



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

AGENDA

7:25 P.M. Board of Control

7:30 P.M. Welcome and Roll Call

1. Opening Remarks and Pledge of Allegiance- Mr. Sidoti
2. Approval of Minutes
 - 2.1. June 21, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - 2.2. July 5, 2023 Special Council Meeting Minutes
3. Communications
 - 3.1. 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.
 - 3.2. Written Communication (All placed on file in the Clerk of Council's office)
 1. The Standing Rock Cemetery Board of Trustees Agenda for July 13, 2023 was received on June 29, 2023.
 2. Board of Health Agenda and Staff Report for July 10, 2023 was received on July 6, 2023.
 3. Email from Rick Hawksley in regards to the Design Guidelines was received and forwarded to Council on July 5, 2023.
 - 3.3. City Manager's Report
4. Standing Committees & Legislation
 - 4.1. **Committee of the Whole** Chair Mayor Fiala/ Vice-Chair Amrhein
 - 4.1.1. July 5, 2023 Committee Meeting Minute Approval
 - 4.1.2. Action(s) Recommended

1. Approve updates to the City's Ordinance Book to reflect updated changes to its code.

4.1.3. **Draft 2023- 040** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CITY OF KENT CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

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

4.2.1. July 5, 2023 Committee Meeting Minute Approval

4.2.2. Action(s) Recommended: None

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

4.3.1. July 5, 2023 Committee Meeting Minute Approval

4.3.2. Action(s) Recommended

1. Approve changes to the City's Noise Ordinance stipulating a trial period of 120 days to restrict loud noise in the DORA district Sunday through Thursday, after 11 pm and on Fridays and Saturdays after 12 am.

4.3.3. **Draft 2023- 041** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 509.12 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KENT TITLED "UNLAWFUL NOISE", AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

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

4.4.1. July 5, 2023 Committee Meeting Minute Approval

4.4.2. Action(s) Recommended

1. Authorize submission of the OPWC grant requests for the WRF Primary Clarifier Project and Water Tank Rehabilitation.
2. Authorize submission for additional State ARPA funding to supplement public safety recruitment efforts, and if awarded, authorize acceptance and allocation of funds.
3. Authorize submission of the 2024 Tax Budget to the Portage County Auditor.
4. Approve the request for the 2023 budget appropriations.

4.4.3. **Draft 2023-042** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY BUDGET & FINANCE DIRECTOR AND LAW DIRECTOR, OR THEIR DESIGNEES, TO SIGN AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT AND DAVID RULLER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

- 4.4.4. **Draft 2023-043** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KENT TO SUBMIT TWO (2) FUNDING APPLICATIONS TOTALING \$622,700 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(Authorized)
- 4.4.5. **Draft 2023-044** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FOR THE KENT POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,000 FROM THE ARPA FIRST RESPONDER WELLNESS, RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, AND RESILIENCY GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECRUITING AND HIRING OF FIRST RESPONDERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)
- 4.4.6. **Draft 2023-045** 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)
- 4.4.7. **Draft 2023-046** A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL CONGESTION MITIGATION/AIR QUALITY FUNDS PROGRAMMED BY THE AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (AMATS) TO CONSTRUCT THE SR59 ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Unauthorized)

5. Unfinished Business

6. New Business

7. Councilmembers' Comments

8. Mayor's Report

9. Executive Session

- 9.1. To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official

10. Return to Pubic Meeting

- 10.1. **Draft 2023-047** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2022-137 THE POSITION ALLOCATION AND GENERAL COMPENSATION PLAN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Unauthorized)

Adjourn

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