



City of Kent
Wednesday, June 15, 2022
Regular City Council Meeting
320 S. Depeyster Street, Kent, OH 44240

MINUTES

7:25 P.M. Board of Control

7:30 P.M. Regular Council Meeting

At 07:30 PM, Mayor Jerry T. Fiala called the Regular City Council Meeting to order.

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; Ms. Melanie Baker, Service 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

Ms. Shaffer Bish said that it feels like summer and said for everyone to try to keep as cool as you can. She encouraged all to enjoy the live music and all of the great things that are happening in downtown Kent. She asked all to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

Recognizing Cuyahoga River Survivors and Honoring Fire and Police

Fire Chief Myers said on April 23, 2022, the Kent Fire Department responded to a swift water incident involving a two-year-old and her mother. While the child, Winter Morehead and her mother, Lisa Morehead, were visiting Riveredge Park, the daughter fell into the Cuyahoga River where the water was moving very fast. The mother shouted for help as she jumped into the river after her daughter. The mother was able to grab her daughter and hold on until more shallow water presented itself. A kayaker, Darren Bade, heard the cries and put his kayak back into the river and paddled out to where he found Ms.

Morehead performed mouth-to-mouth resuscitation on her daughter. Recognizing the danger of being in swift water, Mr. Bade was able to move them to the island just beyond the falls. Two police officers came to assist and helped stabilize the situation on the island. Kent firefighters responded immediately and had two rescue swimmers do a dangerous "go" rescue and swam out to the island to evaluate and take over medical care for the young child. On finding the child showing signs of aspirating a lot of water and being semi-responsive, an expedited removal was necessary. An inflatable water craft was deployed as the team arrived on the scene and the rescue swimmers were going out to the island. The inflatable water craft was immediately dispatched as it was put in the water. Ms. Morehead and her child were safely removed from the island and brought back to shore where an awaiting ambulance transported both family members to the hospital.

It is in recognition of your actions and team work that you performed that contributed to the successful conclusion of this rescue. Your constant training and dedication to your profession has again proven itself to be a source of comfort and peace to those we assist. It is with great pride to acknowledge your efforts and your commitment to the Kent Community.

Chief Shearer recognized Officer McNulty, who was one of the police officers involved in the rescue. He said police officers have a little training from the fire department on how dangerous the river waters are, with the water moving very fast. He said the officer taking her gear off and jumping in the river while knowing the danger it presented to her was a heroic action and commended her for that.

Commendations were given to Darren Bade and the two firefighters and police officer involved in the rescue. There was a standing ovation from the audience.

Introducing New Health/Fire Staff to Council

Ms. Joan Seidel thanked the Council for allowing her to come before them tonight. She said while Covid continues to be a concern, they are continually broadening the range of services provided by the Health Department. She introduced Jalessa Caples, who is the new accreditation specialist and asked her to summarize her work.

Ms. Caples introduced herself to the Council by giving an overview of her most recent activities. Currently they are gearing up for the five-year accreditation cycle and preparing for the ODH Tobacco Grant and the HEAL Grant and Americorps Vista Grants. They have also established a partnership with Access Point Community Healthcare Center by supporting their Community Support Healthcare Workers Grant, where we will be able to get community healthcare workers for the Health Department at no extra expense.

Ms. Seidel introduced Sara Slanina, who is a healthcare EMT who was hired under the CDC Workforce Development Grant. The Kent City Health Department is collaborating with Kent Fire on this position, which allows the Health Department to have a part time nurse as well as the Fire Department to have someone start a paramedicine program.

Ms. Slanina said she is working with both departments on extended services for the residents of Kent. They are working on starting a prevention program for the elderly in their homes to prevent accidents from happening.

Chief Myers added that Sara Slanina brings experience from UH Portage as a registered nurse in their ER, Akron Children's Hospital, and is also a firefighter paramedic. He said they are really excited to have her because she will help people who use 911 multiple times. Sometimes taking them to the hospital may not be the right answer, so her role will be to connect them to other services. They will be looking at behavioral and psychological issues, overdoses, dementia, hospice etc. She will also be helping with car seat installations and help people have the support system they need. Sara will be mentoring on things such as wound care, shots, dietary needs, use of crutches, etc. They are also looking forward to her helping at community festivals, senior citizen gatherings and wherever she can fit in throughout the community. Chief Myers thanked Joan Seidel for helping him get her hired.

Ms. Seidel added they are planning on reaching out to Kent residents to gain input on what programs they feel are a top priority for their health and wellbeing. This campaign is called Kent City Health Department Working for You and it has three branches which are listening, connecting and serving. All programs will be focused on outcomes, so more information will be coming.

Ms. Slanina introduced her two children to the Council and Mayor Fiala welcomed them aboard.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 18, 2022 MADE BY Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Communications

Public Comment

There were no members of the public signed in to speak to City Council.

Written Communication

The following Written Communication was read into the record by Clerk of Council, Amy Wilkens:

1. The Planning Commission Agenda and Staff Report for June 7, 2022 was received on May 31, 2022.

2. An email from Mr. John Kuhar was received and forwarded to Council on May 31, 2022 in regards to a residents request to have a tree removed from her lawn, stating something should be done.
3. Notification that the June 7, 2022 Architecture Review Board Meeting was canceled due to no agenda items was received on June 1, 2022.
4. The draft Portage County Vision Plan was received and forwarded to Council on June 3, 2022.
5. The Standing Rock Cemetery Board of Trustees Agenda for June 9, 2022 and the April and May meeting minutes were received on June 6, 2022.

Communication Received After the Agenda was Published:

1. The Parks and Recreation Board Packet for the June 16, 2022 meeting was received on June 10, 2022.
2. The Board of Zoning Appeals Agenda and Staff Report for the June 20, 2022 meeting was received on June 10, 2022.
3. The Board of Health Agenda for June 14, 2022 meeting was received on June 13, 2022.
4. The Planning Commission and Staff Report for the June 21, 2022 Meeting was received on June 14, 2022.
5. Liquor License NEW C1 and C2 request was received on June 9, 2022 for R&R Beer and Tobacco Junction, LLC, 1610 S. Water St., Kent. Chief Shearer had no objections.

MOTION TO RETURN WITH NO OBJECTION TO THE LIQUOR LICENSE LEGISLATION NOTICE TO THE OHIO DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL MADE BY Mr. John Kuhar, SECONDED by Mr. Garret Ferrara and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

City Manager's Report

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

Standing Committees & Legislation

Committee of the Whole

MOTION TO APPROVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 2022 MADE BY Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, SECONDED by Mr. Robin Turner and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

There were no recommended actions to approve.

MOTION TO APPOINT KENNY CROOKSTON, ZACH GARSTER, VALERIE LANDIS, MARIO MORELOS AND JONATHAN RIDINGER TO THE CITY FLAG REDESIGN COMMITTEE MADE BY Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, SECONDED by Mr. John Kuhar and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO APPOINT STACEY WILSON TO THE PORTAGE AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY BOARD MADE BY Mr. Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Mr. Garret Ferrara and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-1-0 with Mr. Amrhein abstaining.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUTHORIZATION OF NAMES INTO LEGISLATION MADE BY Mr. Garret Ferrara, SECONDED by Mr. John Kuhar and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Draft 2022-057 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING KENNY CROOKSTON, ZACH GARSTER, VALERIE LANDIS, MARIO MORELOS AND JONATHAN RIDINGER TO THE CITY FLAG REDESIGN COMMITTEE, 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 2022-057 MADE by Mr. Garret Ferrara, SECONDED by Mr. John Kuhar. 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 2022-057 MADE by Mr. Garret Ferrara, SECONDED by Mr. John Kuhar. 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

RESOLUTION 2022-057 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Draft 2022-058 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING STACEY WILSON TO THE PORTAGE AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY BOARD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND Draft 2022-058 MADE BY Mr. Garret Ferrara, SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2022-058 MADE BY Mr. Garret Ferrara, SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0-1. Mr. Amrhein abstained from voting.

Resolution 2022-058 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Community Development

MOTION TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 2022 AND ACTIONS RECOMMENDED MADE BY Mr. John Kuhar, SECONDED by Mr. Garret Ferrara and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Action(s) Recommended:

1. Authorize the TREX liquor license for Aces Enterprise, LLC with the emergency clause.

Draft 2022-059 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A TREX LIQUOR LICENSE INTO THE CITY OF KENT BY THE ACES ENTERPRISE, LLC, AN OHIO LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CONDITIONED UPON THE EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO AND ACES ENTERPRISE, LLC, 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 2022-059 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 2022-059 MADE by Mr. Garret Ferrara, SECONDED by Mr. John Kuhar. 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 2022-059 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Land Use Committee

MOTION TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS OF JUNE 1, 2022 MADE BY Mr. Garret Ferrara, SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Action(s) Recommended:

1. Authorize the proposed Zoning Map updates for parcels 12-049-00-00-012-000, 6700 State Route 43, and parcel 17-042-00-00-001-000, 6662 state route 43, with the emergency clause.

Draft 2022-060 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY'S ZONING DISTRICTS MAP FOR PARCEL #12-049-00-00-012-000 (6700 STATE ROUTE 43) TO BE REZONED TO I-R: INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND OFFICE ZONING DISTRICT, EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDMENT SHALL BE UPON PORTAGE COUNTY'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE ANNEXATION AND MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY CHANGE, 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 2022-060 MADE by Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Mr. John Kuhar. 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 2022-060 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY'S Z 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 2022-060 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Draft 2022-061 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY'S ZONING DISTRICTS MAP FOR PARCEL #17-042-00-00-001-000 (6662 STATE ROUTE 43) TO BE REZONED FROM R-1: LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT TO I-R: INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND OFFICE ZONING DISTRICT, 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- 061 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- 061 MADE by Mr. John Kuhar, 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 2022-061 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Finance Committee

**MOTION TO APPROVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES AND ACTIONS
RECOMMENDED FROM June 1, 2022 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 proposed multi-party Transportation Improvement Agreement with the emergency clause.
2. Authorize the submission of the OPWC grant requests with the emergency clause.
3. Authorize the increase in the City's contribution to the Chamber of Commerce to cover the increased cost of fireworks, with the emergency clause.
4. Authorize the acceptance and allocation of \$4,807.24 in grant funding to be used for the purchase of replacement body armor with the emergency clause.
5. Authorize the acceptance and use of the donated K-9 ballistic vest with the emergency clause.
6. Approve the 2022 budget appropriations amendment #3 with the emergency clause.

Draft 2022-062 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE SR59 ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT, PARTA AND FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP TO PURSUE FUNDING FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS ON STATE ROUTE 59, 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 2022-062 MADE by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, **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 2022-062 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 2022-062 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Ms. Rosenberg commented she is excited about this, and it is one of those things that on paper may look dull but can cause meaningful change and improve peoples' lives. She stated that transportation is important and she was very pleased that Mr. Bowling pursued this.

Mr. Kuhar said this is an area that definitely needs improvement. He added that he lives in that area and between the people walking in the middle of the street and where there are no crosswalks, this will be a definite improvement.

Draft 2022-063 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KENT TO SUBMIT TWO (2) FUNDING APPLICATIONS TOTALING \$947,000 AND TO EXECUTE THE SUBSEQUENT AGREEMENTS WITH THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC), AND TO ACCEPT THE GRANTS, IF AWARDED, WITH CORRESPONDING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2022-063 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 2022-063 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 2022-063 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Draft 2022-064 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KENT TO COVER THE INCREASE IN COST OF THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY FOR THE ANNUAL KENT HERITAGE FESTIVAL TO KENT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE YEARS 2022, 2023 AND 2024, 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 2022-064 MADE by Mr. Roger Sidoti, 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 2022-064 MADE by Ms. Tracy Wallach, SECONDED by Mr. Robin Turner. 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 2022-064 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Draft 2022-065 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,807.24 THROUGH THE OHIO LAW ENFORCEMENT BODY ARMOR GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF EXPIRING BODY ARMOR, 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 2022-065 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 2022-065 MADE by Mr. Garret Ferrara, 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 2022-065 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Draft 2022-066 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DONATION OF A K9 BALLISTIC VEST FROM BRADY'S K9 FUND TO THE CITY OF KENT'S POLICE DEPARTMENT, VALUED AT \$1,500.00, 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 2022-066 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 2022-066 MADE by Mr. Garret Ferrara, 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 2022-066 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Draft 2022-067 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,841.05 FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S FLUORIDATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ODOH) TO REPLACE 2 (TWO) PUMPS, 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 2022-067 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.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2022-067 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 2022-067 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

DRAFT 2022-068 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2021-133, THE CURRENT APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, PASSED DECEMBER 15, 2021; SO AS TO ADJUST APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS AND ADVANCES FROM THE VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE CITY OF KENT TO INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022; 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 2022-068 by Mr. Michael DeLeone, 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 2022-068 MADE by Mr. Michael DeLeone, 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 2022-068 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Draft 2022-069 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A NEW ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT AGREEMENT WITH NOPEC TO SECURE GRANT FUNDS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO THE CITY TO USE FOR ENERGY SAVING RELATED INVESTMENTS, 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 2022-069 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 2022-069 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.

ORDINANCE 2022-069 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Unfinished Business

NONE

New Business

Ms. Tracy Wallach stated that her and Mr. Mike DeLeone just became aware that the Flag Committee has already met. She asked what the protocol is for that. She said that hadn't even been appointed yet and already had six flag designs.

Ms. Hope Jones said if they weren't appointed then they were not meeting as the Flag Committee.

Ms. Wallach asked if the committee needs to take minutes and post agendas. Ms. Jones replied "Yes" and Mayor Fiala said it is a regular public meeting and that the meetings need posted and minutes taken. Ms. Wilkens said she can send the contact information to Ms. Wallach and Mr. DeLeone.

Mr. Turner asked how this came to her attention. Mr. Amrhein said he received a text and several other councilmembers replied they did as well.

Mayor Fiala said the first meeting should be the organizational meeting to explain the guidelines of what would happen on the committee.

Mr. Sidoti said he believes Melanie Baker has to be absolutely excited about what is happening with the building of the new city administration building. He asked if there would be a way for Council to be updated a little bit, to help them be able to explain the progress to people. He asked to get three to four points every so often so it can be shared. Mayor Fiala added that the first meeting in July Melanie Baker will be giving a short over view. He said we've asked for periodic updates so this will be one of them.

Councilmembers' Comments

Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish said she is proud to live in the Kent Community and said that in the Portage County Draft plan there are some very big gaps. One of those gaps is any mention of climate change, which is one of the biggest issues facing us. Any County Plan has to consider what we are going to do about it. We are, as a city, doing something and continuing to move forward and have talked about it quite a lot. Secondly, there was no mention of diversity, celebrating and encouraging all walks of life to come together. The only thing she remembers seeing was an item about preservation of farm land. Social justice issues, economic and environmental issues associated with climate change were not mentioned. She said that we are in Portage County and she would hope that our neighbors think that these are important items to address. The rest of the plan was well done and has a lot of merits. Mayor Fiala asked Ms. Shaffer Bish if she provided input to them and she said that she did.

Mr. Jack Amrhein took a trip to Washington DC with Mr. Jim Bowling, members of PARTA, AMATS and Kent State University to ask for a RAISE Grant, talking to the Department of Transportation and our Federal Legislators. He said it went very well and added that we should be thankful that Jim Bowling is our engineer and that he was impressive in his presentation. Mr. Amrhein said he was very proud as a councilmember sitting there during his top notch presentation. There was applause for Mr. Bowling by staff and councilmembers.

Mr. John Kuhar said a few weeks ago, Kent State University went on summer break, and that now he has an extra eight stray cats running loose, just as we do every year. These are not feral cats, although there is one mean cat. He added that the problem doesn't get smaller. He said the problem is not going to go away no matter how much we ignore it.

Mr. Turner said he did not get the Portage County report. Mayor Fiala said it was sent out by Council Clerk Wilkens via email. She responded she would forward a hard copy to Mr. Turner. He asked if they should respond to the plan as a public body. He said he would like some guidance on providing input.

Mayor Fiala suggested that after reading the report he should express his concerns to the County.

Ms. Shaffer Bish asked if we would ratify this plan. Mr. Ruller said the City is not a member of the Regional County Planning Commission because we have our own Planning Commission. He said he is not aware they would need a formal response from Council. Ms. Susel confirmed the City is not a member of the Regional Planning Commission for close to twenty years. She encourages Council to bring their ideas to the Board.

Mr. Turner said this body still represents a sizable portion of the community and this should be impressed on them. He said the City of Kent can make a statement and voice concerns and that we need to make a statement as a body.

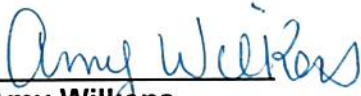
Ms. Rosenberg said we are not members and weighing in as individuals is appropriate and appreciates the professional courtesy of the County providing the document to them to review.

Mayor Fiala said that Ms. Shaffer Bish did the right thing and Mr. Turner should do the same.

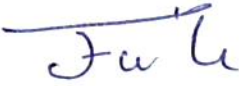
Mayor's Report

Mayor Fiala said there was not a lot of attendance at the activities in downtown Kent this past weekend. He added we are now looking forward to the Heritage Festival and asked if any members would like to get involved and to feel free to volunteer. He said Franklin Avenue has been very busy and it's sometimes hard to get a seat.

There was no further business to conduct and the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.



Amy Wilkens
Clerk of Council



Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor & President of Council