



City of Kent
Wednesday, March 15, 2023
Regular City Council Meeting
320 S. Depeyster Street, Kent, OH 44240

AGENDA

7:25 P.M. Board of Control

7:30 P.M. Regular Council Meeting

1. Roll Call
2. Opening Remarks and Pledge of Allegiance- Ms. Shaffer Bish
3. Introducing New Police Officers
4. Approval of Minutes
 - 4.1. February 15, 2023 Special Committee Meeting Minutes
 - 4.2. February 15, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
5. Communications
 - 5.1. Public Comment - Anyone wishing to address Council must submit their written comments to the Clerk of Council at councilclerk@kentohio.gov by 4:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting. If also requesting to speak at the meeting, comments are limited to three (3) minutes.
 - 5.2. Written Communication (All placed on file in the Clerk of Council's office)
 1. Letter from Mary Kenneley to Mr. Jim Bowling, copying City Council in reference to the Street Signage Study that was done in 2018-2019, thanking him for his work and thanking Council for erecting solar signage on Middlebury Road and State Rt. 261 was received and forwarded to Council on February 20, 2023.
 2. Letter from Mary Kenneley to Mr. Klaben, copying City Council, thanking him for replacing the torn and tattered American flag flying at his business, was received and shared with Council on February 20, 2023.
 3. An email from Oliver Wuensch from the Parks and Rec Department was received on February 16, 2023, announcing a Job Fair being hosted at the Kent Recreation Center on Sunday, March 19, 2023.
 4. Planning Commission Agenda and Staff Report for the March 7, 2023 meeting was received on February 28, 2023.
 5. Kent City Board of Health Agenda and Statistical Report for the March 6, 2023 meeting was received on March 1, 2023.

6. Standing Rock Cemetery Board of Trustees Agenda for the March 9, 2023 meeting was received on March 1, 2023.
7. Notice from the Board of Elections regarding galley proofs of all ballots to be used at the Primary Election on May 2, 2023 will be on display from February 28th through March 2, 2023 was received on February 28, 2023.

5.3. City Manager's Report

6. Standing Committees & Legislation

6.1. **Committee of the Whole** Chair Mayor Fiala

6.1.1. March 1, 2023 Committee Meeting Minute Approval

6.1.2. Action(s) Recommended

1. Authorize the proposed update to the City Ordinance book.

6.1.3. **DRAFT 2023-013** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CITY OF KENT CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

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

6.2.1. March 1, 2023 Committee Meeting Minute Approval

6.2.2. Action(s) Recommended- NONE

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

6.3.1. March 1, 2023 Committee Meeting Minute Approval

6.3.2. Action(s) Recommended

1. Approve the acceptance and allocation of \$159, 062 in VISTA grant funds to the Kent Health Department, with the emergency clause.
2. Approve the acceptance and allocation of \$25,000 in EPA grant funds to the Kent Health Department, with the emergency clause.

6.3.3. **DRAFT 2023- 014** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT A VISTA GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$159,062.00 FOR THE CITY OF KENT HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

6.3.4. **DRAFT 2023- 015** 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 2024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

6.4. **Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities** Chair Sidoti/ Vice-Chair Wallach

6.4.1. March 1, 2023 Committee Meeting Minute Approval

6.4.2. Action(s) Recommended

1. Approve the Vision Zero Resolution, with the emergency clause.

6.4.3. **DRAFT 2023-016** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO TO DEVELOP, IMPLEMENT, AND MONITOR A VISION ZERO PLAN TO ELIMINATE TRAFFIC FATALITIES AND SEVERE INJURIES WHILE INCREASING SAFE, HEALTHY, AND EQUITABLE MOBILITY FOR ALL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

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

6.5.1. March 1, 2023 Committee Meeting Minute Approval

6.5.2. Action(s) Recommended

1. Approve the acceptance of the NOPEC Energized Grant funds in the amount of \$54, 794 and allocate funds for City energy efficiency projects

6.5.3. **DRAFT 2023- 017** 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 \$54,794.00 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

7. Unfinished Business

8. New Business

9. Councilmembers' Comments

10. Mayor's Report

Adjourn

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MINUTES

Call to Order

Mayor Fiala called the Special City Council Committee Meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

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; Ms. Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council

Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee

Chair Sidoti introduced the topic of the Special Event Road Closure to discuss.

Mr. Ruller opened his comments by discussing the event, noting the KSU Hotel and Conference Center had received a request for a rather large event in June that would require the closing of Erie Street.

Ms. Rosenberg asked if this had been done before. Mr. Ruller said that it had.

Mr. Turner asked if there was any opposition. There was no opposition and the hotel had received the required number of signatures.

Mr. Ferrara asked about the logistics of the DORA. The Hotel's General Manager stated that the event is alcohol free. Mr. Ruller asked if it was an international wedding. The hotel manager replied that it was.

Ms. Shaffer Bish asked how the event location would be marked off. The manager stated that there would be a tent on Erie St. where guests of the wedding would be eating dinner. There will be private party signs professionally made indicating it is a private event.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE SPECIAL EVENT ROAD CLOSURE MADE BY Mr. Garret Ferrara, SECONDED by Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Seeing no further business, the Special Committee Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Amy Wilkens
Clerk of Council

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7:15 P.M. Special Council Committee Meeting (Separate Agenda)

7:25 P.M. CDBG Public Hearing

Mayor Fiala called the CDBG Public Hearing to order at 7:25 p.m. Roll call was taken.

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

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On January 20, 2023, notice was given that the Kent City Council was conducting a Public Hearing to allow for public comment on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year (PY) 2023 Action Plan.

Ms. Bridget Susel, Director of Community Development, announced this was the 1st Public Hearing for the CDBG Program. The City's program period begins August 1, 2023 and ends July 31, 2024. The priorities the City has identified for the use of the CDBG funds include housing for low to moderate income persons, and infrastructure projects.

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

Hearing no further business, Mayor Fiala adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:26 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; Ms. Melanie Baker, Service Director; Mr. Jim Bowling, City Engineer; Ms. Joan Seidel, Health Commissioner; Mr. Nick Shearer, Chief of Police; Ms. Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council

Opening Remarks and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Kuhar said looking back over the past few years, that they have been really hectic, troublesome and stressful. He said the world is changing tremendously in the different ways people act and the way they do things. He added that some of it seems pretty good, but a lot doesn't. He said we need to mellow out a little bit and find out what the good things are and try to phase out those things that aren't. He said the Council's job is going to try to keep things moving in a positive direction and keep the economy moving in a positive direction. He believes they have a council that's capable of doing so. He asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certified Municipal Clerk Presentation

Mayor Fiala introduced Ms. Helen Dunlap, VP of Ohio Municipal Clerks Association and Clerk of Council for the City of Broadview Heights. Ms. Dunlap read the following statement:

Good evening Mayor Fiala, Members of Council, Administration and Members of the Public.

My name is Helen Dunlap, and I am the Vice President of the Ohio Municipal Clerks Association and the Clerk of Council for the City of Broadview Heights. The OMCA is the state of Ohio municipal clerks' organization that is affiliated with the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. I am here this evening to make a very special presentation to a member of the City of Kent Staff.

IIMC was founded in 1947 and is a professional association with more than 15,000 members in the United States, Canada and 15 other countries. Its primary goal is to actively promote the continuing education and professional development of municipal clerks through extensive education programs, certification, publications, networking, conferences and research. IIMC also engages in municipal research administration, enhances critical professional skill development and fosters a spirit of mutual assistance and good fellowship among municipal clerks around the globe.

The Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation program is designed to enhance the job performance of the Clerk in both small and large municipalities. To earn the CMC designation, a Municipal Clerk must attend extensive education programs. The designation also requires pertinent experience in a municipality. The program prepares the participants to meet the challenges of the complex role of a Municipal Clerk by providing quality education in partnership with 47 institutions of higher learning.

Earning the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk is more than a pin, a certificate and three letters at the end of your name. It is a declaration that you are proficient in your important position and that you have demonstrated mastery of administrative skills critical to good government.

It is with great pleasure that I stand before you tonight to officially present your Clerk, Amy Wilkens, with her Certified Municipal Clerk designation. After a dedicated journey of several years, hours of seminars, conferences, and institute sessions, she has reached this pinnacle, an achievement that very few clerks are able to accomplish. Out of 15,000 IIMC members, she is one of 4,640 members worldwide to obtain this certificate. In Ohio, there are less than 100 CMC's.

I know Amy is dedicated to the City of Kent and works very hard to do the best job possible for the residents of Kent, Council and administration. With that said, I am honored to be here tonight to present Amy Wilkens her certificate for achieving her Certified Municipal Clerk designation.

Congratulations Amy on reaching this achievement in your career!

Ms. Helen Dunlap presented Ms. Amy Wilkens with the plaque from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. Ms. Wilkens thanked the Mayor, Council, City Manager and staff for their support over the years that enabled her to obtain her certificate.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 18, 2023 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MADE BY Mr. John Kuhar, SECONDED by Ms. Tracy Wallach and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Public Comment

Mayor Fiala asked if there was anyone signed in. Clerk Wilkens reported there were no members of the public wishing to speak to Council.

Written Communication

1. Official List of Elected Officials and Notification of Filing Requirement was received from the Ohio Ethics Commission and forwarded to Council on January 31, 2023.
2. Standing Rock Cemetery Board of Trustees Agenda for February 9, 2023 was received on January 31, 2023.
3. Email from Mr. Bill Wilen requesting Kent install solar canopies in large parking lots located throughout the city, was received and forwarded to councilmembers on February 3, 2023.
4. Kent City Board of Health Agenda and Statistical report for the February 13, 2023 meeting was received on February 8, 2023.
5. Liquor License NEW request was received on February 8, 2023 for 265 West Inc., The Underground in Kent, 265 West Main St. Lower Level, Kent.
Ms. Wilkens reported she spoke with Ohio Liquor Control, who said they were notified the liquor license being requested was in a dry area. It would need to go on the ballot before a license could be approved. Mayor Fiala reported there was a group going door to door to get signatures to put on the ballot.

MOTION TO RETURN WITH NO OBJECTION MADE BY Mr. John Kuhar, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Communication Received After Agenda Published

6. Letter from Bobeck Funding II, LLC in regards to a rehabilitation project at Summit Gardens Apartments located at 1101 Summit Gardens Blvd, Kent was received and forwarded to Council on February 10, 2023.
7. Board of Zoning Agenda and Staff Report for the February 20, 2023 meeting was received on February 14, 2023.

City Manager's Report

1. Request for Committee of the Whole time to request Council approval of the replacement pages for the City's Codified Ordinances.

2. Request for Committee of the Whole time to provide an update on the Climate Action Plan with Keramida.
3. Request for Community Development Committee time to review the staff recommendations for the City's PY2023 CDBG programs.
4. Request for Community Development Committee time to present the final recommendations for the update to the City's Design Guidelines.
5. Request for Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee time to discuss options to expedite the approval of special events and street closures.
6. Request for Finance Committee time to ask for Council's approval for the use of the 2023 NOPEC Energized grant funding.

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

Standing Committees & Legislation

Committee of the Whole Chair Mayor Fiala

MOTION TO APPROVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 1, 2023 MADE BY Mr. Jack Amrhein, SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0-1. Ms. Wallach voted 'Abstain'.

MOTION TO APPROVE ACTION RECOMMENDED MADE BY Mr. Jack Amrhein, SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Action(s) Recommended:

1. Authorize amending membership requirements to the City's Revolving Loan Fund Loan Review Board.

MOTION TO APPOINT PATRICIA LOWERY TO THE LOAN REVIEW BOARD MADE BY Mr. Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Mr. Garret Ferrara and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE INSERTION OF NAMES INTO DRAFT ORDINANCE 2023-004 MADE BY Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Mr. Garret Ferrara and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Draft 2023- 004 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING PATRICIA LOWERY TO THE LOAN REVIEW BOARD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2023- 004 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.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2023- 004 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.

Resolution 2023-004 has passed.

Draft 2023- 005 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2014-115, PASSED OCTOBER 15, 2014, TO AMEND THE SPECIFIED QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITIONS ON THE LOAN REVIEW BOARD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2023- 005 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 2023- 005 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.

Ordinance 2023-005 has passed.

Community Development Chair Kuhar/ Vice-Chair Rosenberg

MOTION TO APPROVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 1, 2023 MADE BY John Kuhar, SECONDED by Michael DeLeone and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0-1. 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 renewal of the sublease to the Haymaker Farmer's Market for the 2023 season.

Draft 2023- 006 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT WITH THE HAYMAKER FARMERS' MARKET FOR THE SUB-LAND LEASE OF A PARKING LOT LOCATED NORTH OF SUMMIT STREET, WEST OF FRANKLIN AVENUE, AND EAST OF AKRON BARBERTON CLUSTER RAILWAY COMPANY'S MAIN LINE TRACK, CONTAINING 0.168 ACRES, FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2023 THROUGH NOVEMBER 25, 2023; CONTINGENT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE CITY'S LEASE WITH THE AKRON BARBERTON CLUSTER RAILWAY COMPANY, FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$1.00; 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 2023- 006 MADE by Ms. Tracy Wallach, 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 2023- 006 MADE by Mr. John Kuhar, 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 2023-006 has passed.

Health & Safety Committee Chair Amrhein/ Vice-Chair Sidoti

MOTION TO APPROVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 1, 2023 MADE BY Mr. Jack Amrhein, SECONDED by Mr. John Kuhar and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0-1. Ms. Wallach voted 'Abstain'.

MOTION TO APPROVE ACTIONS RECOMMENDED MADE BY Mr. Jack Amrhein, SECONDED by Mr. Garret Ferrara and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Action(s) Recommended:

1. Authorize the submission of the PEP Grant request for \$1000; allocating funds toward enhanced security at the Health Department.
2. Authorize Ohio First Responder Grant application; allocating funds and allowing staff to sign the grant agreement.

Draft 2023- 007 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FOR THE KENT HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00 FROM THE PUBLIC ENTITIES POOL (PEP) TO INSTALL TWO (2) PANIC BUTTONS AT FRONT DESK, 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 2023- 007 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.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2023- 007 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 2023-007 has passed.

Draft 2023-008 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FOR THE KENT POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$102,500.00 FROM THE ARPA FIRST RESPONDER WELLNESS, RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, AND RESILIENCY GRANT PROGRAM TO DEVELOP WELLNESS PROGRAMS, 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 2023-008 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 2023-008 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 2023-008 has passed.

Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities Chair Sidoti/ Vice-Chair Wallach

MOTION TO APPROVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 1, 2023

MADE BY Mr. Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Mr. John Kuhar and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0-1. Ms. Wallach voted 'Abstain'.

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

Action(s) Recommended

1. Authorize a new agreement between the City and Summit County Metroparks to enable the joint trail rerouting of a section of the hike and bike trail in the vicinity of the Middlebury Road Bridge.

Draft 2023-009 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO A CONSTRUCTION MAINTENANCE AND USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT AND SUMMIT METRO PARKS (SMP) FOR AN OFF-ROAD BIKE/HIKE TRAIL CONNECTION, 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 2023-009 MADE by Mr. John Kuhar, 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 2023-009 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 2023-009 has passed.

Draft 2023-010 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPROVE A NEW SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION FROM DAVID SCHOEFFLER TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 24 AND SUNDAY JUNE 25, 2023, AND THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ERIE STREET BETWEEN SOUTH DEPEYSTER STREET AND 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 2023-010 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 2023-010 MADE by Ms. Tracy Wallach, 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 2023-010 has passed.

MOTION TO APPROVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 1, 2023 MADE BY Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0-1. Ms. Wallach voted 'Abstain'.

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

Actions Recommended:

1. Approve and accept the NOPEC Event Sponsorship Grant in the amount of \$3,500 and allocate funds to Kent Skates project in 2023.
2. Approve the 2023 budget appropriations amendments.

Draft 2023-011 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2023 COMMUNITY EVENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,500.00, 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 2023-011 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 2023-011 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 2023-011 has passed.

Draft 2023- 012 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2022-138, THE CURRENT APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, PASSED DECEMBER 21, 2022; 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, 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 2023- 012 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 2023- 012 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 2023-012 has passed.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Kuhar said in 2009/2010 Council had approved and allotted \$30000 for solar panels on the Fire Station and, if not that, the truck wash rack. He said not for electricity but for hot water. He said it's been a while and it was approved and would like to bring this back up again. Mayor Fiala said this would need to be researched and thanked Mr. Kuhar for bringing this up. Mr. Kuhar said he would be glad to help in any way that is needed.

New Business

Ms. Shaffer Bish said it is really important to understand that rent rates have increased and it has priced some people out of affordable housing. At the same time, the housing stock is old and aging. She feels very passionate about looking for new ways to develop either new housing or to improve the housing stock in the city of Kent. She added that fortunately, it has come to light that a developer is proposing a low income housing tax credit project to improve an existing apartment complex- Summit Gardens. They are looking for support from the City because the application process is very competitive.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO BE WRITTEN ON BEHALF OF CITY COUNCIL IN REGARDS TO THE SUMMIT GARDENS APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE MADE BY Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Mr. John Kuhar and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Mr. Kuhar said this apartment complex is in his ward and that it is depressing to walk through. There are two units which have new doors and they really stick out. Just the appearance of a new door made the appearance better. He is unsure how the management let it get into such disrepair. He encourages anything that could be done to help.

Ms. Roseberg asked if the letter was in support of the developer or the project in general, and not specific to any individual developer. Ms. Shaffer Bish said this particular developer came forward and will be submitting the application for the process. Ms. Rosenberg said she would like to support the idea of improving the apartments but is not ready to commit to supporting a particular developer.

Mr. Sidoti said the problem is the developer wants to do it and no other developer has stepped up to do it, so what we are doing is supporting their application to the government to obtain the resources.

Mayor Fiala recognized Ms. Bridget Susel. She clarified the letter of support is for the application of submission. This has been done in the past with Maplebrook. The letter will show it aligns with the CDBG safe housing and will be addressed to the Ohio Housing Finance Agency.

Mr. Turner doesn't think it is a bad thing to make a general comment of support. This is on our agenda as a community to help get assistance with low to moderate income housing. We need to make a statement that we believe this is very important for the community. He said we should also be looking into the homeless issue.

Ms. Wallach said Point of Order.

Ms. Shaffer Bish said this does seek to provide housing for those who cannot afford housing. She said any opportunity to support affordable housing needs to be taken. It doesn't mean they will all be 100% low income, but if they do get the tax credits they will go through the whole vetting process.

Mr. Kuhar asked if the property had changed hands yet. Mr. Ruller said it may be contingent.

Councilmembers' Comments

Mr. DeLeone asked if there were any updates to the City's digital sign. He said it needs to be fixed as it is still very hard to read. Mr. Ruller said he would look into and report back to Council.

Mr. DeLeone then commented that he heard the City was purchasing a few new police cars and thought that College Street will hopefully be on the list of streets that are repaired in the near future.

Mr. Sidoti thanked Ms. Bridget Susel on the information she sent out in regards to the work that has been done to date by the consultants in regards to the Design Guidelines. He also commented that Kent is made up of approximately 50% rentals and that needs to change.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Fiala commented on the signing of the final beam that was installed in the new Kent City Hall and that ceremonial champagne was used to christen it. He thanked all who attended.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Amy Wilkens
Clerk of Council

Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor & President of Council

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City of Kent
Wednesday, March 1, 2023
City Council Committee Meetings
320 S. Depeyster Street, Kent, OH 44240

MINUTES

7:00 P.M. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Call to Order

Present: Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, 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

Absent: Mr. John Kuhar

Committee of the Whole Chair Fiala/Vice-Chair Amrhein

Mayor Fiala called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Climate Action Plan with KERAMIDA

Ms. Bridget Susel introduced Nick McCreary, Senior Sustainability Manager, to KERAMIDA, the consulting firm selected to develop the City's Climate Action Plan. Mr. McCreary appeared via video from his home in Indianapolis.

Mr. McCreary began by reviewing the work done by the KERAMIDA consultants working with the City of Kent on its Climate Action Plan.(Attachment #1) He highlighted the approach the KERAMIDA Consultants took in their analysis, which included benchmarking and gap analysis, reviewing five future Midwest climate change scenarios, conducting Subject Matter Expert interviews and distilling all of this down to potential recommendations of fifteen final strategies.

He first outlined green house gas admissions and recommended updating the Green House Gas Inventory that was previously completed in 2016. He gave a high overview of the Greenhouse Gap Analysis Results, with the first recommendation to align the GHG inventory process with the basic level of the Global Protocol for Community-Scale GHG Inventories. The area highlighted in gray are the areas required to meet the minimum reporting requirements for the Global Protocol. Areas with an X are areas where data was collected in 2016. Areas without an X but shaded, are considered a gap. Doing this on a

routine basis is going to see where there is a need to monitor greenhouse gases. He recommended working with an expert in the field to update this methodology. This is the largest recommendation because this will be the baseline data used to see how the strategies being used are having an impact.

The strategies he highlighted are ones that are used by the Greenhouse Gas Protocol. He reviewed the strategies to address Stationary Energy, Transportation , Waste, Agriculture and Forests, and Education and Outreach.

Mr. McCreary then took questions from City Council members.

Ms. Shaffer Bish asked how Kent State University is classified, if it is considered commercial or residential, or if they are a mixture of the two. Ms. Bridget Susel said that Kent State has its own Sustainability Plan that it is currently working on. They will be adopting its own Climate Action Plan and the Sustainability Coordinator that will be working for both the City of Kent and KSU will be working on both plans. KSU has made its own Green House Gas plan and its Board will be approving soon. From that, they will do a Climate Action Plan. Kent State will be working with us, but will have its own plan.

Mr. Turner asked about leveraging funding from the Federal Government. Mr. McCreary said there are two separate pieces of Federal legislation that address this; the Infrastructure Act and the Inflation Reduction Act. Some of these do not apply to Kent, but there should be an opportunity for the Sustainability Coordinator to pursue other funding. Ms. Susel added that the City did receive funding for EV stations that will be going in the new Administration parking lot. Mr. Bowling said they are resubmitting the RAISE grant application. Ms. Susel added that for the first time there is money available, but that doesn't mean we will meet all of the actions that we have proposed.

Ms. Rosenberg asked if aerobic composting by residents has any measurable impact. She asked if it would be beneficial to have a backyard compost pile. Mr. McCreary replied it would be hard to measure the methane from backyard compost, but easier to measure the anaerobic composting.

Ms. Shaffer Bish asked who the peer communities and what was being compared. Mr. McCreary replied that those communities are listed on page 33 of the KERAMIDA report. Each of the cities compared to them were required to have a Climate Action Plan.

Ms. Dawn Collins from Portage County Recycling came to the podium and stated there is a Federal Grant, called a Swiffer Grant that can be applied for.

Ms. Susel concluded the presentation by stating this will be brought back to the Council in April for action.

Action Recommended: NONE

Codified Ordinance Book Replacement Pages

Ms. Hope Jones, Law Director, said updates were received regarding changes in state laws and Council approval is needed to update the Codified Ordinance books with those changes.

MOTION TO APPROVE CODIFIED ORDINANCE BOOK REPLACEMENT PAGES MADE BY Ms.Gwen Rosenberg, SECONDED by Mr. Jack Amrhein and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0-0.

Action Recommended:

1. Authorize updating the codified ordinance book with replacement pages due to updates in State law

Update on the New City Hall Project

Ms. Melanie Baker, Service Director, said the new building is progressing and they have gained speed due to the nice weather. The entire frame work is up and we have been able to place the metal decking on both second and third floors. The roof decking will be up next. The concrete contractor will bring the slabs next week, so all of the floor slabs will be in by the end of March. Then stairwell B will be started after that. She added she is not anticipating too many more unforeseen things and that new gas lines have been installed, and back filling will begin by the end of March.

Ms. Shaffer Bish asked when the glass would be installed. Ms. Baker replied by mid July and would be one of the last things done. The glass is in and being stored right now.

Mr. Bill Wilen, a resident of Kent, asked if the new building would have solar panels. Ms. Baker said there will be an EV station. The roof is designed to have solar panels in the future. It is not part of this part of the project due to the cost that made it undoable for the building at this time.

Ms. Shaffer Bish asked if it is something the Council can prioritize and speak about going for funding. Ms. Baker said 'absolutely'. Ms. Shaffer Bish asked without the solar if this building is still considered to be built by LEEDS standards. Ms. Baker said it is built to LEED standards.

Ms. Wallach asked if we were going towards gold or silver. Ms. Baker said silver.

There were no further items to be discussed, and the Committee of the Whole adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Action Recommended: NONE

Community Development Committee Chair Kuhar/Vice-Chair Rosenberg

Mr. Kuhar was not present, therefore the Vice-Chair, Ms. Rosenberg opened the Community Development Committee Meeting at 7:41pm and introduced the first speaker, Ms. Bridget Susel, Community Development Director.

Staff Recommendations on CDBG Project for PY 2023

Ms. Susel reported that the City receives annual Block Grant money from HUD. She said the formal allocation has not been decided we estimate the amount and put it into the report. Funding becomes available in 2024. She went through each item in the report, starting with the Walnut Street Project, then the Neighborhood Policing Program in areas where higher reports of crime are located, Furnace Inspection/targeted replacement program, homeless shelter services, and giving Family and Community Services for property work. Funding will also go to Coleman Health Services, Ohio Small Business Development Center for Small Business Counseling, Community Development Administration and the Fair Housing Consultant- Fair Housing Services.

She added that there is no motion needed on this item tonight, as there needs to be a 30-day comment period and a second public hearing, which is scheduled for May 2023.

Mr. Turner asked about the amount of funding for the work done on Walnut Street. She said this funding is also funding that has been allocated in previous years. She said there is money offset by the City. Mr. Bowling said this covers Phase II. The whole project is close to a million dollars.

Action Recommended: Receive Staff Report ; No Action Needed

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

Chair Amrhein called the Health and Public Safety Committee Meeting to order at 8:03 pm and asked Ms. Joan Seidel, Kent City Health Department Commissioner, to speak on the first item on its agenda.

Kent City Health Department Annual Report

Ms. Joan Seidel reported to Council the Kent City Health Department Annual Report. She wanted to make sure the Council knows that this information is provided annually. She now includes a five year trend in data. She tries to use actual photographs. She thanked Council for the time.

Action Recommended: Receive Staff Report ; No Action Needed

VISTA Grant for Kent City Health Department

Ms. Joan Seidel notified Council that the Health Department had applied for the VISTA grant and had been awarded \$159, 062. These funds will be used to hire individuals on a temporary basis to gain experience in public health. Ms. Seidel is asking Council for approval of the grant and to appropriate the funds into the appropriate budget line item.

MOTION TO APPROVE VISTA GRANT APPLICATION MADE BY Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, **SECONDED** by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg and **CARRIED** by a voice vote of 8-0-0.

Action Recommended:

1. Approve the acceptance and allocation of \$159, 062 in VISTA grant funds to the Kent Health Department, with the emergency clause.

EPA Grant for Kent City Health Department

Ms. Joan Seidel notified Council of the Health Departments' annual participation in the EPA Grant to help reduce the risk of the West Nile Virus and other diseases from mosquitos. This grant enables the Health Department to hire interns. Ms. Seidel is asking for approval to accept and appropriate these funds.

Ms. Wallach asked about the new spray and its effect on honeybees. She said it is dry in the daytime and does not affect honey bees, birds or pets. They are able to more closely target where they spray as well. She said they spray only when they need to.

Ms. Roseberg asked if there was still a no spray list available for residents to put themselves on and Ms. Seidel said they still do that. They ask those interested to put their names on the no spray list.

MOTION TO APPROVE EPA GRANT APPLICATION MADE BY Mr. Roger Sidoti, **SECONDED** by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg and **CARRIED** by a voice vote of 8-0-0.

Action Recommended:

1. Approve the acceptance and allocation of \$25,000 in EPA grant funds to the Kent Health Department, with the emergency clause.

The Health and Public Safety Committee Meeting concluded at 8:10 pm.

Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee (Chair Sidoti/ Vice-Chair Wallach)

Chair Sidoti called the Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities Committee to order at 8:11 pm and introduced Mr. Jim Bowling, City Engineer, to present its item on the agenda.

Special Events and Road Closures

Mr. Ruller said this came up with last month's wedding and the request to have Erie Street closed and thought he would come to Council to see if there is a way to be able to expedite the process in the future. Events that are reoccurring do not need council approval the way the current ordinance is written. He was wondering if perhaps Council would be comfortable allowing the Administration to approve road closures that occur frequently on a street without coming to Council for approval.

Mayor Fiala asked if we were just talking about downtown and not in the neighborhoods. Mr. Ruller said downtown and that the Kent State Hotel and Conference Center is trying to grow their business and he wants to support them.

Ms. Shaffer Bish asked if the administration would report to Council so they are in the loop. Mr. Ruller said they have not come up with a procedure and said they would. He suggested using the unauthorized list in his City Manager's report. He was just leaning towards Erie Street closures for now.

Mr. Turner said he thinks the administration working with businesses should be put under their purview and can be addressed in a more informal way. Giving the administration the ability to act with more immediacy and thinks this is a positive step in the right direction.

Ms. Rosenberg likes the idea of unauthorized but is a little concerned about citizens and business owners not being able to voice any concerns.

Mr. Ruller said he would like to focus on Erie Street and any new businesses coming in now are aware this could be ongoing. Mr. Ruller would like to try this to see if it helps the process.

Mr. Ferrara said this makes sense on an experimental basis for the stretch on Erie Street. He said if it works well, then maybe it will expand.

Ms. Hope Jones said if it is just temporary, Mr. Ruller can place it on the unauthorized list for council to vote on temporary road closures.

Ms. Shaffer Bish said there was one business that was not happy about the road closure for the skating rink, but she is good at going along with it as long as the businesses coming in are aware.

Mr. Sidoti recommended making a motion to have Mr. Ruller and his staff to do this on a

trial basis and only for Eried Street.

Mr. Ruller said this would be put on his next unauthorized list for council approval.

Action Recommended:

1. Vote on approving action at the next Regular Council Meeting on Mr. Ruller's Unauthorized List.

Citywide Trash Service Bid Preparation

Mr. Ruller said ten years ago, council voted to go with one trash and recycling provider. He said it saved residents a third of their bill. Mr. Ruller said Ms. Baker has been talking to the major trash haulers and peer cities and discovered we are paying a premium. No decisions need to be made tonight, but we are looking for guidance.

Ms. Melanie Baker, Service Director, said she wanted to discuss current trash and recycling contracts with Council, which are due to expire on July 1, 2023. She reviewed the City's current trash contracts, what types of services offered, cost and residents registered for each service. She reviewed what other communities are paying for services. She did the same for recycling services. She supplied a written review of items to Council (**Attachment #2**).

She will be coming back to Council in April. She felt compelled to come to Council to review what residents are paying for all of their utilities. Ms. Dawn Miller from Portage County Recycling, came to the podium and reviewed the positive aspects of dealing with a local trash and recycling hauler.

Ms. Shaffer Bish asked about the percentage of users and if they are rental units. She asked about unlimited service and what incentive there would be to reduce trash.

Ms. Baker said this is just the beginning to look at other haulers and how it would work for Kent. She said we could go fully automated and it would take 3-5 seconds to pick up trash per household. Ms. Wallach asked if the carts would be free of charge. Ms. Baker said it would. She added all three trash haulers are converting over to electric vehicles. They are looking at these things.

Ms. Shaffer Bish asked if we could take away the bags if there would be some kind of discount that could be offered to lower-income households. She said Spring Cleanup is great, with it being a great recycling event, citywide.

Mr. Amrhein said his concern is for elderly people and recycling bins that are too hard to move out. Ms. Baker said it could be put out to bidding.

Mr. Turner said he uses bags because it is inexpensive and a cost saving for those on a fixed income. He said the spring cleanup is off the table as the residents love this service.

Mr. Ruller said the service of picking up doesn't go away, it's every week. Mr. Ruller said there are a lot of variations to this and can get complicated.

Mayor Fiala said he has unlimited service and if he puts anything to the curb, things are taken away almost immediately.

Mr. Ferrara commented that the spring cleanup is very bad timing, happening when families are visiting Kent State University for end of the year events, such as graduation.

Ms. Wallach said a lot of it is due to students moving out. She agrees with Mr. Turner about low income and senior citizens.

Mr. Turner brought up the educational aspect of the rollout. Residents view spring cleanup as a benefit.

Mr. DeLeone said they are still paying for it through their solid waste bill. Mr. Amrhein said we would need to wait and see what options Melanie came back with.

Ms. Rosenberg likes the unlimited plan and trucks being automated.

Mr. Turner asked about the implications on the work force. Ms. Baker said there is no impact on the work force.

No motion is necessary and Ms. Baker will come back in the future with a couple of options.

Vision Zero Resolution

Mr. Jim Bowling, City Engineer, came before Council to request a resolution of support for a Vision Zero goal for the City of Kent, thereby adopting a goal of zero fatalities and serious injury crashes by 2050. It originated in Sweden in 1997. In 2015 the Fast Act was passed and in 2020 the highway plan took into account Vision Zero. The local municipal planning organization passed a similar resolution as well.

He continued by saying it is a recognition of what we have been doing over the last 20 years and is a data-driven process. It provides access to \$800 million for their Safe Roads program.

Ms. Shaffer Bish asked if this had already been our philosophy and asked if there were problems. Mr. Bowling said they only see benefits.

MOTION TO APPROVE VISION ZERO RESOLUTION MADE BY Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0-0.

Actions Recommended:

1. Approve the Vision Zero Resolution, with the emergency clause.

Seeing no further business, the Committee meeting concluded at 9:14 pm.

Finance Committee (Chair DeLeone/Vice-Chair Wallach)

Chair DeLeone called the Finance Committee to order at 9:20 pm. and introduced the first speaker, Ms. Melanie Baker, Service Director.

NOPEC Energized Grant

Melanie Baker, Service Director, informed Council that Kent has been awarded a NOPEC Energized Community grant of \$54,794 for 2023. This grant is used to help with energy efficiency projects to achieve future savings on utility bills.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE NOPEC ENERGIZED GRANT MADE BY Mr. Jack Amrhein, SECONDED by Ms. Tracy Wallach and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0-0.

Action Recommended:

1. Approve the acceptance of the NOPEC Energized Grant funds in the amount of \$54,794 and allocate funds for City energy efficiency projects

There was no further business discussed and the meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Amy Wilkens
Clerk of Council

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Kent Climate Action Plan

Kent City Council – 3/1/23



The collective purpose of the strategies
is to build a foundation in Kent for
continuous improvement in climate
action



Approach

1

Benchmarking and Gap Analysis -KERAMIDA assessed five peer communities. Peers were evaluated to establish best practices and provide a baseline for the climate action planning process. KERAMIDA also performed a gap analysis of the 2016 GHG inventory.

2

Climate Scenario Summary - Five future Midwest climate change scenarios were reviewed and summarized to inform strategy development. Increased temperatures, changes to precipitation patterns, and increased extreme weather events were identified as the three most significant future climate risks.

3

Community Engagement - Thirteen Subject Matter Experts interviews, one city council presentation, and one community engagement event were hosted by KERAMIDA to begin developing greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction strategies that resonate with and support the Kent community.

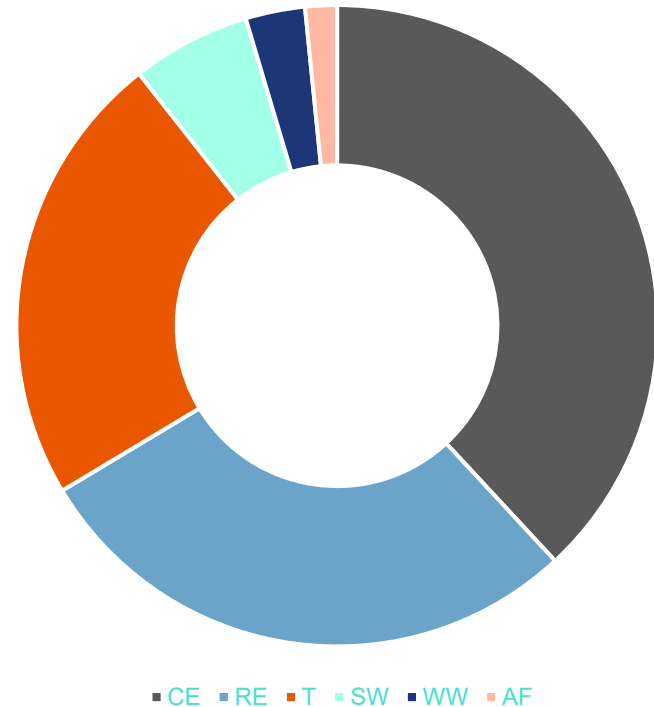
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Strategy Road-Mapping - Over one hundred potential GHG mitigating strategies were considered for the Kent Climate Action Plan. KERAMIDA used information from the benchmarking assessment, climate scenario summary, SME interviews, and community engagement sessions to distill the number of potential recommendations to fifteen final strategies



2016 Kent Community GHG Inventory Results

Commercial Energy	Residential Energy	Transportation
38.1%	28.3%	23%
Solid Waste	Water & Wastewater	AFOLU
6%	3%	1.6%



GHG Emission Source	Scope 1	Scope 2	Scope 3
Stationary Energy			
Residential Buildings	x	x	
Commercial and Institutional Buildings and Facilities	x	x	
Manufacturing industries and construction			
Energy industries			
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing activities	x		
Non-specified sources			
Fugitive emissions from mining, processing, storage, and transportation of coal			
Fugitive emissions from oil and natural gas systems			
Transportation			
On-road transportation	x		
Railways	x		
Waterborne navigation			
Aviation			
Off-road transportation	x		
Waste			
Solid waste disposal	x		
Biological treatment of waste	x		
Incineration and open burning			
Wastewater treatment and discharge	x		



Stationary Energy

Municipal Energy Management
Plan

Subsidized Energy Audits
GHG Reduction Ordinance
Building Codes
Solar energy
Green Leasing

03.01.23 Reg. Mtg. Min.
Attachment #1



Stationary Energy Strategies include strategies to reduce GHG emissions from fuel combusted within the city boundary, GHG emissions from grid-supplied energy consumption within the city boundary, and GHG emissions associated with transportation and distribution losses from grid-supplied energy consumption.



Transportation

EV Infrastructure

Bike and Walk Infrastructure

03.01.23 Reg. Mtg. Min.
Attachment #1



Transportation Strategies include strategies to reduce GHG emissions from fuel combustion on-road transportation occurring within the city boundary, GHG emissions from grid-supplied energy consumed within the city boundary for on-road transportation, and GHG emissions from a portion of transboundary journeys occurring outside the city boundary, and transmission and distribution losses from grid-supplied energy consumption.

Waste

Anaerobic Composting Updated Waste Hauling RFP

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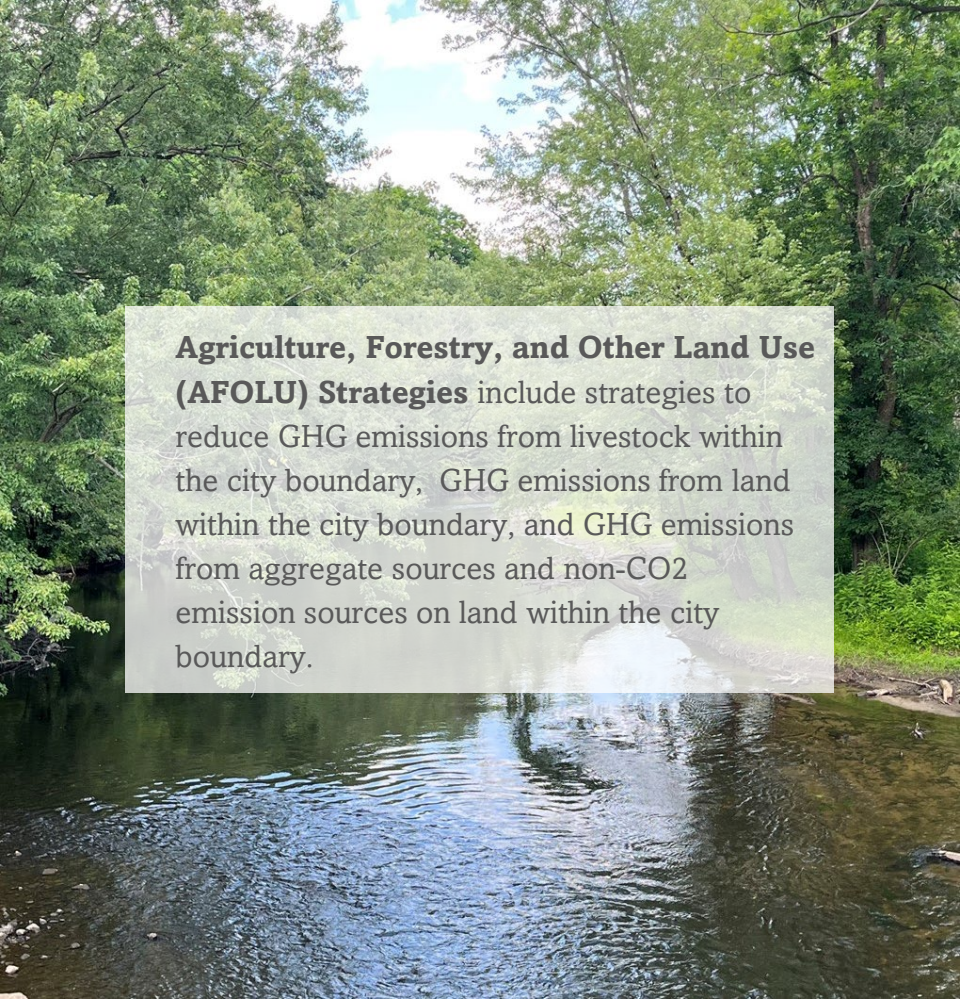


Waste Strategies include strategies to reduce GHG emissions from solid waste generated within the city boundary and disposed of in landfills or open dumps within the city boundary, GHG emissions from waste generated outside the city boundary and disposed of in landfills or open dumps within the city boundary, and missions from solid waste generated within the city boundary but disposed of in landfills or open dumps outside the city boundary.



Agriculture, Forestry, and Other Land Use

Urban Tree Credits

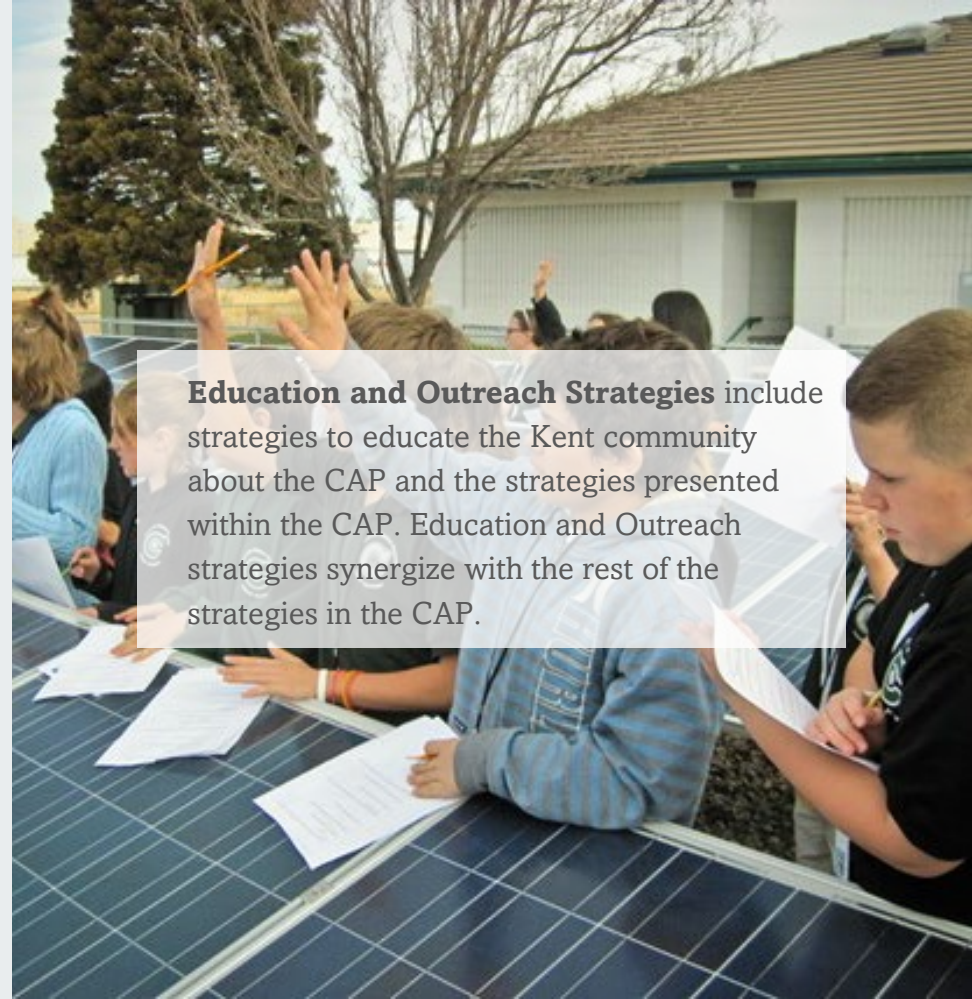


Agriculture, Forestry, and Other Land Use (AFOLU) Strategies include strategies to reduce GHG emissions from livestock within the city boundary, GHG emissions from land within the city boundary, and GHG emissions from aggregate sources and non-CO2 emission sources on land within the city boundary.

Education and Outreach

Energy Education
Academic Partnerships
CAP Outreach

03.01.23 Reg. Mtg. Min.
Attachment #1



Education and Outreach Strategies include strategies to educate the Kent community about the CAP and the strategies presented within the CAP. Education and Outreach strategies synergize with the rest of the strategies in the CAP.



Thank you.

Do you have any questions?

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Trash and Recycling Service - City of Kent Current Contract Review

3/1/2023

Trash contract ends June 30, 2023.

Recycling contract ends June 30, 2023.

Trash						2022 - 2023		2022 - 2023
	Avg. over last 2 years					2022 - 2023		City of Kent
	No. of trash					Republic	Portage Co Recycling	Trash weekly
	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	CUSTOMERS	% of	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE	Recycling ever other
	1	Minimum Generator Service	404	9%	Bag	\$3.00 / bag	\$ 5.50	*\$8.50 to \$17.50
	2	30 Gallon Generator Service	423	10%	Mo.	\$ 12.50	\$ 5.50	\$ 18.00
	3	65 Gallon Generator Service	421	10%	Mo.	\$ 12.75	\$ 5.50	\$ 18.25
	4	95 Gallon Generator Service	178	4%	Mo.	\$ 14.75	\$ 5.50	\$ 20.25
	5	95 gallon Unlimited Service	2944	67%	Mo.	\$ 16.75	\$ 5.50	\$ 22.25

No charge for carts

Large bulk items incl in 95 gal unlimited
No mass const.
No large house clean

* The bags are 30 gallon bags. You buy 10 at a time for a cost of \$30.00.

If customer uses 1 bag a month	cost is	\$8.50 / month
If customer uses 2 bags a month	cost is	\$11.50 / month
If customer uses 3 bags a month	cost is	\$14.50 / month
If customer uses 4 bags a month	cost is	\$17.50 / month

Trash Service - City of Kent Current Contract Review

3/1/2023

Things to consider:

Trash:

Number of services offered:

Consider going to full automation.

This would eliminate bags and 30 gallon containers.

No bags at the street means cleaner environment, no animals in bags.

Safer for drivers - drivers do not need to exit vehicles.

No physical strain with lifting bags or non regulated containers

No chance of getting cut or poked by stuff in bags

Less chance of a mess left from broken bags

Less time at each stop, means quicker service and cheaper price per resident

Less time at each stop, means less emissions from trucks idling, less waste of fuel
lessening the emissions and carbon foot print of the truck in our town.

Depending on number of bags used per month - assuming 1 per week. Price could be cheaper.

Keep the 65 gallon and 95 gallon service options.

This would keep 65 gallon and 95 gallon containers service.

All are on wheels to better facilitate the ease to move.

81 % of our residents already have these containers.

These could be standard service with the option to purchase bulk or both could be a "Plus" Service.

The "Plus Service" could allow for regular additions to the trash of 2 to 3 cubic feet of extra trash, large items, sofas, mattresses, chairs etc. This would help eliminate or limit the need for spring clean up. Keeping the town cleaner and allowing for the trash hauler to better facilitate bulk pick up.

Reviewing other contracts on trash and comparing pricing should be considered in determining acceptable pricing and possibilities for contracts.

Recycling

Recycling can be serviced at the 95 gallon service level, or the 64 gallon level service. (would want to stay with one or the other.)
Understanding current contract offerings and costs.

Utility Bill Comparison

Comparing the trash and recycling bill to other city utility costs
Take into consideration the dollars spent by residents for all utilities as established by ordinance.
Any savings gained from full automation, reviewing other contracts, and comparing pricing, is a direct savings to our residents.

Bidding options

Would like to come back in April with bidding options based on meeting and thoughts.

I will continue to collect data and present options. I am available to discuss and or answer questions.

1	Generator Service	404	5%	Bag	\$3.00 / bag	\$ 5.50	\$8.50 to \$17.50	n/a	n/a		
2	30 Gallon Generator Service	423	10%	Mo.	\$ 12.50	\$ 5.50	\$ 18.00	n/a	14.30		
3	65 Gallon Generator Service	421	10%	Mo.	\$ 12.75	\$ 5.50	\$ 18.25	\$ 17.48	n/a		
4	95 Gallon Generator Service	178	4%	Mo.	\$ 14.75	\$ 5.50	\$ 20.25	\$ 17.48	n/a		
5	95 gallon Unlimited Service	2944	67%	Mo.	\$ 16.75	\$ 5.50	\$ 22.25	\$ 19.68	\$ 17.66		
No charge for carts								No charge for carts	No charge for carts		

Large bulk items incl in 95 gal

No mass const.

No large house clean

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for 2 other contracts to compare for services and costs.

Utility Services Review - Sewer / Water/ Storm / Other Solid Waste / T

City of Kent Minimum Month Bill		Monthly	Unit	Ordinance setting cost and service	Services
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Other Solid Waste		\$ 2.88	Per Res.	935.13	Used to pay for annual spring Clean up, yard waste, leaves,
Storm water fee		\$ 4.30	Per ERU	921.23	Used to pay operations and maintenance and allow for ext
Water		\$ 12.90	Per 300 c.f.	913.05	Used to pay for the use, production and maintenance of th
Sewer		\$ 18.12	Per 300 c.f.	915.72	Used to pay for the use, operations and maintenance of the

Trash & Recycling			933.15	936.1
Bags	*	\$8.50 to \$ 17.50 depending on number of bags used per month		
30 gallon		\$ 18.00		
65 gallon		\$ 18.25		
95 gallon		\$ 20.25		
95 gallon Unlim		\$ 22.25		

To pay for trash and recycling contracted services.

DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 013

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CITY OF KENT CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, certain provisions within the Codified Ordinances should be amended to conform with current State law as required by the Ohio Constitution; and

WHEREAS, various ordinances of a general and permanent nature have been passed by Council which should be included in the Codified Ordinances; and

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

SECTION 1. That the ordinances of the City of Kent, Ohio, of a general and permanent nature, as revised, recodified, rearranged and consolidated into component codes, titles, chapters and sections within the 2023 Replacement Pages to the City of Kent Codified Ordinances are hereby approved and adopted and are on file in the Clerk of Council's office and can be reviewed during regular business hours.

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

(SEAL)

AMY WILKENS
CLERK OF COUNCIL

DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 014

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT A VISTA GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$159,062.00 FOR THE CITY OF KENT HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Kent Health Department has been awarded a Vista Grant in the amount of \$159,062.00; and

WHEREAS, this grant money will be used to hire individuals to gain experience in local public health. It will cover hourly wage as well as insurance costs and equipment such as computers; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to accept said grant.

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

SECTION 1. That Kent City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager, or his designee, to accept the Vista Grant in the amount of \$159,062.00 to be used to hire individuals to gain experience in local public health for the City of Kent Health 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

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(SEAL)

AMY WILKENS
CLERK OF COUNCIL

DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 015

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 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Kent's Health Department has been awarded \$25,000.00 from the Ohio EPA Grant Award program; and

WHEREAS, the awarded \$25,000.00 will be used to fund the mosquito control program through April 2024 and will be available in April 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to accept said grant.

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

SECTION 1. That Council does hereby authorize the City Manager on behalf of the City of Kent's Health Department to accept the Ohio EPA grant award in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the mosquito control program, and for the Budget and Finance Director to appropriate the award 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

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(SEAL)

AMY WILKENS
CLERK OF COUNCIL

DRAFT RESOLUTION 2023 -016

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO TO DEVELOP, IMPLEMENT, AND MONITOR A VISION ZERO PLAN TO ELIMINATE TRAFFIC FATALITIES AND SEVERE INJURIES WHILE INCREASING SAFE, HEALTHY, AND EQUITABLE MOBILITY FOR ALL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS) is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) by the Governor, acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation and in cooperation with locally elected officials in Summit and Portage Counties and the Chippewa Township and Milton Township areas of Wayne County; and

WHEREAS AMATS endorses development, implementation, and monitoring of a Safety Action Plan and Vision Zero goal to eliminate traffic fatalities and severe injuries while increasing safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for all road users with an emphasis on protecting the most vulnerable users; and

WHEREAS one death or severe injury on AMATS streets is one too many; and

WHEREAS collisions resulting in death or severe injury are not inevitable but can be prevented through changes in human behavior, technology, and designs that accommodate multimodal uses; and

WHEREAS a commitment to Vision Zero is a commitment to life and equitable opportunity for all people in the AMATS area; and

WHEREAS AMATS promotes a focus on reducing single occupancy vehicle rides and encouraging walking, bicycling transit, and carpooling, and also promotes safety for all roadway users; and

WHEREAS choosing active transportation options like walking and biking decreases mortality and morbidity from obesity-related diseases such as heart disease and diabetes, and creating safer streets is likely to encourage more active transportation, thereby increasing population health; and

WHEREAS, AMATS has a strong history of prioritizing safety and completing crash studies for all modes of transportation and has made demonstrable progress to improve safety for walking and biking by making systemic changes in the way the transportation network is planned, programmed, designed, constructed, and operated; and

WHEREAS between 2016 to 2020, the average number of collisions per year in the AMATS area was 17,650 and the average number of collisions resulting in injury was 4,152. Out of the injury crashes 363 per year (or nearly one per day) were considered serious injury; and

WHEREAS between 2016 to 2020, 37 people walking or in wheelchairs, 10 people riding a bicycle, and 215 people driving or riding in a vehicle have been killed; and

WHEREAS the number of people dying and suffering serious injuries on our streets is a serious public health problem which necessitates public action; and

WHEREAS preventing collisions in the AMATS area necessitates an analytical and systemic approach to street planning, design, policy, enforcement, legal processes, education and communications; and

WHEREAS implementing a Vision Zero commitment requires the continued support of residents, business owners, and visitors – acting as individuals and collectively through neighborhood or advocacy organizations to improve the safety, comfort, and usability of AMATS streets for all users; and

WHEREAS AMATS will join other MPO's and government entities around the nation in a commitment to eliminate traffic deaths and severe injuries and promote work which has demonstrated success when coupled with adequate funding, staff resources, and top-down support for its implementation.

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

SECTION 1. That Kent City Council endorses development, implementation, and monitoring of a Vision Zero goal to eliminate traffic fatalities and severe injuries while increasing safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for all road users by 2050.

SECTION 2. That Council acknowledges that achieving this goal requires significant effort and resources.

SECTIONS 3. That Council affirms that the development of a Safety Action Plan and Vision Zero goal will put equity at its forefront, striving to impact the most vulnerable and dependent users of the most dangerous parts of the transportation network to improve the health and well-being of those traveling on AMATS roads and streets.

SECTION 4. That Council affirms that the Safety Action Plan and Vision Zero goal will use data and best practices to outline steps in planning, engineering, policy, enforcement and education to reach interim steps toward zero deaths.

SECTION 5. That Council affirms that AMATS is dedicated to measuring the progress, challenges, and successes of the Vision Zero commitment and will do so with tangible, reportable metrics that will be reported on a regular basis with progress reports.

SECTION 6. 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 7. 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

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(SEAL)

AMY WILKENS
CLERK OF COUNCIL

DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 2023 -017

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 \$54,794.00 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Kent, Ohio is a member of the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council ("NOPEC") and has been awarded a NOPEC Energized Community Grant Award in the amount of \$54,794.00; and

WHEREAS, the City would like to accept the funds but place them in escrow with NOPEC until a project meeting the criteria for the grant's use can be identified.

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

SECTION 1. That Kent City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager, or his designee, to accept the NOPEC Energized Community Grant Award in the amount of \$54,794.00 and have the grant award placed in escrow with NOPEC.

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

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(SEAL)

AMY WILKENS
CLERK OF COUNCIL