



City of Kent
Wednesday, July 5, 2023
Special City Council Meeting
320 S. Depeyster Street, Kent, OH 44240

MINUTES

At 08:13 PM, Mr. Jack Amrhein, President Pro Tem called the Special City Council Meeting to order.

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

Also Present: 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; Ms. Rhonda Hall, Budget and Finance Director; Mr. Nick Shearer, Chief of Police; Ms. Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council

Absent: Mr. Jerry T. Fiala, Mayor and President of Council; Mr. John Kuhar; Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE DRAFT NO. 2023-039 MADE BY Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Mr. Garret Ferrara and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7-0-0.

Legislation

DRAFT 2023-039 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024, SUBMITTING THE SAME TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mr. Amrhein's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF DRAFT 2023-039 MADE by Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Ms. Tracy Wallach. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion was CARRIED by a roll call vote of 7-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT 2023-039 MADE by Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion was CARRIED by a roll call vote of 7-0-0.

Resolution 2023-039 passes as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Executive Session

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, DISMISSAL, DISCIPLINE, PROMOTION, DEMOTION, OR COMPENSATION OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE OR OFFICIAL MADE BY Mr. Jack Amrhein, SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7-0-0.

AT 8:41 PM, A MOTION WAS MADE TO RETURN TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING BY Mr. Garret Ferrara, SECONDED by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7-0-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CITY MANAGER AND THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO PAY OUT ACCRUED BUT UNUSED LEAVE BALANCES IN EXCESS OF THE AMOUNT PERMITTED BY THE GENERAL COMPENSATION PLAN IN ANTICIPATION OF CHIEF MEYER'S RETIREMENT/RESIGNATION MADE BY Mr. Garret Ferrara, SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7-0-0.

Hearing no further business, the Special Committee adjourned at 8:52 PM.


Amy Wilkens, CMC
Clerk of Council


Jack Amrhein
President Pro Tem

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