



City of Kent
Wednesday, September 20, 2023
Regular City Council Meeting
320 S. Depeyster Street, Kent, OH 44240

AGENDA *(Amended 9/15/23)*

7:25 P.M. Board of Control

7:30 P.M. Regular Council Meeting

1. Roll Call
2. Opening Remarks and Pledge of Allegiance- Mr. Jack Amrhein
3. Approval of Minutes
 - 3.1. August 16, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
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 meeting day. 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)
 - The Civil Service Commission Meeting Agenda for August 21, 2023, was received and posted on August 18, 2023.
 - An unsigned letter from a resident who resides on Mohawk Place in Kent in regard to Portage County not placing a recycling contract bid was received and forwarded to Council on August 29, 2023.
 - The Standing Rock Cemetery Board of Trustees Agenda for the meeting on September 14, 2023 was received on September 6, 2023.
 - Email from Christopher Myers in regard to the Shaw Drive/Land O'Lakes noise complaint received on September 6, 2023.
 - The Planning Commission Agenda for the meeting on September 19, 2023, was received on September 11, 2023.
 - Meeting minutes from the June 8, 2023, Portage County Solid Waste Management District Policy Committee Meeting were received on September 12, 2023.
 - 4.3. City Manager's Report
5. Standing Committees & Legislation

5.1. **Committee of the Whole** Chair Mayor Fiala/ Vice-Chair Amrhein

5.1.1. September 6, 2023 Committee Meeting Minute Approval

5.1.2. Action(s) Recommended

1. Authorize sending a charter amendment to the voters in 2024 to amend ward differential from 10% to 15%.

5.1.3. **Draft 2023- 061** AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION ON MARCH 19, 2024, WHICH WILL AMEND ARTICLE XII, SECTION 12.02 TITLED "VOTING WARD APPORTIONMENT," AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

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

5.2.1. September 6, 2023 Committee Meeting Minute Approval

5.2.2. Action(s) Recommended

1. Authorize TREX Liquor License request for Fast Mex LLC located at 164 East Main Street, with the emergency clause.

5.2.3. **Draft 2023-062** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A TREX LIQUOR LICENSE INTO THE CITY OF KENT BY FAST MEX, LLC, AN OHIO LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CONDITIONED UPON THE EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO AND FAST MEX, LLC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

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

5.3.1. September 6, 2023 Committee Meeting Minute Approval

5.3.2. Action(s) Recommended

1. Approve text amendments regarding downtown parking, changing hours of parking restrictions from 2:30 am to 5:30 am., with the emergency clause.

5.3.3. **Draft 2023- 063** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 355 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KENT TITLED "MUNICIPAL PARKING LOTS", AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Authorized)

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

5.4.1. September 6, 2023 Committee Meeting Minute Approval

5.4.2. Action(s) Recommended

1. Street Closure for the KSU 5K race was authorized beforehand by voice vote at the September 6, 2023 meeting.

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

5.5.1. September 6, 2023 Committee Meeting Minute Approval

5.5.2. Action(s) Recommended

1. Authorize sale at auction of surplus City vehicles, with the emergency clause.
2. Authorize and certify the tax rates and amounts for submission to the Portage County Auditor, with an emergency clause.
3. Approve the 2023 budget appropriation amendments with an emergency clause.

5.5.3. **Draft 2023-064** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRADE IN / AUCTION / DISPOSAL OF VEHICLES, LARGE EQUIPMENT AND TRAILERS NOT NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

5.5.4. **Draft 2023- 065** RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR (Authorized)

5.5.5. **Draft 2023-066** 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)

6. Unfinished Business

7. New Business

8. Councilmembers' Comments

9. Mayor's Report

10. Executive Session (*Amended 9/15/23*)

10.1. Discuss an employee's evaluation and compensation

10.2. Discussion with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action

Adjourn

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