



City of Kent
Wednesday, April 19, 2023
Regular City Council Meeting
320 S. Depeyster Street, Kent, OH 44240

AGENDA

7:30 P.M. Regular Council Meeting

1. Roll Call
2. Opening Remarks and Pledge of Allegiance- Ms. Wallach
3. Approval of Minutes
 - 3.1. March 15, 2023 Regular Council Meeting
4. Communications
 - 4.1. 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.
 - 4.2. Written Communication (All placed on file in the Clerk of Council's office)
 1. An email from Mr. Kuhar was received and forwarded to Council on March 16, 2023, in regards to the letter of intent received for the property located for sale on N. Water. Street.
 2. An email from Mr. Peter Paino was received on March 17, 2023, in regard to the time deadlines to appear before the Planning Commission.
 3. A letter from Rodney Wright was forwarded to Council on March 17, 2023.
 4. The Architecture Review Board Agenda for the April 4, 2023 meeting was received on March 28, 2023.
 5. The Portage County Draft Comprehensive Plan was received and forwarded to Council on March 28, 2023.
 6. A letter from the Board of Elections was received on March 17, 2023, notifying the City of Kent that the Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023.
 7. Board of Health Meeting Agenda and Statistical Report for April 10, 2023, was received on April 6, 2023.
 8. Board of Zoning Appeals Agenda and Staff Report for April 17, 2023 was received on April 10, 2023.
 9. The Planning Commission Meeting agenda and Staff Report for April 18, 2023 was received on April 11. 2023.

10. Liquor License Transfer request was received on April 4, 2023, for Haasz Moonbase LLC DBA Dome Night Club, 166 Currie Hall Pkwy, Kent.

4.3. City Manager's Report

5. Standing Committees & Legislation

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

5.1.1. April 5, 2023 Committee Meeting Minute Approval

5.1.2. Action(s) Recommended

1. Authorize the adoption of the City's Climate Action Plan.

5.1.3. **DRAFT 2023- 018** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ADOPT A CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (CAP) TO IDENTIFY STRATEGIES FOR REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND INCREASING RESILIENCY TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE KENT COMMUNITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

5.1.4. **DRAFT 2023-019** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A LETTER OF INTENT WITH THE CITY OF AKRON AND OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES OPERATING IN THE AKRON METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA) ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL COOPERATIVE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (CAP) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Unauthorized)

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

5.2.1. April 5, 2023 Committee Meeting Minute Approval

5.2.2. Action(s) Recommended

1. Approve the Tax Increment Review Council (TIRC) recommendation to renew the terms of the Davey Tree Enterprise Zone Agreement, with the emergency clause.

5.2.3. **DRAFT 2023- 020** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO CONTINUE THE ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT WITH THE DAVEY TREE EXPERT COMPANY PROVIDING FOR A PROJECT AND REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO THE OHIO ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM (EZ), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

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

5.3.1. April 5, 2023 Committee Meeting Minute Approval

5.3.2. Action(s) Recommended

1. Authorize issuance of a final trash service request for proposals for competitive bids.

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

5.4.1. April 5, 2023 Committee Meeting Minute Approval

5.4.2. Action(s) Recommended

1. Approve the 2023 budget appropriations amendments with the emergency clause
2. Approve the submission, execution, and allocation of funds if approved of the East Main Street Transportation Improvement Grant in the amount of \$500,000 with the emergency clause.
3. Approve the submission and allocation of funds if approved for the COPS grant in the amount of \$125, 000 with the emergency clause.

5.4.3. **DRAFT 2023-021** 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 (AUTHORIZED)

5.4.4. **DRAFT 2023-022** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KENT TO SUBMIT A FUNDING APPLICATION FOR A TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (TID) GRANT TOTALING \$0.5 MILLION, AND TO ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF AWARDED, WITH CORRESPONDING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE EAST MAIN STREET AREA IMPROVEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

5.4.5. **DRAFT 2023-023** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KENT TO APPLY FOR A COPS HIRING PROGRAM (CHP) GRANT THROUGH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY-ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES TO FUND ONE ADDITIONAL SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER, AND TO ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF AWARDED, WITH CORRESPONDING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

6. Unfinished Business

7. New Business

8. Councilmembers' Comments

9. Mayor's Report

Adjourn

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