



City of Kent
Wednesday, January 17, 2024
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- Melissa Celko
3. Approval of Minutes
 - 3.1. December 20, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2024 Special 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
 1. Sustainability Commission meeting agenda for January 8, 2024 and November 2023 Meeting Minutes were received and posted on January 2, 2024.
 2. Standing Rock Cemetery Board of Trustees meeting minutes for January 11, 2024, received and posted on January 2, 2024.
 3. Board of Health meeting agenda for January 9, 2024 was received on January 5, 2024.
 4. The Program Year 2024 CDBG Implementation Schedule for Community Development was received on January 8, 2024.
 5. An email from Kayla Adolph was received and forwarded to Council on January 9, 2024, encouraging City Council to apply for grants to electrify its fleet of vehicles.
 6. The Planning Commission and Staff Report for the January 16, 2024 meeting was received on January 10, 2024.
 - 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. January 3, 2024 Committee Meeting Minute Approval

5.1.2. Action(s) Recommended

1. Authorize the reorganization of Council assigned Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Board Liaisons
2. Authorize the following changes to Council's Pending List:

Remove:

- Sustainability Commission to come up with 10 action items to fend off global
- warming
- Review and Discuss Unattended Vehicle Idling in the City
- Design Guidelines Reorganization
- Review of Planning Commission Timelines
- New Administration Building Dedication
- Downtown Ice Rink
- Review Neighbor Complaint
- Parameters for Low Frequency Noises
- Discussion on proactively dealing with racism, hatred and diversity in Kent
- City Flag Redesign
- Changes in Fireworks Law
- Vape Shops and Marijuana Dispensaries
- 24 Hour Parking Regulations Review
- Safety Town Discussion

Keep

- Discussion with Franklin Twp. /sidewalk and snow upkeep
- Review of roadwork needed on Portage Street
- Land O'Lakes Noise Issue
- Noise Ordinance Review
- Fur Regulations and Sales in Kent

5.1.3. Voting on Board and Commission Candidate

5.1.4. Motion to Authorize Insertion of Name into Legislation

5.1.5. **Draft 2024-002** A RESOLUTION APPOINTING _____ TO THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Unauthorized)

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

5.2.1. January 3, 2024 Committee Meeting Minute Approval

5.2.2. Action(s) Recommended

1. Approve a temporary moratorium on the opening of recreational marijuana dispensaries until the staff has time to review the new State guidelines and amend the City's Zoning Code to accommodate the new dispensaries, with the emergency clause.

5.2.3. **Draft 2024-003** AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON ADULT USE CANNABIS OPERATORS, TESTING LABORATORIES AND INDIVIDUALS REQUIRED TO BE LICENSED BY THE OHIO REVISED CODE IN THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

5.3. **Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities** Chair Sidoti/ Vice-Chair Clapper

5.3.1. January 3, 2024 Committee Meeting Minute Approval

5.3.2. Action(s) Recommended

1. Approve the proposed street closure request for the 2024 eclipse events with the emergency clause.
2. Approve the special event policy language changes with the emergency clause.

5.3.3. **Draft 2024-004** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPROVE A NEW SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION FROM MAIN STREET KENT AND THE KENT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO BE HELD ON APRIL 7, 2024 AND APRIL 8, 2024, AND THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE KENT DOWNTOWN STREETS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Authorized)

5.3.4. **Draft 2024-005** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 316 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KENT TITLED "SPECIAL EVENTS-PARADES, FESTIVALS, CARNIVALS, PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES, ETC", AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

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

5.4.1. January 3, 2023 Committee Meeting Minute Approval

5.4.2. Action(s) Recommended

1. Authorize the Health Department Grant Applications and Appropriations with the emergency clause.

- 5.4.3. **Draft 2024-006** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KENT HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE FARM TO SCHOOL GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000, AND TO ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF AWARDED, WITH CORRESPONDING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)
- 5.4.4. **Draft 2024-007** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KENT HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000, AND TO ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF AWARDED, WITH CORRESPONDING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)
- 5.4.5. **Draft 2024-008** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE THE EXTENDED TOBACCO USE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$117,000 FOR THE CITY OF KENT HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)
- 5.4.6. **Draft 2024-009** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE THE EXTENDED OHIO EPA GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 FOR THE CITY OF KENT HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)
- 5.4.7. **Draft 2024-010** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KENT FIRE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR AN INDIVIDUAL AND JOINT EQUIPMENT GRANT, AND TO ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF AWARDED, WITH CORRESPONDING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Unauthorized)

6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
8. Councilmembers' Comments
9. Mayor's Report

Adjourn

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