spotlights

section. Each advertisement indicated that persons with special needs and non-English speaking residents are encouraged to participate and that they should contact the City so that any needed accommodations can be arranged.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

No public comments were received.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

N/A

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PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	KENT	Department of Community Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The City of Kent Community Development Department is the lead entity responsible for overseeing the development of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and each annual Action Plan, and is responsible for administering programs and activities covered by the 5-Year Plan. The City's Community Development Department staff has been responsible for addressing all administrative aspects of the CDBG program since the City became an entitlement community in 1984. Department personnel were responsible for developing and administering the City's prior 5-Year Consolidated Plans and addressing all regulatory requirements associated with the CDBG program. The City implements specific CDBG activities on its own or through the use of subrecipients and contractors.

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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

The City of Kent's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan process incorporated several different methodologies for gathering comments and input in order to identify needs and priorities the City should consider during the development of its 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The City of Kent distributed an electronic survey to numerous nonprofit organizations requesting information on current affordable housing inventory, the needs of the homeless, supportive services, special needs, community development needs and other proposed services that would benefit low-to moderate-income persons. The City also held discussions with City personnel from various departments to identify needs and to collect insights on possible priority needs that should be considered for inclusion into the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l))

Coordination among different service providers is an integral component in providing quality affordable housing opportunities and needed supportive services. The City has funded and collaborated on numerous housing and supportive service activities through the years with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) program funding and local social service funding. The City sought input from numerous agencies in the community that provide a variety of housing and social service programs for specific beneficiaries. The Portage County Housing Services Council is an organization that meets on a quarterly basis and that provides an excellent forum for housing and service providers to discuss needs facing the community and to coordinate the provision of services to meet those needs.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The City of Kent is part of Region 5 of the State of Ohio's Continuum of Care (CoC) Balance of State program. Each year the City verifies and provides certification that the projects undertaken with CoC funding are consistent with the goals of the City's Consolidated Plan. The City also often funds activities undertaken by both Family & Community Services (F&CS) and the Region 5 lead agency, Coleman Professional Services, on efforts to address the needs of the homeless within the City and in Portage County. The City currently provides funding to Family &

Community Services for operation of the only emergency homeless shelter in Portage County which is located in the City of Kent. The City also provides support for F&CS's Safer Futures, a domestic violence shelter and F&CS's Housing and Emergency Support Services program which provides homelessness prevention for those facing eviction and homelessness. The City has also recently provided funding to Coleman Professional Services for an emergency rental assistance program and the construction of new permanent supportive housing for youth transitioning out of foster care. Many of the non-housing supportive services that the City supports aim to address some of the conditions that often eventually lead to homelessness.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

The City of Kent is part of Region 5 of the State of Ohio's CoC Balance of State program which does not receive ESG funding.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

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Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This agency was included in the process for developing the overall goals and objectives of the City's 5-year Consolidated Plan. The agency was invited to submit any comments about the PY2022 Action Plan during the 30-day public comment period.

2	Agency/Group/Organization	Family and Community Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services - Victims Health Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This agency was included in the process for developing the overall goals and objectives of the City's 5-year Consolidated Plan. The agency was invited to submit any comments about the PY2022 Action Plan during the 30-day public comment period.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Coleman Professional Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Employment Health Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This agency was included in the process for developing the overall goals and objectives of the City's 5-year Consolidated Plan. The agency was invited to submit any comments about the PY2022 Action Plan during the 30-day public comment period.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	TOWNHALL II
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Health Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Mental Health and Addiction Services
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This agency was included in the process for developing the overall goals and objectives of the City's 5-year Consolidated Plan. The agency was invited to submit any comments about the PY2022 Action Plan during the 30-day public comment period.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL OF PORTAGE COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This agency was included in the process for developing the overall goals and objectives of the City's 5-year Consolidated Plan. The agency was invited to submit any comments about the PY2022 Action Plan during the 30-day public comment period.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Summit Medina Business Alliance (SBDC)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This agency was included in the process for developing the overall goals and objectives of the City's 5-year Consolidated Plan. The agency was invited to submit any comments about the PY2022 Action Plan during the 30-day public comment period.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Habitat for Humanity of Portage County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This agency was included in the process for developing the overall goals and objectives of the City's 5-year Consolidated Plan. The agency was invited to submit any comments about the PY2022 Action Plan during the 30-day public comment period.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Neighborhood Development Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This agency was included in the process for developing the overall goals and objectives of the City's 5-year Consolidated Plan. The agency was invited to submit any comments about the PY2022 Action Plan during the 30-day public comment period.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	AxessPointe Community Health Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Health Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Development Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

10	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Kent
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Development Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This agency was included in the process for developing the overall goals and objectives of the City's 5-year Consolidated Plan. The agency was invited to submit any comments about the PY2022 Action Plan during the 30-day public comment period.

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

N/A

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Region 5 Coleman Professional Services	Both plans aim to address the needs of the homeless including efforts to provide stable housing opportunities, as well as needed supportive services.
Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice	City of Kent	Both plans share the goal of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

The City conducted two public hearings while preparing its PY2022 Annual Action Plan. Announcements for the two public hearings were posted as display advertisements that appeared in the local general circulation newspaper fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled public hearings. Notices of the two public hearings were also posted on the City bulletin board fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled meetings. The first public hearing was held on February 16th, 2022. This session occurred early in the planning process and was held before a scheduled City Council session. The hearing occurred in an open forum and was promoted as an opportunity to present information about the CDBG program and to gather information and comments from interested persons concerning needs in the community or specific activities the City should consider funding during PY2022. The second public hearing was held on May 18th, 2022 at 7:25 pm in the same format as the first.

The City provided a thirty (30) day public comment period for the PY2022 Draft Annual Action Plan that spanned the time-period of April 19th, 2022 to May 18, 2022. Various community-oriented agencies and service providers were invited to review the draft and submit comments during the 30-day public comment period. A notice was published in a local newspaper of general circulation announcing the 30-day comment period and availability of the draft for review and comment. Paper copies of the draft were made available for review at the City of Kent Clerk of Council office and the City of Kent Community Development Department. Each advertisement indicated that persons with special needs and non-English speaking residents were encouraged to participate and that they should contact the City so that any needed accommodations could be arranged.

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Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
1	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Notice of 2/16/2022 Public Hearing published in the Kent-Ravenna Record Courier on 2/2/2022	N/A	N/A	
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	Public Hearing number 1, held 2/16/2022, at 7:25PM	No comments were received.	N/A	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
3	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Public Notice of availability of DRAFT PY2021 CDBG Action Plan for Review, published in the Kent-Ravenna Record Courier on 4/19/2022, for a 30-day Public Comment Period commencing on Tuesday, 4/19/2022 and ending on Wednesday, 5/18/2022.	No comments were received.	N/A	
4	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Notice of 5/18/2022 Public Hearing published in the Kent-Ravenna Record Courier on 5/4/2022.	No comments were received.	N/A	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	0	0	0	0	0	
Other	public - state	Housing	0	0	0	0	0	

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

Discussion

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Walnut Street Reconstruction	2020	2021	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Infrastructure Improvements	CDBG: \$160,000 public - state: \$1,058,200	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 18040 Persons Assisted
2	Neighborhood Policing Program	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Crime Prevention	CDBG: \$18,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 8097 Persons Assisted
3	Energy Efficiency Housing Rehabilitation	2020	2024	Affordable Housing		Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation	CDBG: \$35,000 public - state: \$47,690	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 7 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Micro-Enterprise Assistance	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Micro-Enterprise Assistance	CDBG: \$5,000 public - state: \$415,929	Businesses assisted: 3 Businesses Assisted
5	Homeless Shelter Services	2020	2024	Homeless		Homeless Shelter Services	CDBG: \$15,000 public - state: \$293,500	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 45 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Walnut Street Reconstruction
	Goal Description	
2	Goal Name	Neighborhood Policing Program
	Goal Description	
3	Goal Name	Energy Efficiency Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	
4	Goal Name	Micro-Enterprise Assistance
	Goal Description	
5	Goal Name	Homeless Shelter Services
	Goal Description	

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Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The City is proposing to undertake the projects listed in Table 7 during PY2022, the third year of the 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Planning period. The proposed projects are a result of an open request for proposal process and a thorough staff review which takes into account the proposed objectives and priority needs outlined in this plan, as well as all regulatory requirements of the CDBG program.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	2022 CDBG Walnut Street Reconstruction
2	2022 Neighborhood Policing Program
3	2022 CDBG - Furnace Inspection/Targeted Replacement Program
4	2022 CDBG - Miller House Homeless Shelter Services
5	2022 CDBG - Silver Meadows Renovations
6	2022 CDBG - Coleman Health Services - 209 S. Prospect Rehabilitation
7	2022 CDBG - Small Business Counseling
8	2022 CDBG Admin
9	2022 CDBG Fair Housing Services

Table 7 - Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

The allocation priorities are driven by the goals and objectives set forth in the City's current 5-year Consolidated Plan that spans the time period PY2020-PY2024 and how the projects that were proposed as part of an open request for proposal process align with the goals and objectives of the Consolidated Plan. The largest obstacle for addressing underserved needs is the limited amount of funding that is available when compared to the amount of need that is the community. The City best addresses this issue by keeping in close communication with other service providers in the community to ensure there is no overlap or duplication of services and by expending funds that are targeted towards the largest, and most underserved, needs in the City.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	2022 CDBG Walnut Street Reconstruction
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Walnut Street Reconstruction
	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$160,000 public - state: \$497,035
	Description	CDBG funds will be used for Phase II, from Harris Street to Dodge Street, of the full-depth Walnut Street Reconstruction project.
	Target Date	12/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 3,070 low- to moderate-income residents will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	The project location is Walnut Street, Kent, OH, between Harris and Dodge Streets.
2	Planned Activities	The project involves the full depth reconstruction of Walnut Street, from Harris to Dodge Streets, and will include asphalt concrete pavement at a width of 22 feet between face and curb, new catch basins and storm sewers, along with curbing to improve drainage along the roadway, rebuilt concrete driveway aprons, and 4 foot wide sidewalks which will tie into the existing sidewalk on Harris and Dodge Streets.
	Project Name	2022 Neighborhood Policing Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Neighborhood Policing Program
	Needs Addressed	Crime Prevention
	Funding	CDBG: \$18,000

	Description	CDBG funds will be used to provide additional City of Kent police patrols and increase police visibility primarily in low- to moderate-income neighborhoods and in assisted housing complexes.
	Target Date	7/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	8,097 low- to moderate-income residents of the City of Kent will benefit from this program
	Location Description	Funded (subsidized) housing projects, the Downtown business district, and residential neighborhoods as well as the 8 Planning Districts of the City of Kent will benefit from additional police patrols, bicycle patrols and public education and outreach by the City of Kent police department.
	Planned Activities	The program objectives are to improve police-neighborhood relationships, improve methods of identifying sources of crime and neighborhood description, increase the rate at which crimes are reported to the police, enhance crime prevention activities and disseminate security information resources by promoting greater interaction between police officers and residents through additional police patrols, bicycle police patrols, and educational outreach.
3	Project Name	2022 CDBG - Furnace Inspection/Targeted Replacement Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Energy Efficiency Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$35,000 public - state: \$14,158
	Description	CDBG funds will be used to provide furnace inspections, tune-ups, and/or replacement of failing or inefficient furnaces and/or hot water tanks for low- to moderate income, owner-occupied homes located within the City of Kent.
	Target Date	7/31/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 7 households - 5 low-income and 2 extremely low-income - will benefit from this program.
	Location Description	Project location will be an estimated 7 owner-occupied low- to moderate-income housing units on scattered sites throughout the City of Kent. Specific locations will be determined at a later date.
	Planned Activities	Community Action Council of Portage County will secure applications for CDBG services for at least 7 households. Services may include: basic furnace inspection and diagnostics; installation of high efficiency heating systems; installation of replacement hot water tanks and associated expansion tanks, and consumer education services.
4	Project Name	2022 CDBG - Miller House Homeless Shelter Services
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Homeless Shelter Services
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Shelter Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000 public - state: \$169,200
	Description	CDBG funds will be used to pay for shelter nights spent by Kent residents at the Miller Community House, a homeless shelter, and for needed case management, counseling and housing placement.
	Target Date	7/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 45 extremely low-income homeless individuals will receive shelter and wrap-around services.
	Location Description	Services will be provided at the M. Marie Miller Community House, located at 1211 Anita Drive, Kent, OH 44240.

	Planned Activities	Services provided will include: emergency shelter, including food, clothing and other basic needs; on-site case management services; coordination of education placement, and permanent housing placements.
5	Project Name	2022 CDBG - Silver Meadows Renovations
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Energy Efficiency Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Non-Profit Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000 public - state: \$28,000
	Description	CDBG funds will be used to replace the siding, gutters and downspouts on three (3) permanent supporting housing duplexes located at 692-694 Silver Meadows, 717-719 Silver Meadows, and 733-735 Silver Meadows. These 6 housing units will provide safe and decent housing for low- to moderate-income residents of the City of Kent.
	Target Date	7/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Six extremely low-income, homeless households will benefit from safe, sanitary and affordable housing.
	Location Description	Project locations: 692, 694 717 719 733 and 735 Siler Meadows, Kent, OH 44240.
	Planned Activities	The siding, gutters and downspouts will be replace to improve energy efficiency and overall functionality of the homes.
6	Project Name	2022 CDBG - Coleman Health Services - 209 S. Prospect Rehabilitation
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Energy Efficiency Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Non-Profit Rental Rehabilitation

	Funding	CDBG: \$9,000 public - state: \$9,140
	Description	CDBG funds will be used to rehabilitate a vacant apartment for an extremely low-income individual with serious persistent mental illness. The rehabilitation will include repair walls, replacing the existing flooring, tub, water closet and vanity, and demolishing/replacing the existing exterior entry landing.
	Target Date	7/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	One extremely low-income household will benefit from this project.
	Location Description	The project is located at 209 S. Prospect St, Kent, OH 44240.
	Planned Activities	The bathroom will be fully rehabbed, including all bathroom fixtures. Flooring throughout the apartment will be replaced with new, textured vinyl planking. There is considerable smoke damage to the unit. The walls and ceilings will be cleaned, patched and repainted.
7	Project Name	2022 CDBG - Small Business Counseling
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Micro-Enterprise Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Micro-Enterprise Assistance
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000 public - state: \$224,249
	Description	CDBG funds will be used to provide one-o-one business counseling, as well as business workshops and training for low-to moderate-income residents of the City of Kent.
	Target Date	7/31/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated three (3) individuals - two low-income, and one (1) very low-income - will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Services will be provided from 930 Overholt Road, Kent, OH 44240.
	Planned Activities	One-on-one business counseling and business workshops/training will be provided to low- to moderate-income residents of the City of Kent.
8	Project Name	2022 CDBG Admin
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,720
	Description	CDBG funds will be used to cover grant administration costs, such as the cost of staff, supplies, advertising, postage, copying, travel costs for trainings, and other related costs.
	Target Date	7/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	930 Overholt Rd., Kent, OH 44240
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to assist with expenses incurred during the administration and oversight of CDBG-funded activities.
9	Project Name	2022 CDBG Fair Housing Services
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$19,000

Description	CDBG funds will be used to cover the costs associated with the provision of fair housing services. Fair Housing Contact Service will provide counseling in the areas of housing discrimination and landlord-tenant issues, investigate fair housing complaints, and provide public education and outreach services in the City of Kent.
Target Date	7/31/2023
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
Location Description	Fair Housing Contact Service will provide fair housing services to residents of the City of Kent, OH...
Planned Activities	Services will include: homebuyer counseling, tenant/landlord counseling, investigation of discrimination complaints, educational workshops/trainings and testing.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

During this Consolidated Plan process (2020-2024), the City will target its available CDBG and other local resources toward supporting public infrastructure improvement projects and activities within the neighborhoods of the City that have some of the highest concentrations of low- to moderate-income and minority households. The City is continuing this geographic targeting of public infrastructure improvements during the PY2022 period by contributing funding to the Walnut Street Reconstruction project. This project will meet this priority need and is located in a low- to moderate-income area and an area of minority concentration as shown on the maps attached to this plan in the appendix. The Neighborhood Policing program will again be undertaken during PY2022 and provide additional police outreach to low-to moderate-income geographic areas of the City, some of which also have a higher concentrations of minority populations. The program has a goal of improving communication, trust and understanding between residents and the Police Department. The other programs being proposed during PY2022 provide a citywide benefit to residents or assistance to eligible households that could be located anywhere throughout the City, rather than on the basis of a geographic area.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The City targets some of its available CDBG and other local resources towards neighborhoods of the City that have some of the highest concentrations of low-to moderate-income households. The intent of this shift and its continuance during this 2020 - 2024 Five-year Consolidated Plan period, and PY2022, is to ensure that resources are allocated to the geographic areas of greatest need in the City.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	27
Non-Homeless	7
Special-Needs	0
Total	34

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	9
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	9

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

During PY2022, as outlined in **Table – 6 One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement**, it is anticipated that twenty (20) homeless households will be provided housing through an emergency homeless shelter being funded with CDBG funding; six (6) homeless households will be supported through exterior housing improvements, and one (1) additional housing unit for a homeless, mentally ill household will be renovated. Seven (7) non-homeless households will receive energy efficiency rehabilitation through the Furnace Inspection/Targeted Replacement program. A total of nine (9) units will be rehabilitated, as shown in **Table 7 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type**: - seven (7) through the Furnace Inspection/Targeted Replacement program, and two (2) will be rehabilitated using CHIP and CDBG program income.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The City is one of the smallest entitlement communities in the State of Ohio and receives a limited amount of CDBG funding on an annual basis. The City does not have the funding available to support a Tenant-Based Rental Assistance program or to complete rehabilitation activities at PMHA units located within the City. Although the City cannot provide financial assistance, it works collaboratively with the PMHA on various housing issues, including possible homeownership programs that may benefit households participating in PMHA's public housing or Section 8 voucher assistance program.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

The Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority (PMHA) has approximately 305 public housing units that can be used for housing extremely low-income (0-30% of AMI) and low-income households (31-50% of AMI) which includes households with annual household incomes between 0 - 50% of the area median income (AMI). The PMHA's 2022 Annual Agency Plan identified the following goals and objectives:

1. Achieve and Maintain Excellence in Tenant-Based Housing Programs

- Two households will become new homeowners through the Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Program

2. Improve Productivity and Cost Effectiveness

- Examine opportunities to improve productivity and cost effectiveness through technology

3. Collaborate with Community Partners to Leverage Resources to Benefit Households Assisted by PMHA and Portage County

- PMHA will investigate opportunities to develop and manage permanent supportive housing.
- PMHA will investigate methods of inter-agency cooperation that will lessen barriers to assistance for applicants and participants.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

PMHA provides programming for residents of Public Housing through a number of different measures including their Resident Opportunity Self Sufficiency (ROSS) grant program and their Good Neighbor Program which is funded through the City of Kent's local Social Service Grant Program. ROSS is a HUD Consolidated Plan KENT 118 OMB Control No: 2506-0117 (exp. 06/30/2018) funded program specifically for public housing units that helps families and individuals obtain self-sufficiency and improve quality of life. The Good Neighbor program provides an array of services that aim to improve the living environment of LMI families residing in public housing. Programming through the Good Neighbor program includes: a forum for interaction between public housing residents and the Kent Police Department, referral and service coordination that to meet needs of residents, distribution literature promoting healthy lifestyles, and employment services. All of these measures are taken with the goal of increasing resident involvement and improving the living environment of PMHA residents in Kent. PMHA offers a homeownership program through its Housing Choice Voucher Program. PMHA's most recent "Moving to Work" plan had a goal for two (2) residents to obtain homeownership.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

N/A

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AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Introduction

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

Services for the homeless in Portage County are usually undertaken by one of two housing and services providers in the area, Family & Community Services (F&CS) and Coleman Professional Services (CPS). The City plans to fund both of these agencies during PY2022 for the services that they provide to the homeless. The City will fund F&CS's Homeless Shelter Services Program, which provides emergency shelter nights at an emergency homeless shelter along with connected supportive services that aim to meet the specific needs of each client. Services through Coleman Professional Services will be funded through the City of Kent's Social Services program.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City will use CDBG funding for Family & Community Services' Homeless Shelter Services Program during PY2022, which provides emergency housing for individuals and families, as well as supportive services that may be needed.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The goals mentioned above are designed to help individuals and families transition from homelessness to stable housing situations. Services needed for self-sufficiency vary depending on the needs of each specific client. An assessment is conducted at intake by local housing providers that identifies needs with the goal always being sustaining a self-sufficient housing/living situation as expeditiously as possible given the unique characteristics of each client. Local services providers, including the agencies mentioned in this section who are scheduled to receive funding from the City during PY2022, coordinate well with each other and

keep in close contact through a number of different forums, most notably the Portage County Housing Services Council. These agencies, including the City of Kent, are cognizant of programming that is available in the Community that provides services and emergency, transitional and supportive housing. These relationships are key to facilitating a housing and support service structure that, to the Consolidated Plan KENT 120 OMB Control No: 2506-0117 (exp. 06/30/2018) greatest extent feasible, ensures no gaps exist.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

The support network described in the previous sections is designed to prevent homelessness and provide housing and any needed services to those who become homeless. This support structure is in place with the intention of limiting the amount of time individuals or families experience homelessness and to provide tools for them to become self-sufficient. In addition to the projects and activities mention in the previous areas of this section, the City allocates local social service funding to Family & Community Services and Coleman Professional Services for homelessness prevention rental assistance programs. Social Service funding is also provided to the local Community Action Agency for a job training program designed to provide marketable computer skills for low-to moderate income Kent residents. Unfortunately, the City of Kent is one of the smallest entitlement communities in the State and the needs for many different services far outweigh the resources that are available with CDBG funding alone. For this reason the City and local service providers rely on the pooling of different funding sources and good coordination among providers to ensure the best housing and service delivery network is in place, given the amount of resources that are available, to meet the needs of the homeless.

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AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction:

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

The City of Kent does not have any local public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing. The primary barrier to affordable housing for many low- to moderate-income households remains the limited number of affordable housing units in the community. The City is home to Kent State University and the student population has created a large rental market in the community. The City recognizes that there still is a need for more affordable housing in the community and that the City's large student population does limit the availability of rental units for low- to moderate-income households, especially larger families. The City has implemented code violation and zoning ordinances to address some of the issues that have developed over the years as a result of the student renters. These ordinances are not restrictive in terms of limiting the availability of affordable housing, but rather, are focused on property maintenance issues to ensure landlords maintain safe and decent housing. The zoning code, and its enforcement, also limits the use of boarding houses in the city, which can be rented out by the bedroom. This enforcement helps the affordability of housing by lowering rent structures that can escalate as a result of houses rented on a per bedroom basis. This enforcement, which is achieved through the City of Kent's Rental Registry program, helps to maintain the affordability of housing by lowering rent structures that can escalate as a result of houses being rented on a per bedroom basis. The City does not have tax policies or other public policies that affect the valuation of land or other property in a manner that adversely impacts the availability of housing in the community. It is also challenging for many low- to moderate- income households to make the transition from being renters to homeowners because of the difficulties associated with saving for a down payment and securing financing from traditional lenders.

The City is committed to allocating CDBG funds to affordable housing initiatives and has designated offering housing programs to provide safe and decent housing for low-to moderate-income households as a primary funding objective for PY2022 and during the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan period. In addition, the City will utilize Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) funds from the State of Ohio to help expand affordable housing opportunities for the low- to moderate-income households in Kent. All of these efforts are a strategy to remove barriers to affordable housing by increasing the supply and availability of affordable housing. The

City is always continuing its housing code enforcement that targets illegal boarding houses that rent to students on a per bedroom basis that limit available housing for larger families and can increase rent levels. The City of Kent participates in the Portage County Housing Services Council (PCHSC), which is a collaborative volunteer group comprised of nonprofit agencies, developers and government agencies that are involved with housing programs throughout Portage County. The PCHSC meets quarterly and routinely discusses strategies to remove barriers to affordable housing.

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AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City will continue its collaboration with area nonprofit organizations in order to identify the most immediate underserved needs in the community along with possible funding sources that can be accessed to address these needs. The City provides CDBG funding for several programs that serve the needs of the underserved in the City of Kent. Often organizations that received CDBG funding through the City use the grant award as match to try and secure additional funding from other government or private sources in order to expand or create new programs to meet the needs of the underserved. The largest obstacle for addressing underserved needs is the limited amount of funding that is available when compared to the amount of need that is the community. The City best addresses this issue by keeping in close communication with other service providers in the area to ensure there is no overlap or duplication of services and by expending funds that are most targeted towards the largest, and most underserved, needs in the City. The various projects undertaken in past Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program years, in this PY2022 CDBG Action plan and through the City's locally funded Social Service Grant Program are rooted in the purpose of addressing underserved needs in the Community.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City has identified offering programs to provide safe and decent housing for low- to moderate-income households as a primary funding objective during the PY2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and anticipates undertaking activities on a continuing basis to further this objective. During PY2022, the City plans to foster and maintain affordable housing by undertaking the Energy Efficiency Housing Rehabilitation program at seven (7) households, install new siding, gutters and downspouts at six (6) permanent supportive housing facilities owned by Family and Community Services, rehabilitate one (1) vacant apartment, owned by Coleman Health Services, for an extremely low-income person with serious persistent mental illness., and have RLF funding available for the Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation that can assist with substantial and emergency water/sewer connection housing rehabilitation. The City will continue to fund the Homeless Shelter Services program, which will provide emergency housing for an estimated forty-five (45) homeless persons. Concurrently with this Action Plan, the City is preparing an application for a Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) grant through the State of Ohio Development Service Agency's, Office of Community Development to help expand affordable housing opportunities for the low- to moderate-income households in Kent. If

this CHIP grant can be secured it will result in the substantial rehabilitation eligible owner-occupied households in the City.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City and its subrecipient agencies that are involved in housing rehabilitation activities, continue to implement the current requirements involving the reduction of lead-based paint hazards. Depending on the nature of each individual project and scope of work, the City requires that contractors working on housing rehabilitation projects have the proper Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) Certification through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or lead-based paint abatement licensure through the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). A licensed third-party vendor is used for conducting both lead risk assessments and clearance testing. In addition, a City staff member that oversees the entire rehabilitation process has received lead-based paint training and holds lead-licensure as a certified lead-abatement contractor. Anytime construction activity is undertaken on housing that was built prior to 1978, all required lead-based paint measures are taken to ensure that all regulatory guidelines are met and the safety of its occupants.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City of Kent's goal for reducing the number of poverty level families in this current economic climate is to promote economic development initiatives that will result in job creation. The City completed a \$100+ million dollar downtown redevelopment project that is generating new employment opportunities. With the initial investment in the core of downtown is complete, and the City is focusing on leveraging and expanding upon these investments to the areas immediately surrounding the downtown core and throughout other areas of the City. The development of downtown has and is still creating many temporary and permanent jobs; the nature of these jobs is varied and includes everything from white collar business jobs to service related positions. During PY2022, the City will continue to provide financial support to the various nonprofit agencies in the community that work with persons living at the poverty level. During PY2022 the Summit-Medina Business Alliance's Micro-Enterprise Development Program, which provides business counseling and consultation services to low- to moderate-income entrepreneurs and business owners who are below the poverty level, will continue to be available to residents. Many of the services local non-profit agencies provide, including housing initiatives and supportive services have a primary goal of reducing the number of families and individuals living below the poverty-level. Infrastructure investment, such as the Walnut Street Reconstruction project, within low- to moderate-income Census Block Groups that are likely to have a higher proportion of families below the poverty line, are designed in-part to help improve

the economic conditions within those areas. As mentioned earlier in this report, the City is currently writing a Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) grant through the State of Ohio Development Service Agency's, Office of Community Development to help expand affordable housing opportunities for the low- to moderate-income households in Kent, including those below the poverty-level. Many of the activities undertaken in past Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program years, in this PY2022 CDBG Action plan and through the City's locally funded Social Service Grant Program share a common goal of reducing the number of poverty-level families.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City plans to work closely with local social service agencies and nonprofit housing providers during the PY2022 Action Plan year to identify local needs within the community and to identify possible methods for minimizing the gaps in service. By maintaining its working relationship with local agencies, the City has an ongoing understanding of the needs of special needs populations within the community. The local institutional structure is further supported through the coordination of activities provided through the Portage County Housing Services Council. The City will continue its involvement in the PY 2022 year because such involvement creates an important link to a number of social service agencies and housing providers in Kent and throughout Portage County. The Community Resource Connect will help further solidify institutional structure. Beyond providing information and resources for residents in the community, Community Resource Connect will allow service and housing providers to further collaborate, or make new connections, that helps ensure the provision of housing and related services from various organizations in the community is as efficient as possible.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

Coordination between the City of Kent, the Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority (PMHA) and various social service agencies is an ongoing process. The City, PMHA and many area nonprofit service and housing providers are active members of the Portage County Housing Services Council (HSC). The HSC provides a forum for the exchange of ideas and discussions on affordable housing needs within Portage County. Information gathered through these meetings is utilized by the City in developing its housing goals and is used by other HSC participating organizations to identify the needs of the homeless during the annual Continuum of Care (CoC) process

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(l)(1,2,4)

Introduction:

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	100.00%

DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 2022-052

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO CONTINUE THE ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT WITH THE DAVEY TREE EXPERT COMPANY PROVIDING FOR A PROJECT AND REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO THE OHIO ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM (EZ), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City executed the Enterprise Zone Agreement in January, 2021; and

WHEREAS, even though the project is not complete, the agreement is considered active and the Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) met on March 9, 2022 and voted to recommend to Council to continue the agreement as is.

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

SECTION 1. the City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to continue the Enterprise Zone Agreement with The Davey Tree Expert Company for a real property tax exemption.

SECTION 2. 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. 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)

DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 2022-053

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 509.12 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KENT TITLED "UNLAWFUL NOISE", AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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 509.12 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Kent titled "Unlawful Noise" per the Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. 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. 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_____.

AMY WILKENS
CLERK OF COUNCIL
(SEAL)

EXHIBIT A

509.12 UNLAWFUL NOISE

(a) Unlawful Noise - Prohibited. It is unlawful for any owner, occupant, agent or persons in possession or control of any structure, lot, thing or building, premises or vehicle to make, continue or cause to be made or continued, or permit to be made, any excessive, unnecessary, or unusually loud noise or any noise which disturbs, annoys, injures or endangers the comfort, repose or health, peace or safety of persons of ordinary sensibilities within the City.

(b) Unlawful Noise - Enumerated. The following acts, among others, are declared to be loud, disturbing, injurious and unnecessary and unlawful noises in violation of this section, but this enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive, namely:

(1) Horns and Signal Devices. The sounding of any horn or signal device on any automobile, motorcycle, bus or train, or any other vehicle while not in motion, except as a danger signal or to give warning of intent to get into motion, or, if in motion, only as a danger signal after or as brakes are being applied and decelerating of the vehicle has begun; the creation by means of such signal devices of any unreasonably loud or harsh sounds; and the sounding of any signal device for any unreasonable or unnecessary period of time.

(2) Radio, Stereo, Musical Instruments. The playing of any radio, stereo, television set, amplified or unamplified musical instruments, loudspeaker, tape recorder, or other electronic sound-producing devices, in such a manner or with such volume at any time or place so as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of persons in any office or in any dwelling, hotel, hospital or other type of residence, or of any persons in the vicinity. ~~The operation of any such set, instrument, phonograph, machine or device in such a manner as to be plainly audible on a property or in a dwelling unit other than that in which it is located, shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section.~~

(3) Loud Noises or Disturbances. Yelling, shouting, hooting or the making of any other loud noises on the public streets, or the making of any such noise at any time or place so as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of persons in any dwelling, hotel, hospital or other type of residence, or in any office or of any persons in the vicinity.

(4) Animal Noises. The keeping of any animal, which by causing frequent or long continued noise shall disturb the comfort or repose of any person.

(5) Whistle or Siren. The blowing of any whistles or sirens, except to give notice of the time to begin or stop work or as a warning of fire or danger.

(6) Engine Exhaust. The discharge into the open air of the exhaust of any engine, or internal combustion engine, except through a muffler or other device which effectively prevents loud or explosive noises therefrom.

(7) Noisy Advertising. No person shall, by ringing a bell or gong, or by using a phonograph or other instrument for producing or reproducing sounds, or by using loud or boisterous language or by any unusual noise or means whatever, advertise goods, wares, or merchandise for sale, or advertise any show, theater, exhibition, or entertainment.

(8) Noisy Machinery. No person shall maintain, run, or operate any steam, gas, gasoline, or other engine, boiler, press, machine, or other apparatus so constructed or operated as to make any unnecessary noise, to the annoyance and discomfort of the people of the City, except in the course of making an emergency repair and for weather necessitated activities.

(9) Noise-producing Instruments. The use of any device, apparatus, radio, ticker or other noise-making and noise-emitting device for general advertising purposes, or for the purpose of soliciting trade or attracting attention to any wares, good, merchandise, instrument or device offered for sale is prohibited.

(c) Sound Generated by Devices or Instruments. It is prima facie unlawful for a person to generate or permit to be generated sound by the above described devices or instruments in the following circumstances:

(1) On private property between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. of the following day in a residential area where the sound is **unreasonably** audible past the property line of the property on which the source of the sound is located; or

(2) On a street, highway or in the public right-of-way where the sound is audible thirty (30) feet from the device generating the sound. Persons in possession of a current parade permit, assemblage permit, or a current loud-speaker permit are exempt from the provisions of this sub-paragraph.

(3) By conducting an unduly large gathering at a private residence or in a private residential area which generates excessive noise at any time.

(d) No person being the owner, or person in possession of a premises for person in control of the premises by reason of employment, agency, or otherwise, whether such ownership, possession or control is exclusive or joint, shall permit a violation of this section.

(e) Warning and Alarm Devices Warning and alarm devices which have the purpose of signaling unsafe or dangerous situations or calling for police are exempted from the prohibitions of this section when used for such purposes and are in proper working order.

(f) Agricultural Activities. Agricultural activities conducted within an agricultural district as authorized in Chapter 929 of the Ohio Revised Code, shall be exempted from the prohibitions of this section when the activities are not in conflict with federal, state or local laws or are conducted in accordance with generally accepted agricultural practices.

(g) Outdoor Performances The use, production or presentation outdoors in a residential neighborhood, by a live band of any make-up, or the use of outdoor amplification or amplification intended directly or indirectly to be heard outside of the structure where the event is being held.

(h) Exemptions Events officially sponsored and/or approved by the City of Kent, such as festivals, fireworks, parades, etc., activities that are essential to the proper performance work-related duties of the officers and employees of the City, and events official sponsored by governmental educational institutions and the Kent Board of Education such as sporting events, marching bands, etc., shall be exempt from the prohibitions of this section.

(i) Retaliation. No person shall direct a verbal, physical or electronic act against the person, family or property of any individual who complains of or witnesses a violation of

the Unlawful Noise regulations for the purpose of intimidating or retaliating against that person for the exercise of the right to complain or testify to a violation of this Code.

(j) Penalty

(1) Whoever violates this section except subsection (i) is guilty of generating unreasonable noise an unclassified misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and up to thirty (30) days in jail. If the offender persists in generating, or permitting to be generated, unreasonable noise after reasonable warning or request to desist, the penalty shall include a minimum fine of \$500.00.

(2) Whoever violates subsection (i) herein, is guilty of an unclassified misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of at least \$500.00 and not exceeding \$1,000 and up to thirty (30) days in jail.

DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 2022-054

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING AN INDEFINITE MORATORIUM ON THE APPLICABILITY OF ORDINANCE NO. 2022-004 TITLED “MOBILE FOOD UNIT REGULATIONS” AS IT PERTAINS TO REGULATE VENDING, PEDDLING AND SOLICITING IN THE CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Kent, Ohio (the “City”) is a legally and regularly created, established, organized and existing municipal corporation under the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Ohio and the home rule charter of the City (the “Charter”); and

WHEREAS, Sections 5.12(8) and 5.13 of the Charter authorize the City Council to enact emergency ordinances for the preservation of public, health, peace, or safety upon the vote of seven (7) members of City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kent currently regulates land uses within the City limits in accordance with Chapter 11 of the Kent Municipal Code pursuant to its Home Rule Constitutional authority and the Ohio Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Kent City Council desires that the staff of the Law, Fire, and Health conduct a thorough analysis and assessment of Ordinance No. 2022-004, titled “Mobile Food Unit Regulations” and regulations therein; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is necessary to declare an emergency for the preservation of public property, health, peace, and safety with the imposition of an indefinite moratorium on the applicability of the provisions of Ordinance No. *in toto*.

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

SECTION 1. Kent City Council hereby authorizes an indefinite moratorium suspending the applicability of Ordinance No. 2022-004 titled “Mobile Food Unit Regulations” to enable a reasoned discussion and consideration of desired amendments to that Ordinance. Any inspections by the Health and Fire Department required under other ordinances or state laws are in no way affected by this moratorium

SECTION 2. 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. 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)

DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 2022-055

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,000 FOR BODY CAMERAS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Kent Police Department has received grant money in the amount of \$80,000 from the Small Rural and Tribal Body Worn Camera Grant through the United States Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance; and

WHEREAS, this grant money will be used to purchase body cameras for the City's police officers; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to accept said grant.

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 grant funding in the amount of \$80,000 from the Small Rural and Tribal Body Worn Camera Grant to be used to purchase body cameras for the City of Kent Police Department, and for the Budget and Finance Director to appropriate the award 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

DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 2022-056

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500.00 TO THE CITY OF KENT PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT FROM THE HENRY V. AND FRANCES W. CHRISTENSON FOUNDATION FOR KENT PARKS AND RECREATION BEAUTIFICATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Kent Parks & Recreation Department has received a donation of \$1,500.00 from the Henry V. and Frances W. Christenson Foundation for the Kent Parks and Recreation beautification; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to accept said grant donation.

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 on behalf of the City of Kent to accept the donation of \$1,500.00 from the Henry V. and Frances W. Christenson Foundation for the Kent Parks and Recreation beautification, and for the Budget and Finance Director to appropriate the donation into the proper fund.

SECTION 2. 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. 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