



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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City of Kent
Wednesday, December 20, 2023
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MINUTES

At 07:32 PM, Mayor Jerry T. Fiala called the Regular City Council Meeting to order.

Present: Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach

Also Present: Mr. Jerry T. Fiala, Mayor, and President of Council; 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; Mr. Nick Shearer, Chief of Police; Mr. Jamie Samels, Interim Fire Chief; Ms. Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council

Absent: Mr. Garret Ferrara

MOTION TO EXCUSE MR. GARRET FERRARA MADE BY Mr. John Kuhar, SECONDED by Mr. Jack Amrhein, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0-0.

Opening Remarks

Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish began by noting the upcoming changes on the council due to the turnover happening in the New Year. She expressed a mix of emotions—excitement for the new council members coming in while acknowledging the sadness of parting ways with current members. Ms. Shaffer Bish highlighted the importance of civility among council members, emphasizing the respect and cooperation they've shown even in times of disagreement. She expressed pride in the council's conduct and its potential to serve as a model for other political bodies. Additionally, Ms. Shaffer Bish extended holiday wishes to everyone present and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dedication of New City Administration Building

Ms. Melanie Baker, the Service Director, acknowledged the collaborative effort that led to the development of the new City Hall building. She traced the process back to its initiation in 2016, highlighting the extensive public involvement through surveys, meetings, and festivals to gather input. Ms. Baker mentioned the bid process in the fall 2021, the selection of the contractor, and the subsequent start of construction in 2022. She detailed the milestones achieved, including the beam signing and raising, along with the progress on utilities, construction, and the enclosing of the building.

She then recognized and invited all council members who had been involved in this process since its inception in 2016 to come forward for the dedication of the building. Specifically mentioning Mayor Jerry Fiala, Garrett Ferrara, Jack Amrhein, Robin Turner, John Kuhar,

Heidi Shaffer Bish, Tracy Wallach, Mike DeLeone, Gwen Rosenberg, and Roger Sidoti, Ms. Baker asked Mr. Kuhar and Ms. Wallach to unveil the dedication plaque, officially dedicating Kent City Hall to the residents, businesses, and citizens of Kent. Afterward, she thanked everyone involved and pictures were taken of council members with the plaque that will be placed in the new city hall building.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE NOVEMBER 15, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MADE BY Mr. Jack Amrhein, **SECONDED** by Mr. Roger Sidoti and **CARRIED** by a voice vote of 8-0-0.

Communications

Mayor Fiala read the following statement:

"While the law does not require Council to provide time for public comment, we have historically invited the public to make comments and we appreciate their input. This is the time when residents and others can comment on matters that concern them. However, we will not engage in debate, and as President of Council, I reserve the right to end any public communication that is disruptive, embarrassing, harassing, or otherwise objectionable. We ask you to give your name and address and limit comments to three (3) minutes."

There was one member of the public who signed in. Ms. Wilkens, Clerk of Council, called Mr. Mitchell Edgecomb, who resides at 57 Chelmsford Drive, in Aurora, to come to the podium and address the Council. He addressed the council about the inhumane practices in the fur industry, emphasizing the local implication of this larger issue. He highlighted the appalling conditions in which fur-bearing animals are kept, mentioning their confinement in small cages, unsanitary living conditions, and cruel methods of killing them for their fur. He linked the fur industry to environmental damage, citing statistics about its high carbon footprint and water pollution compared to other textiles. Mr. Edgecomb presented a proposed ordinance to ban the sale, auction, and manufacture of fur products from factory farms, excluding fur trapping activities and leather from agricultural animals. He argued that this move aligns with a growing public sentiment for banning fur sales and promotes a more sustainable clothing industry. Expressing belief in the inevitable decline of the fur industry due to decreasing statistics in fur production, Mr. Edgecomb urged the council to consider adopting the proposed ordinance, aiming to represent the interests of the city and contribute to a more sustainable future for wildlife and the environment. He requested the ordinance to be reviewed and potentially adopted into law by the appropriate council body or commission. A handout was presented to Council (**Attachment #1**)

There were no other residents signed in to speak to Council.

Written Communication

1. Email from Rick Hawksley regarding the status of street repairs on Portage Street was received on November 18, 2023.
2. Email from Dustin Holfinger, State Government Relation Director for the American Heart Association regarding the possible Governor's veto of tobacco preemption language was received on November 20, 2023.
3. Email from Kayla Adolph regarding Climate Pollution Reduction Grants that are available through the EPA was forwarded to Council on November 29, 2023.
4. Request for an Updated List of City Elected Officials from the Ohio Ethics Commission was received, completed, and returned on November 28, 2023.

5. Email from Benjamin Tipton and Main Street Kent commending Jim Bowling on addressing the pressing issue of pedestrian safety in downtown Kent with permanent 12-month installation of in-street pedestrian crosswalk signs was received and forwarded to Council on November 30, 2023.
6. Email from Doug Fuller, asking Council not to approve the Design Guidelines as presented, was received and forwarded to Council on December 6, 2023.
7. Standing Rock Cemetery Board of Trustees December meeting agenda was received on December 5, 2023.
8. Health Board Agenda Meeting Minutes for the December meeting were received on December 7, 2023.

City Manager's Report

MOTION TO APPROVE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT MADE BY Mr. Jack Amrhein, SECONDED by Mr. John Kuhar and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0-0.

1. Requests Council's authorization to send a letter of support to the Portage County Land Bank to utilize Brownfield Remediation Program grant funding to complete necessary assessment activities at 200 West William Street in Kent.
2. Request for Council's authorization to apply for an Ohio Department of Job and Family Services childcare stabilization sub-grant in the amount of \$94,500, and if approved, to accept and allocate those funds.
3. Request for Council's authorization to apply for an Ohio Department of Development Wastewater Infrastructure grant for \$1 million to be used as part of the capital needed for the \$7.7 million replacement of the heat exchangers at the City Water Reclamation facility, and if approved to accept and allocate the funds, and authorize the subsequent grant agreements.
4. .Scheduled Committee of the Whole time for Council to consider applicants for City Boards and Commissions.
5. Request for Committee of the Whole time for Council to discuss the 2024 Committee assignments.
6. Request for Committee of the Whole time to provide Council with a brief update on the status of the new City Hall construction project.
7. Request for the Committee of the Whole time to present an update to the Council Pending list for 2024.
8. Request Land Use Committee time to discuss a possible temporary moratorium on recreational marijuana sales locations.
9. Request for Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee time to allow representatives from the Chamber, Main Street Kent, and City staff to present an update on the status of the 2024 Eclipse event in Kent and ask for corresponding downtown street closures.
10. Request for Street, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee time to present suggested changes to the City's street closure policy for special events.
11. Request Finance Committee time to request Council's approval of multiple Health Department grant applications and appropriations.

Standing Committees & Legislation

Committee of the Whole Chair Mayor Fiala/ Vice-Chair Amrhein

MOTION TO APPROVE DECEMBER 6, 2023 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MADE BY Mr. Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0-0.

Action(s) Recommended: None

Draft 2023- 087 A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION AND APPRECIATION TO THE HONORABLE GARRET FERRARA FOR THE GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION OF HIS TIME AND TALENTS AS WARD 1 COUNCIL FOR THE PAST TWENTY-FOUR YEARS was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF DRAFT 2023- 087 MADE by Mr. Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Tracy Wallach, and Mr. Roger Sidoti The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2023- 087 MADE by Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Tracy Wallach, and Mr. Roger Sidoti The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0-0.

Resolution 2023–087 passes.

Draft 2023- 088 A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION AND APPRECIATION TO THE HONORABLE JOHN KUHAR FOR THE GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION OF HIS TIME AND TALENTS AS WARD 4 COUNCIL FOR THE PAST EIGHTEEN YEARS was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2023- 088 MADE by Mr. Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Tracy Wallach, and Mr. Roger Sidoti The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2023- 088 MADE by Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Tracy Wallach, and Mr. Roger Sidoti The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0-0.

Resolution 2023–088 passes.

Draft 2023- 089 A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION AND APPRECIATION TO THE HONORABLE TRACY WALLACH FOR THE GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION OF HER TIME AND TALENTS AS WARD 6 COUNCIL FOR THE PAST SIXTEEN YEARS was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2023- 089 MADE by Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Mr. John Kuhar. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Tracy Wallach, and Mr. Roger Sidoti The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2023- 089 MADE by Mr. John Kuhar, SECONDED by Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, and Mr. Roger Sidoti The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 7-0-1 with Ms. Wallach voting 'abstain'.

Resolution 2023-089 passes.

Health & Safety Committee Chair Amrhein/ Vice-Chair Sidoti

Committee Minutes: None

Action(s) Recommended: Authorized 11/15/23

Draft 2023-081 (3rd Reading) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 351 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KENT TITLED "PARKING GENERALLY", AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT 2023-081 MADE by Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, and Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion was CARRIED by a roll call vote of 6-2-0. Ms. Rosenberg and Mr. Sidoti voted 'No'.

Ordinance 2023-081 passes.

Land Use Committee Chair Ferrara/ Vice-Chair Shaffer Bish

MOTION TO APPROVE DECEMBER 6, 2023 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MADE BY Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0-0.

Action(s) Recommended

1. Authorize zoning on Johnson Road from medium residential (R-2) to open space/recreational, with the emergency clause.
2. Adopt revised Design Guidelines and remove old design guidelines from the zoning code, with the emergency clause.

MOTION TO APPROVE ACTION(S) RECOMMENDED MADE BY Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0-0.

Draft 2023-090 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY'S ZONING DISTRICTS MAP FOR PARCEL #17-046-00-00-019-009 TO BE REZONED TO O-R: OPEN SPACE-RECREATION DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2023-090 MADE by Mr. Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Tracy Wallach, and Mr. Roger Sidoti The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2023-090 MADE by Mr. Heidi Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Tracy Wallach, and Mr. Roger Sidoti The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0-0.

Ordinance 2023-090 passes.

Draft 2023- 091 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CHANGES TO THE DESIGN GUIDELINES AND PART ELEVEN - PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2023- 091 MADE by Mr. Roger Sidoti SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, and Mr. Roger Sidoti. The motion was CARRIED by a roll call vote of 7-1-0. Ms. Wallach voted 'No'.

Councilmember Tracy Wallach expressed her intention to vote against the presented proposals, citing her belief that the two different design guidelines should be integrated more cohesively.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2023- 091 MADE by Mr. Jack Amrhein, SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, and Mr. Roger Sidoti The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 6-2-0. Mr. Amrhein and Ms. Wallach voted 'No'.

Ordinance 2023–091 passes.

Finance Committee Chair DeLeone/ Vice-Chair Wallach

MOTION TO APPROVE DECEMBER 6, 2023 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MADE BY Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0-0.

Action(s) Recommended

1. Authorize the renewal of the Portage County Public Defender's contract for 2024 with an emergency clause.
2. Authorize the 2024 City Operating Budget, including the 3% water and sewer rate increases with the emergency clause.
3. Approve the 2023 Budget Appropriation amendment with an emergency clause.
4. Approve "then and now" purchases incurred in 2023 over \$3,000, with an emergency clause.
5. Approve the Position Allocation and General Compensation Plan with an emergency clause.
6. Authorize the AFSME Collective Bargaining Agreement with an emergency clause.
7. Authorize the FOP Collective Bargaining Agreement with an emergency clause.
8. Authorized the IAFF Collective Bargaining Agreement with an emergency clause.

MOTION TO APPROVE ACTION(S) RECOMMENDED MADE BY Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Mr. Kuhar and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0-0.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE DRAFTS 2023-104 and 2023-105 AND SUSPEND COUNCIL'S STANDING RULES MADE BY Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0-0.

DRAFT 2023-092 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 913.05 OF THE KENT CODIFIED ORDINANCES, INCREASING THE WATER RATES OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO BY THREE PERCENT (3%) BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST BILLING CYCLE IN JANUARY 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF DRAFT 2023-092 MADE by Mr. Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack

Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Tracy Wallach, and Mr. Roger Sidoti The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT 2023-092 MADE by Mr. Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Tracy Wallach, and Mr. Roger Sidoti The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0-0.

Ordinance 2023-092 passes.

DRAFT 2023-093 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 915.72 OF THE KENT CODIFIED ORDINANCES, INCREASING THE SEWER RATES OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO BY THREE PERCENT (3%) BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST BILLING CYCLE IN JANUARY, 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF DRAFT 2023-093 MADE by Mr. Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Tracy Wallach, and Mr. Roger Sidoti The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT 2023-093 MADE by Mr. Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Tracy Wallach, and Mr. Roger Sidoti The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0-0.

Ordinance 2023-093 passes.

Draft 2023-094 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONTRACT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF KENT, WITH THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, PORTAGE COUNTY, FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL COUNSEL TO INDIGENT PERSONS CHARGED WITH POTENTIAL PENALTY OF INCARCERATION FOR OFFENSES COMMITTED IN VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCES OF SAID CITY FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2024, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2023-094 MADE by Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Mr. Kuhar. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Tracy Wallach, and Mr. Roger Sidoti The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2023-094 MADE by Mr. John Kuhar, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Tracy Wallach, and Mr. Roger Sidoti The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0-0.

Ordinance 2023-094 passes.

DRAFT 2023-095 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR, UPON THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, TO PAY CERTAIN PURCHASE ORDERS MADE THAT EXCEED \$3000.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF DRAFT 2023-095 MADE by Mr. John Kuhar, SECONDED by Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen

Rosenberg, Ms. Tracy Wallach, and Mr. Roger Sidoti. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT 2023-095 MADE by Mr. John Kuhar, SECONDED by Roger Sidoti. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Tracy Wallach, and Mr. Roger Sidoti. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0-0.

Ordinance 2023-095 passes.

DRAFT 2023-096 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2022-137 THE POSITION ALLOCATION AND GENERAL COMPENSATION PLAN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF DRAFT 2023-096 MADE by Ms. Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Tracy Wallach, and Mr. Roger Sidoti The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT 2023-096 MADE by Ms. Shafferr Bish, SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Tracy Wallach, and Mr. Roger Sidoti The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0-0.

Ordinance 2023-096 passes.

DRAFT 2023-097 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING 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, 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF DRAFT 2023-097 MADE by Mr. Kuhar, SECONDED by Ms. Wallach. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Tracy Wallach, and Mr. Roger Sidoti The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT 2023-097 MADE by Mr. John Kuhar, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Tracy Wallach, and Mr. Roger Sidoti The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0-0.

Ordinance 2023-097 passes.

DRAFT 2023-098 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 was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF DRAFT 2023-098 MADE by Ms. Tracy Wallach, SECONDED by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Tracy Wallach, and Mr. Roger Sidoti The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT 2023-098 MADE by Mr. Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Tracy Wallach, and Mr. Roger Sidoti The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0-0.

Ordinance 2023-098 passes.

Draft 2023-099 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE FINAL YEAR OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT AND THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (AFSCME), OHIO COUNCIL 8, LOCAL 379, AFL-CIO, AND AUTHORIZING A NEW COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH AFSCME FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 1, 2024 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2023-099 MADE by Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Tracy Wallach, and Mr. Roger Sidoti The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2023-099 MADE by Ms. Tracy Wallach, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Tracy Wallach, and Mr. Roger Sidoti The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0-0.

Ordinance 2023-099 passes.

Draft 2023- 100 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT AND THE CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE UNIT, FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, OHIO LABOR COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 1, 2023 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2023- 100 MADE by Mr. John Kuhar, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Tracy Wallach, and Mr. Roger Sidoti The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2023- 100 MADE by Mr. John Kuhar, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Tracy Wallach, and Mr. Roger Sidoti The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0-0.

Ordinance 2023-100 passes.

Draft 2023-101 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT AND POLICE OFFICER UNIT, FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, OHIO LABOR COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 1, 2023 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2023-101 MADE by Ms. Tracy Wallach, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Tracy Wallach, and Mr. Roger Sidoti The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2023-101 MADE by Ms. Tracy Wallach, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Tracy Wallach, and Mr. Roger Sidoti The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0-0.

Ordinance 2023-101 passes.

Draft 2023-102 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT AND THE DISPATCH UNIT, FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, OHIO LABOR COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 1, 2023 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2026 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2023-102 MADE by Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Tracy Wallach, and Mr. Roger Sidoti The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2023-102 MADE by Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Tracy Wallach, and Mr. Roger Sidoti The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0-0.

Ordinance 2023-102 passes.

Draft 2023- 103 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT AND LOCAL UNION #721, INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2023- 103 MADE by Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Tracy Wallach, and Mr. Roger Sidoti The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2023- 103 MADE by Mr. Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Tracy Wallach, and Mr. Roger Sidoti The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0-0.

Ordinance 2023-103 passes.

Draft 2023-104 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KENT TO SUBMIT A GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (ODOD) FOR THE WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY DIGESTER HEAT EXCHANGER PROJECT AND TO ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF AWARDED, AND EXECUTE THE SUBSEQUENT GRANT AGREEMENT WITH CORRESPONDING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2023-104 MADE by Mr. John Kuhar, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Tracy Wallach, and Mr. Roger Sidoti The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2023-104 MADE by Mr. Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Mr.

Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Tracy Wallach, and Mr. Roger Sidoti The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0-0.

Ordinance 2023–104 passes.

Draft 2023-105 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KENT PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT A FOURTH ROUND OF STABILIZATION GRANTS FROM THE OHIO CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL ASSOCIATION (OCCRRA) TOTALING \$94,500, TO EXECUTE THE SUBSEQUENT AGREEMENT AND TO ACCEPT THE GRANTS, IF AWARDED, WITH CORRESPONDING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THREE (3) CHILDCARE CENTERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2023-105 MADE by Mr. John Kuhar, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Tracy Wallach, and Mr. Roger Sidoti. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2023-105 MADE by Mr. John Kuhar, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. John Kuhar, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Tracy Wallach, and Mr. Roger Sidoti The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0-0.

Ordinance 2023–105 passes.

Unfinished Business

During Unfinished Business, Mr. Kuhar took a moment to express his gratitude to everyone on the council, in the administration, and those who have supported him throughout his tenure. He appreciated the collaborative environment and thanked everyone for their support and cooperation, wishing everyone a happy and healthy holiday season in return.

Mr. Amrhein recognized council members who were leaving, acknowledged the service of Mr. John Kuhar, and presented him with a plaque and a resolution, thanking him for his 18 years of service. Next, he presented a plaque and framed resolution to Ms. Tracy Wallach expressed their gratitude, and bid farewell. Similarly, Mr. Garrett Ferrara was acknowledged, and gifts were given as a token of appreciation for his service on the council. Mayor Fiala encouraged the council members to take their nameplates as mementos.

New Business

There was a swearing-in ceremony for newly elected officials. Melissa Celko (Ward 1) was the first to be sworn in and was done so by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg. The oath administered required her to affirm her support for, uphold, and defend the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of Ohio, and the laws of the City of Kent. She pledged to faithfully, honestly, diligently, and impartially perform and discharge all the powers and duties incumbent upon her as a council member for the City of Kent.

Next, Ms. Hope Jones administered the oath to both Mr. Jack Amrhein (Ward 2) and Mr. Jeff Clapper (Ward 6).

Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish administered the oath to Mr. Chris Hook (Ward 4).

Mr. Randy Bish administered the oath to Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish (Ward 5).

Next, Ms. Tracy Wallach wanted to make a motion under New Business.

MOTION TO SEND TO COMMITTEE A DISCUSSION ABOUT FUR INDUSTRY AND WHETHER WE ARE GOING TO DO AN ORDINANCE MADE BY Ms. Tracy Wallach, SECONDED by Jack Amrhein and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0-0.

Councilmembers' Comments

Mr. Robin Turner expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the departing council members, acknowledging their contributions and impact on the community. He highlighted the advancements and positive changes within the community that were achieved through their service. Mr. Turner recognized the differences in perspectives among council members but emphasized their ability to set aside these differences for the greater good of the community, guided by a shared commitment to doing what was right. He extended his appreciation on behalf of the community, noting the relevance and meaningfulness of their service. Mr. Turner commended their dedication with a final "bravo."

In Mr. Ferrara's absence, he asked Ms. Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council, to read his parting comments.

Mr. Ferrara wrote, "I was so looking forward to tonight, my last night on city council. 24 years ago, it was a great honor to be sworn in in the same building that was my grandparents' grocery store. My grandmother, Philomena and my great aunts Genevieve and Jenny ---better known as Nanny and Dolly, who worked their entire lives at the store were there, as were my parents and my wife, Michele. They were all there to make the night special. It was a memorable night and while I can't say that I knew what I was doing....and some people might say, "nothing's changed" ... I did know what I wanted Kent to become. The support of my family has always been critical to my success. Likewise, I've always tried to support our girls as they pursue their dreams. Gianna is now a sophomore at Bates College in Maine and has made the Dean's list for all three semesters... She will probably kill me for saying that, howeverwe are extremely proud, and we pay the tuition, so I can say what I want. Ironically, my daughter Francesca had ski races in ME this week, and we had a master plan where I was flying home to be at the meeting tonight and Michele was flying up to watch a race and drive her home. Just goes to show that even the best-made plans can't account for Mother Nature. The rain this week washed out the access road from our hotel, so we've been hunkered down awaiting a makeshift bridge to allow access back to the main roads. While I'm extremely disappointed that I can't personally be there for this final meeting, the opportunity to support and watch these two young ladies chase their dreams was and is the biggest factor in my decision to step down. It has been a transformative 24 years for all of us, and we are all aware and proud of what Kent has become, so I don't want to talk about that tonight. I want to talk about the people who have made it possible in both the past and the present.

First, I have to thank John Flynn. He challenged me to run for office and make a difference. Second, my family. Without their support, I couldn't have and wouldn't have been able to serve. Third, the residents of Ward 1. If not for them, I wouldn't have served 24 years. Thank you. If you have never run for an elected position, you will never know the angst, anxiety, and responsibility that comes with running for office. It is extremely humbling and anyone who has run for office has my utmost respect. So, another Thank You to the residents of Ward 1 for your confidence in me. Fourth, I'd like to acknowledge all the former council members and city employees I worked with. At the end of the day, we all stand on the shoulders of those who served before us. They all helped shape future councils ...one way or the other. I'd be remiss if I didn't name a few. Bill Shultz...legendary in so many ways. Wayne Wilson, Ron Heineking, John Nemec, Rick Hawksley, Carol Neff, Mayor Fender, Linda Jordan, Jim Silver, Lou Steinbrecker. Gene Roberts, Dave Moreno, and Bill Lillick. To name just a few. Fifth, I'd like to personally thank everyone on the current council and our Mayor. I'd like to say it has been a pleasure to serve with every one of you. Thank you for treating the position and your other council members with respect, thank you for your humility, thank you for putting policy above politics and personal recognition, and thank you for not making the council a politicized bully pulpit

pushing the politics of the day.

I respect each of you for your service and commitment to Kent. I also respect your opinions and am thankful that we can gather socially and interact as friends and coworkers even after a meeting where we may not have agreed on a particular item or issue. That is truly special, and I hope you take it upon yourselves to integrate the new council members into this unique dynamic. Sixth: I want to extend the new council members my best wishes and my hopes for a seamless transition. Seventh, I'd like to acknowledge and thank the people who make sure the day-to-day functions of the city never become an issue for the citizens of Kent and thus never become an issue for council members. The City Administration and City Employees are truly what makes the city great and makes the council look good. "Government" is a catch-all phrase that people will say or use to describe inefficiencies and often indifference. I've never seen that with our employees. You all work hard and are passionate about the quality of your work. Thank you. Bridget Susel, Jim Bowling, Melanie Baker, Hope Jones, Rhonda Hall, Joan Seidel, Chief Shearer, Lieutenant Mike Lewis, Suzanne Stemnock, and Amy Wilkens all make the city run, and I would be remiss to not thank you and acknowledge all the help you have given to me over the years. Thank you seems so ephemeral...but my gratitude and respect will go well beyond my time on council. Thank you... Thank you... Thank you.

Lastly.... I have to take this opportunity to clear my conscience and admit to my mistakes....and while there are many...one stands out above all. I believe the most important job I've ever done on City Council is to hire our City Manager. And while you will not find a bigger supporter, fan, and advocate for Dave Ruller than me... notwithstanding his wife and kids...on most days... It is time for me to finally admit my mistake in front of this public body. Dave Ruller was not my first choice for our city manager. I feel shame to admit it, but I must leave this role with a clear conscience. I like to win, and I like to be right. But I am not so vain as to not acknowledge my mistakes. And, typical Dave, every day I come to council he makes a point of proving me wrong. So, today I reveal my Scarlet Letter, but I do so not for absolution but to recognize what a privilege and honor it has been to work with Dave Ruller, and to say "thank you" for all that you have done for me personally, for this city, and our community. I know you will continue to strive to make Kent the best that it can be. I have been inspired by you and I look forward to the time when you are recognized for all your contributions to this great city. I can assure you, I'll be leading the charge. Thank you to everyone Serving this city has been an honor and a greater experience than anything I could have wished for."

Mayor's Comments

The mayor highlighted the importance of respecting diverse opinions while also enjoying each other's company, acknowledging that everyone holds their own perspective. He extended holiday wishes, emphasizing the significance of respecting the various ways people choose to celebrate.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Amy Wilkens , CMC
Clerk of Council

Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor & President of Council

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City of Kent
Wednesday, January 3, 2024
Special City Council Meeting
320 S. Depeyster Street, Kent, OH 44240

MINUTES

At 09:50 PM, President Pro Tem, Jack Amrhein, called the Special City Council Meeting to order. Roll Call was taken.

Present: Mr. Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Robin Turner, Mr. Chris Hook, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Mr. Roger Sidoti

Also Present: Mr. Dave Ruller, City Manager; Ms. Hope Jones, Law Director; Ms. Bridget Susel, Community Development Director; Ms. Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council

Legislation

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE DRAFT LEGISLATION AND SUSPEND COUNCIL STANDING RULES MADE BY Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Mr. Jeff Clapper and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7-2-0. Ms. Shaffer Bish and Mr. Turner voted 'No'.

Draft 2024-001 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO NOTIFY THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO WITHDRAW THE CITY'S PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT FROM THE BALLOT OF THE MARCH 19, 2023, ELECTION, WHICH PROPOSED AMENDMENT WAS APPROVED BY COUNCIL VIA ORDINANCE 2023-061 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2024-001 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK MADE by Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Chris Hook, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Michael DeLeone, Gwen Rosenberg, Roger Sidoti The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 7-2-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2024-001 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK MADE by Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Chris Hook, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Michael DeLeone, Gwen Rosenberg, Roger Sidoti. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 7-2-0. Ms. Shaffer Bish and Mr. Turner voted 'No'.

Ordinance 2024-001 passes.

After the passage of the ordinance, Ms. Shaffer Bish proposed a motion to move to the committee a continued discussion on ward maps. Mr. Sidoti moved the motion and Ms. Rosenberg seconded the motion. The motion carried with a voice vote of 9-0-0.

The Special City Council Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Amy Wilkens , CMC
Clerk of Council

Jack Amrhein
Council President Pro Tem

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City of Kent
Wednesday, January 3, 2024
City Council Committee Meetings
320 S. Depeyster Street, Kent, OH 44240

MINUTES

At 07:00 PM, Mayor Jerry T. Fiala called the City Council Committee Meetings to order.

Present: Mr. Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Robin Turner, Mr. Chris Hook, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Mr. Roger Sidoti

Also Present: Mr. Jerry T. Fiala, Mayor, and President of Council; Mr. Dave Ruller, City Manager; Ms. Hope Jones, Law Director; Ms. Bridget Susel, Community Development Director; Ms. Dominique Bollenbacher, Community Engagement Coordinator; Mr. Jim Bowling, City Engineer; Ms. Joan Seidel, Health Commissioner; Mr. Nick Shearer, Chief of Police; Ms. Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council

Committee of the Whole

Mayor Fiala opened the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:00 pm., welcoming new council members Melissa Celko, Chris Hook, and Jeff Clapper. Mayor Fiala assures them of support and invited questions at any time.

Board and Commission Interviews

Ms. Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council, said there was an applicant who applied for the Shade Tree Commission and the Sustainability Commission. The applicant was advised there is an opening on the Sustainability Commission. She called Julie Grant to the microphone.

Ms. Julie Grant came to the microphone and introduced herself. She shared her background as an environmental journalist and expressed interest in leveraging her knowledge for the committee's benefit.

Mr. Sidoti asked what the city could do to start nudging the needle a bit. Ms. Grant, mentions community solar projects and potential leadership in that area.

Ms. Shaffer Bish asked where she thought Kent sits with how far along we are in the climate change path. Ms. Grant discussed focusing on issues like rainwater management, wastewater injection wells, and the potential role of the city in these matters. She acknowledged her broader perspective but emphasized her need to be cautious about potentially conflicting roles due to her journalism work. Ms. Shaffer Bish said she could bring fresh ideas to complement what is already being done.

Mayor Fiala said they would discuss the application and vote on the appointment at the January 17th meeting, mentioning the significance of boards and commissions within the city.

Organization of Council

Mayor Fiala said appointments need to be made to the various committees. The following appointments were discussed and then all voted for by motion at the end of the discussion.

President Pro Tem: Mr. Jack Amrhein (M:Sidoti, S:Shaffer Bish)

Community Development Committee: Chair Ms. Gwen Rosenberg (M: Sidoti; S: DeLeone)

Vice-Chair Mr. Jeff Clapper (M: Clapper; S: Rosenberg)

Finance Committee: Chair Mr. Mike DeLeone, Vice-Chair Ms. Melissa Celko (M: Rosenberg, S: Sidoti)

Land Use Committee: Chair Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish (M: Amrhein, S:DeLeone), Vice-Chair Mr. Chris Hook (M: Hook, S: Amrhein)

Health & Public Safety Committee: Chair Mr. Jack Amrhein, Vice-Chair Mr. Roger Sidoti (No motions, to remain as is)

Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee: Chair Mr. Roger Sidoti, Vice Chair Mr. Jeff Clapper (M: Clapper, S: DeLeone)

Board of Control Council Liaison: Ms. Melissa Celko (M: Rosenberg, S: Sidoti)

Board of Health Council Liaison: Mr. Chris Hook (M: Amrhein, S: Rosenberg)

Parks and Rec Board Council Liaison: Ms. Melissa Celko (M: Rosenberg, S: Sidoti)

MOTION TO APPROVE THE ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL MADE BY Mr. Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

New City Hall Construction Update

Ms. Melanie Baker was out due to illness. Mr. Ruller updated the Council on the new city hall construction saying a transformer is expected to be set up soon. He said it was anticipated that Ms. Baker would be discussing this and would come in February with further updates.

2024 Pending List Update

Mr. Ruller began by explaining the purpose of the pending list to the new members of the Council. This list comprises referrals made throughout the year. When a motion is passed to look into a matter, it's added to this list. The Council works with the Mayor, the Clerk, staff, and committee chairs to schedule these items for discussion or action. The list is attached to their packet, and during this annual catch-up, they review the list to remove items that have been addressed or resolved. This process ensures that all pending matters are accounted for and appropriately addressed by the Council.

Administration

1. Sustainability Commission: Climate Change: Mr. Ruller explained the first item on the administration's pending list related to the Sustainability Commission. This item originally tasked the commission with devising 10 action items to combat global warming. He highlighted that the commission had fulfilled this task back in 2019 by issuing recommendations in an article for the Tree City Bulletin. However, the item was kept pending until the finalization of the climate action plan in 2023. Now that the plan is finalized, Mr. Ruller suggested that this specific pending item be removed. He clarified that the removal doesn't diminish the Council's ongoing commitment to environmental issues but signifies the completion of this particular task.

MOTION TO APPROVE REMOVAL MADE BY Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

2. Senior Advisor Committee: This initiative was championed by Melissa Long during her time on the Council. She advocated for a senior center and proposed forming a senior center advisory committee. However, the Council declined the formation of the committee. There were meetings and discussions held, involving experts from the county and beyond, to explore the feasibility of senior centers. The matter was redirected to Parks and Recreation, coinciding with their ongoing master plan development. The Council decided to await potential recommendations for a senior center within the master plan. As of now, Mr. Ruller suggested keeping this item on the pending list until more information or recommendations are received from Ms. Angela Manley, Parks and Recreation Director.

MOTION TO APPROVE KEEPING ON THE LIST MADE BY Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, SECONDED by Mr. Jack Amrhein and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

3. Unattended vehicles/idling cars: This was recently discussed and addressed by the Council in the previous month's session. Mr. Ruller suggested removing it from the pending list, indicating that the matter had been resolved or adequately addressed in the recent discussion.

MOTION TO APPROVE REMOVAL MADE BY Mr. Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Mr. Jack Amrhein, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

4. Design Guideline Reorganization: Mr. Ruller recommended removing it from the pending list as it concluded a two-year process. However, Council member Shaffer Bish raised the need to continue discussing the implementation phase of these guidelines, highlighting that while the guidelines were finalized, the implementation process remains somewhat unclear. Ms. Bridget Susel said further discussions will occur in February to address this remaining aspect of the guidelines.

MOTION TO APPROVE REMOVAL MADE BY Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, SECONDED by Mr. Jeff Clapper, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

5. Discussion with Franklin Twp. Regarding snow upkeep on SR 59: Mr. Ruller said there is a recurring issue of sidewalk shoveling during winter. It's a requirement for property and business owners, but there have been varied compliance levels. Specifically, concerns were raised about a particular stretch along State Route 59, where pedestrian safety was compromised due to poorly maintained sidewalks. The council discussed bringing this up with Franklin Twp, where the property lies. They've been funding the clearing of heavily trafficked sidewalks and are awaiting a project by Jim Bowling to improve pedestrian safety in that area. The ownership of the sidewalks, and sidewalk ownership, have been identified, complicating potential solutions.

Ms. Shaffer Bish said she was concerned about waiting for the full implementation of the safety plan before addressing the safety issues in highly-traveled areas. There's a suggestion to potentially work with Franklin Township and ODOT in the interim, considering the risks posed by certain sections. However, ODOT might not be inclined to handle sidewalk-related matters due to their extensive responsibilities. She referenced the city's involvement in plowing that section, potentially suggesting a partnership for addressing safety concerns.

Mr. DeLeone said that the township could plow certain sections, but the city's snow-clearing process might push the snow back onto those areas, creating problems. This situation seems to have been a factor in moving sidewalks off Route 59 on the campus, due to challenges in clearing snow effectively without continually returning to address the same

areas.

Mr. Hook asked if the city could allocate funds to help with this. Mr. Ruller said that is the challenge, because if we do so for one area, other areas in the city will want the same. It is not fiscally possible to do so. He recognized the need for a comprehensive solution, which is currently being addressed through a multi-million dollar project led by Jim Bowling. However, the limited annual budget allocated to sidewalk maintenance poses constraints in addressing all areas needing attention.

The council decided to keep this matter on the list for further consideration, intending to revisit it once the ongoing project is well underway.

MOTION TO APPROVE KEEPING ON THE LIST MADE BY Mr. Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Mr. Jack Amrhein and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

5. Review of Planning Commission Timeline: Mr. Ruller reviewed concerns about Planning Commission timelines and an architect's input on the matter. Ms. Bridget Susel provided comprehensive emails addressing these concerns twice, ensuring the information was shared with the Council. Additionally, there has been a significant investment this year to modernize the plan submission process, shifting it online. This change is anticipated to enhance the efficiency, tracking, and overall speed of the process. He proposed to remove this item from the pending list as these advancements are expected to be game-changing.

MOTION TO APPROVE REMOVAL MADE BY Mr. Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Ms. Gwen Rosenbeg, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

6. Review of Roadwork Needed on Portage Street: Mr. Jim Bowling has been actively involved in discussions with contractors to establish repair methods and acquire quotes for addressing this issue. The street is a combination of asphalt and brick, both of which are showing signs of deterioration. Given the challenge posed by this situation, it's recommended to retain this item on the pending list for ongoing attention and resolution.

MOTION TO APPROVE KEEPING ON THE LIST MADE BY Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, SECONDED by Mr. Chris Hook and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

7. New Administration Building Dedication: The dedication for the new administration building involved the presentation of a plaque, which was completed last month. The process aimed to ensure that council members involved in the project could participate in the final dedication. Since this phase has been fulfilled, it's recommended to remove this item from the pending list.

MOTION TO APPROVE REMOVAL MADE BY Mr. Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Ms. Gwen Rosenbeg, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

8. Downtown Ice Rink Funding: The downtown ice rink initiative faced financial challenges, and unfortunately, due to budget constraints, it became unsustainable. Kent State University, a major supporter, faced funding cuts that affected their ability to sustain the project at previous levels. Despite efforts and discussions involving various stakeholders, including university officials and city representatives, the financial challenges persisted. Consequently, it's suggested to remove the item regarding the downtown ice rink from the pending list.

MOTION TO APPROVE REMOVAL MADE BY Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, SECONDED by Mr. Mike DeLeone, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

9. Review Neighbor Complaint Issue and City Response: The matter involving neighbor complaints, specifically accusations made against the Law Department, was addressed

through detailed explanations provided by Hope Jones via email. Based on this response and the resolution of the concerns raised, it's suggested to remove this item from the pending list. Additionally, the email correspondence can be forwarded to the new council members for their reference and awareness.

MOTION TO APPROVE REMOVAL MADE BY Ms. Gwen Rosenberg SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

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10. Parameters for low-frequency noise: This was a discussion about the general topic of low-frequency noise and has been adequately addressed. However, there's a more specific matter related to Land O'Lakes that will be further discussed in an executive session. This particular discussion about Land O'Lakes will continue separately. It was recommended to remove this specific issue from the pending list but to keep Land O'Lakes on the list.

MOTION TO APPROVE REMOVAL MADE BY Mr. Roger Sidoti SECONDED by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

11. Proactively Addressing Race and Diversity in Kent: Mr. Ruller said efforts and initiatives to address racism, hatred, and diversity in Kent have made significant progress, including the establishment of the Community Engagement Coordinator role. With the coordinator now working full-time, it seems appropriate to remove this item from the pending list while reinforcing the ongoing commitment to multicultural issues and community-building efforts.

MOTION TO APPROVE REMOVAL MADE BY Mr. DeLeone, SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

12. City Flag Redesign: Mr. Ruller said we now have a new redesigned flag, so this can be removed from the pending list. Ms. Rosenberg asked where the new flag is. Many people responded that it has not been ordered yet, but will be in the new year.

MOTION TO APPROVE REMOVAL MADE BY Ms. Gwen Rosenberg SECONDED by Ms. Melissa Celko, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

13. Changes in Firework Laws: In past meetings, there were discussions and concerns regarding the changes in fireworks laws, particularly in response to community concerns about noise and its impact on pets. While the current situation seems to be manageable, there's a potential alternative with a laser light show that might be explored further. If Council members are open to waiting and observing the situation, the motion could be to temporarily remove the item from the pending list and revisit it if needed at a later time.

MOTION TO APPROVE REMOVAL MADE BY Ms. Gwen Rosenberg SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

14. Vape Shops and Marijuana Dispensaries: There has been action taken regarding vape shop density, limiting the number based on population. For marijuana dispensaries, the focus has been on medical marijuana, and a discussion about a moratorium on recreational marijuana until the state issues guidelines are on the agenda. If the Council feels confident about the steps taken so far, the item regarding vape shops and marijuana dispensaries could potentially be removed from the pending list.

Ms. Shaffer Bish asked about vape shop lighting, stating she was shocked they got through the Planning Commission. Mr. Ruller said there's been a recent adoption of changes in how lighting is regulated, particularly related to bright neon or disruptive lighting in vape shops. This new regulation aims to address the specific lighting concerns associated with such establishments. Ms. Bridget Susel has initiated the process by sending out notifications to

the property owners affected by these changes, ensuring they are aware of the new regulations. This ongoing process is being handled behind the scenes by the Community Development department.

MOTION TO APPROVE REMOVAL MADE BY Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish SECONDED by Mr. Jack Amrhein, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

15. 24- Hour Parking Regulations: the proposal for a test run of 24-hour parking in certain neighborhoods, requiring signatures for approval, was discussed by the Council. However, the Council decided against moving forward with this approach. Consequently, it's being suggested to remove this item from the pending list, signifying that further action on this matter isn't being pursued.

MOTION TO APPROVE REMOVAL MADE BY Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish SECONDED by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

16. Land O'Lakes Noise Issue: is still ongoing, and there are discussions scheduled for the executive session tonight. As it's an ongoing matter, it's recommended to keep it on the pending list for continued attention and discussion.

MOTION TO APPROVE KEEPING ON THE LIST MADE BY Ms. Melissa Celko, SECONDED by Mr. Chris Hook, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

17. Safety Town Discussion: This was discussed last month and can be removed from the list.

MOTION TO APPROVE REMOVAL MADE BY Mr. Roger Sidoti SECONDED by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

18. Noise Ordinance Review: The noise ordinance review is ongoing. Keeping it on the pending list makes sense until there's a report or further developments.

MOTION TO APPROVE KEEPING ON THE LIST MADE BY Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

19. Fur Regulations in Kent: Fur regulations in Kent are still under review. Keeping it on the pending list until there's a report or updates would be wise.

MOTION TO APPROVE KEEPING ON THE LIST MADE BY Mr. Jeff Clapper, SECONDED by Mr. Chris Hook, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Community Development Committee

Chair Rosenberg opened the Community Development Committee meeting at 7:47 PM.

Recreational Marijuana Dispensary Moratorium Zoning Code

Ms. Bridget Susel, Community Development Director, addressed Council on the topic of a possible moratorium on recreational marijuana dispensaries. This is due to the recent passing of an issue related to the regulation of adult cannabis industries in the Ohio Revised Code. Time is needed to receive the approved regulations from the State of Ohio and incorporate them into local zoning codes, and allow for public hearings and council decisions, similar to what was done previously with medical marijuana regulations.

Mr. Ruller added that there are several cities in our area and throughout the state that have

done the same thing, so this seems to be kind of an emerging best practice idea. That's why it was being presented to the Council for consideration.

Ms. Melissa Celko clarified that the moratorium discussed specifically pertains to the adult cannabis industry, focusing on commercial and retail operations, rather than impacting individual use. This was confirmed by Ms. Susel.

Mr. Chris Hook asked what would be the downfalls of not enacting a moratorium.

Ms. Susel said the city might not have adequate time to establish corresponding local rules within its zoning code. This could lead to situations where state regulations might come into effect without the city having its own zoning regulations in place. The moratorium serves as a precautionary measure to ensure the local zoning code is aligned with state regulations concerning the adult cannabis industry.

Mr. Ruller added that while on vacation in Colorado, Ms. Susel looked into their zoning.

Ms. Susel's reconnaissance in Colorado showed how other jurisdictions have approached dispensary zoning. She noted that dispensaries were intentionally located away from prominent or highly visible areas, often in outlier commercial zones. She emphasized the importance of considering not only the type of land use but also its associated aspects like parking, access, delivery, hours of operation, and lighting. These elements need thorough consideration within the city's comprehensive zoning framework, especially given Kent's layout where commercial and residential areas often intersect. She added the temporary moratorium isn't about preventing the industry but about ensuring the city has the necessary time to create well-thought-out regulations that govern the cannabis industry within Kent's boundaries. This window allows the city to align its zoning codes with any state guidelines, offering a chance for careful deliberation and adaptation within the existing regulatory framework.

Mr. Hook brought up his concern about moving too slowly when the guidelines do come from the State, emphasizing the lucrative side of the business. Ms. Susel highlighted the complexities involved in incorporating adult cannabis regulations into Kent's zoning code. She emphasized that the process isn't swift, citing her experience managing state programs and the extensive timeframes associated with regulatory changes. She mentioned two potential models: one considering allowing medical marijuana dispensaries to also handle recreational products, and the other involving distinct regulations due to differences in operations. Bridget stressed that adopting regulations for medical marijuana in 2018 didn't lead to a dispensary in Kent until 2023 due to regional licensing and stringent limitations on the number of licenses issued. Anticipating a similar approach to recreational marijuana, Bridget emphasized the likelihood of regulatory constraints and limitations on the number of dispensaries allowed within a region. This cautious approach aligns with the extensive regulation expected at both state and local levels, indicating that widespread availability of dispensaries may not occur swiftly.

Mr. Sidoti said he thinks some great questions have been asked here, and we must wait until we know what the state wants us to do so that we aren't doing work that we're going to have to redo again. He said we want to make sure we get it right the first time, and he understands the moratorium sounds like we're against marijuana, but that's not what it's about. It's about getting the zoning right.

MOTION TO APPROVE A MORATORIUM ON RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES MADE BY Mr. Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Mr. Jeff Clapper and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee

Eclipse Event Street Closure Request and Updates

Ms. Michelle Hartman, Executive Director of the Kent Area Chamber of Commerce (KACC), was up first to address Council, and her discussion included a PowerPoint presentation (**Attachment #1**). Michelle kicked off discussions about an upcoming event called Kent Eclipse 2024. The event has been a collaborative effort involving various organizations, including the Chamber, Main Street Kent, City of Kent, Destination Kent, Kent State University, and others, to plan an exciting event for the eclipse weekend. She said the upcoming total solar eclipse is expected on April 8th, 2024, emphasizing that this will be a rare and special event for Kent, Ohio, being in the path of totality for approximately 2 minutes and 46.2 seconds. Additionally, she highlighted the significance of this event, given that the last total solar eclipse visible in Ohio was in 1806 and the next one won't be until 2099. She also discussed the potential influx of visitors, estimating that between 139,000 to 556,000 people might come to Ohio to witness this event, with many potentially visiting Kent due to its position in the path of totality. She added that Kent won a \$10,000 grant from fifteen Main Street communities. There's also a matching grant of \$10,000 from Destination Kent, aiming to drive tourism and visitors into the city. Additionally, other grants from organizations like Kent Parks and Recreation, the Christensen Foundation, Great Lakes Science Center, and the Water Reclamation division have been secured or are pending approval, potentially bringing the total funds available for the event to around \$27,000.

Here's what's scheduled:

April 6th:

- Kent Stage: Hosting "A Dark Side of the Moon," a Pink Floyd cover band performance.
- Community Unveiling: A permanent public art mural in Heritage Park, partially funded by the grant money.
- Kent Free Library: Offering various activities starting in March, leading up to the eclipse weekend, including an Akron Zoo showcase with nocturnal animals and a glow-in-the-dark story walk at Al Lease Park.
- Kent State Hotel: Offering a solar eclipse package with a two-night minimum stay, including perks like a swag bag and access to rooms with a private terrace to view the eclipse.

Michelle Hartman then reviewed the plans for a permanent art mural installation:

- Artist Collaboration: They're collaborating with a local artist for her interpretation of the total solar eclipse.
- Location: The mural will be applied to the pump house by the river, ensuring high visibility and accessibility by foot or bike.
- Materials: It won't be traditional paint on the surface but an aluminum product, ensuring longevity and preventing fading over time.
- Funding: They're using grant funds for this permanent art mural, and they plan to have a community unveiling as a kickoff for the eclipse weekend.

On Sunday, April 7th, the planned events include:

- Meet Luna at Kent Free Library: This event seems centered around an interactive experience involving Luna, the moon.
- Laser Light Show by Laser Encore: This feature will entail a laser light show synchronized with music, held in downtown Kent. They're expecting significant crowds and have requested street closures for the event. Additionally, food trucks will be brought in to complement the offerings of local downtown businesses.

Monday, April 8th:

- Eclipse viewing areas are designated in the downtown KSU campus and city parks.
- Kent State University's activities, including planetarium shows, a keynote speech by Dr. Cunningham, an eclipse viewing party at Risman Plaza, and more.
- Blackout event: Efforts to turn off street lights and encourage businesses to shut down during the eclipse for an immersive experience.
- Additional plans involve a dedicated website, decorated storefronts, merchandise, push pin maps for visitors' origins, street closures, transportation assistance for specific groups, rebranded menu items, and commemorative items like eclipse glasses.
- The aim is to create a diverse, inclusive, and family-friendly atmosphere, fostering an unforgettable experience during this rare astronomical event.

Ms. Shaffer Bish raised concerns about traffic congestion and parking during the weekend. She asked if PARTA has been involved in the use of trolleys or encouraging people to walk to alleviate the traffic and parking issues. Ms. Hartman said that is a good idea. However, it's noted that any changes to their routes require going through governmental channels and might have limitations.

Another suggestion is to encourage walking or using alternative transportation methods for individuals living close to downtown. This could help reduce traffic congestion and parking difficulties.

Next, Ms. Joan Seidel, Health Commissioner, began her PowerPoint presentation on the Eclipse event. **(Attachment #2)**, emphasizing the persistence of people to witness the eclipse despite cloudy or overcast conditions during the 2017 eclipse. She pointed out that regardless of the weather, the eclipse event would happen as scheduled. She addressed concerns about potential cloudy skies in northeastern Ohio during the event, emphasizing that the eclipse itself would still occur despite potential weather conditions. Her highlights included:

- Expecting a significant influx of visitors, possibly ranging from several thousand to potentially tens of thousands.
- Concerns regarding transportation, traffic, and congestion, particularly in the downtown area.
- Coordination with public transportation services such as trolleys to manage increased foot traffic.
- The importance of safety measures, especially for emergency services, public transportation routes, and ensuring safe pedestrian pathways.
- Anticipating challenges with people driving through the area, potential distractions, and safety concerns.
- Preparing for potential disruptions in cell phone service due to high traffic or increased demand.

- Considering a wide range of weather possibilities, which may impact the overall experience.
- Addressing infrastructure needs, including sanitation, water treatment, waste management, and restroom facilities.
- Expect increased demand for local businesses, restaurants, and accommodation, with hotels already heavily booked.
- There are no formal campgrounds available, meaning visitors cannot camp with RVs in the city.
- Establishing incident command, task forces, and subcommittees involving various stakeholders and departments to ensure a comprehensive and safe response.
- Collaborating with Portage County EMA, Kent City Schools, Kent State University, and other community partners for coordinated planning.
- The ultimate goal is to ensure a great and safe experience for residents and visitors alike during the eclipse event.

Mr. Chris Hook asked about people bringing lawn chairs and if there would be any problems with that. Ms. Seidel said with people standing for a long period, bringing lawn chairs could be expected. Ensuring people safely view the eclipse is indeed crucial. Eye protection was discussed, emphasizing the importance of reminding people not to look directly at the sun. One suggestion mentioned was to post safety instructions around town or in specific locations to remind individuals about safe viewing practices during the eclipse.

MOTION TO APPROVE ECLIPSE EVENT STREET CLOSURE REQUEST MADE by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Special Event Street Closure

Hope Jones stated this request came from Patti (Long) in Dave Ruller's office, as she is the person who handles special event permits. She suggested revising the code to match what is already occurring in her office. She is also proposing a 45-day submission requirement to replace the 30-day requirement. She is requesting this for events that maintain the same structure and footprint as previously approved ones (without significant changes or additional city resources), potentially allowing for administrative approval without the need for additional council review. This adjustment aims to streamline the bureaucratic process for recurring events that maintain consistent parameters, potentially reducing the administrative burden and ensuring smoother handling of event permits.

Ms. Rosenberg raised concerns about the impact of street closures on businesses, particularly regarding events that might not significantly benefit local businesses or impact them negatively. Discussions revolved around establishing a process for businesses to provide feedback or express concerns about street closures and event impacts on their operations.

Notification to Council: Suggestions were made to improve communication between the city administration and the council regarding upcoming events, especially those involving street closures. This aims to keep council members informed and potentially allow for discussions or considerations if businesses or residents raise concerns about specific events.

Mr. Chris Hook sought clarification in regard to certain language within the ordinance to ensure that it accurately reflects the intended criteria for administrative approval of recurring events without substantial changes. Ms. Hope Jones said those items would be spelled out in the ordinance.

MOTION TO APPROVE SPECIAL EVENT STREET CLOSURE ORDINANCE CHANGES
MADE BY Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone and CARRIED by
a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Finance Committee

Chair DeLeone opened the Finance Committee meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Health Department Grant Applications and Appropriations

Ms. Joan Seidel is seeking approval to apply and appropriate the various grant funds:

Tobacco Use 2025 Grant: A \$117,000 grant to offset an employee's salary and meet grant deliverables.

EPA Grant (Vector Control): An extension grant worth \$25,000 for mosquito program supplies, equipment, and staffing for an intern.

FDA Grant (Food Inspections): An extension grant of \$226,500 to meet federal standards for food inspections, covering staffing, operations, travel, and training.

Farm to School Grant: A new \$50,000 grant for operations, possibly intending to create a prescription food market.

City Grant Application: Seeking permission to apply for a \$15,000 city grant for enhancing and advertising the second annual Historic South Health Screening.

They're considering submitting an application for the Farm to School Grant and another for the city's \$15,000 grant for the Historic South Health Screening.

MOTION TO APPROVE HEALTH DEPARTMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS AND APPROPRIATE MADE BY Mr. Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Executive Session

At 9:06 p.m. a **MOTION TO ENTER THE EXECUTIVE SESSION** MADE BY Mr. Jack Amrhein, SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti. Roll call was taken

Present: Mr. Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Robin Turner, Mr. Chris Hook, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Mr. Roger Sidoti

Absent: Mayor Jerry Fiala

At 9:45 p.m. **MOTION TO RETURN TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING** MADE BY Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

The City Council Committee Meetings adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Amy Wilkens, CMC
Clerk of Council

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PARTNERS — PLANNING TEAM

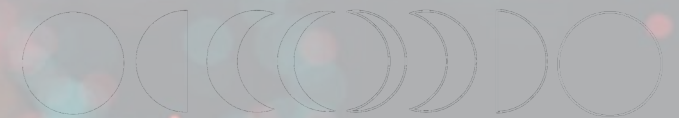
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 - Destination Kent Convention & Visitor Bureau
 - Kent State University Hotel
 - Kent State University
- Kent Parks and Rec
 - Kent Free Library
 - Kent Police, Fire, and EMS
 - Kent Health Department
 - Off the Wagon
 - Bell Tower Brewing



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WHAT IS A TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE?

A total solar eclipse happens when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth, completely blocking the face of the Sun. The sky will darken as if it were dawn or dusk.



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Last total solar eclipse visible in Ohio | June 16, 1806

Next total solar eclipse in the US | August 23, 2044

Next total solar eclipse in NE Ohio | September 14, 2099



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KENT IS IN THE PATH OF TOTALITY

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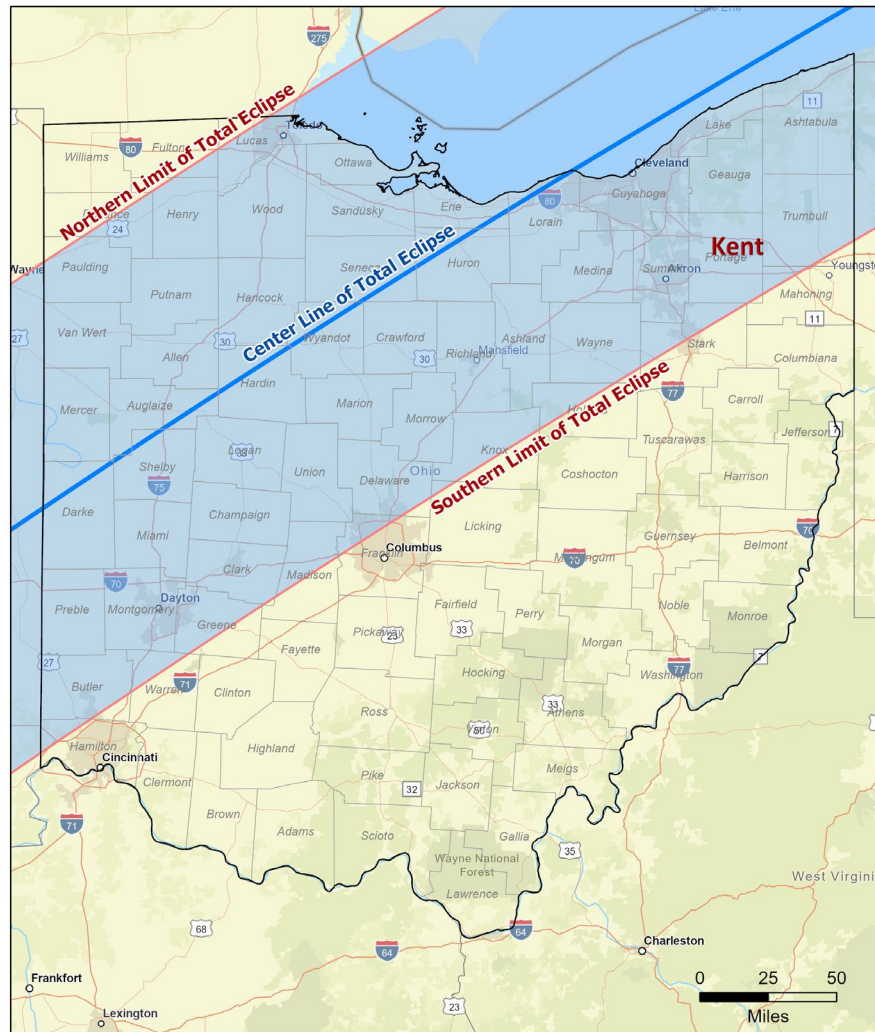
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ECLIPSE PATH AND STATS

- 31M people will be in the path of totality
- Low Estimate of Ohio Visitors: 139,000
- High Estimate of Ohio Visitors: 556,000
- Average of 115 mile-wide path of totality

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- Full Duration: 2 hours, 30 minutes (1:59-4:29pm)
 - Totality in Kent: 2 minutes, 46.2 seconds

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- Lessons Learned from 2017 Total Solar Eclipse
 - Millions of people will travel
 - People will take the shortest drive (Youngstown, Pittsburgh)



**Total Solar Eclipse Path through Ohio
April 8, 2024**



September 30, 2021



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SIMS

FOUNDATION

\$10,000 Grant Winner
In the Path of Totality

DESTINATION
KENT

\$10,000 Matching Grant

NOPEC: \$3,500 Grant
(pending approval)

The Henry V. and Frances W.
Christenson Foundation

\$1,500 Grant



GREAT LAKES
Science Center

\$1,000 Grant

Kent Rotary Foundation

\$ 500 Grant
(pending approval)

Water Reclamation Div. \$500

ACTIVITIES | EVENTS



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Saturday, April 6th:

- **Dark Side of the Moon – Pink Floyd Cover Band**
The Kent Stage
- **Community Unveiling – Permanent Public Art Mural | Heritage Park**
- **Akron Zoo: Nocturnal Animals & Glow in the Dark Story Walk at Al Lease Park | Kent Free Library**
- **Solar Eclipse Package-Two Night Minimum Stay | KSU Hotel**

Permanent Art Mural



Heritage Park

Kent Parks & Rec

Local Artist

Highly Visible

Accessible

Aluminum Product
(material will not fade)



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Call for Artworks

A TEMPORARY PUBLIC ART INSTALLATION IS BEING PLANNED ON SEVERAL BUILDINGS IN THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT TO EDUCATE AND BUILD INTEREST IN THE COMMUNITY AROUND THE TOTAL ECLIPSE. THE COMMITTEE IS ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS FOR DESIGN CONCEPTS, WHICH MUST BE THE ARTIST'S INTERPRETATION OF A SOLAR ECLIPSE.

- FIVE ARTWORKS | FIVE DIFFERENT ARTISTS
- LOCAL ARTISTS FROM A VARIETY OF CULTURES, GENERATIONS, AND ABILITIES
- CHOSEN ARTISTS WILL BE AWARDED \$300 EACH + COST OF MATERIALS AND INSTALLATION
- ARTWORKS WILL BE PRINTED ON ALUMIGRAPHIC TO ADHERE TO THE BUILDING SURFACE.



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Sunday, April 7th:

- Meet Luna the Moon – *Kent Free Library*
- Laser Light Show to Music – downtown Kent
- Street Closures for Large Crowds
- Food Trucks



ACTIVITIES | EVENTS

MONDAY, APRIL 8TH

**Eclipse Viewing Areas – Downtown
KSU Campus | City Parks**

**KSU Planetarium Shows + KSU Alumni
Luncheon + Keynote Speaker in the KIVA +
Eclipse Viewing Party on the Risman Plaza**

**Live Music or DJ at the Hometown Bank
Plaza before and after the eclipse**

Street Closures for Large Crowds | Food Trucks

LIGHTS OUT!!!!!!



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More Eclipse Planning...

Dedicated Website – kenteclipse2024.com

Kent City Schools - Closed April 8th

Art Galleries – Decorated Storefronts

Custom T-Shirts & Beanie Hats

Banners on the Main Street Bridge

Dedicated Photographer & Videographer

MSK 5K Run | Bar Crawl

And More Eclipse Planning...

Pushpin Maps of the U.S. Around Town

Bury a Time Capsule | Countdown Clock at Hometown Bank Plaza

Eclipse Glasses – Off the Wagon | KSU | Kent Free Library

KSU – Aeronautics & Engineering | Wick Poetry Center

Transportation Assistance – Kent Senior Housing & Portage DD

Businesses – Rebrand Menu Items | Special Events | T-Shirts

Portable Toilets | Dumpsters | Parking | Traffic Patterns

Proposed Downtown Kent Road Closures

April 7th: 4pm – 10 pm

Laser Light Show | Food Trucks | Safety

April 8th: 3am – 10 pm

Music | Food Trucks | Eclipse Viewing
Info Booth | Safety

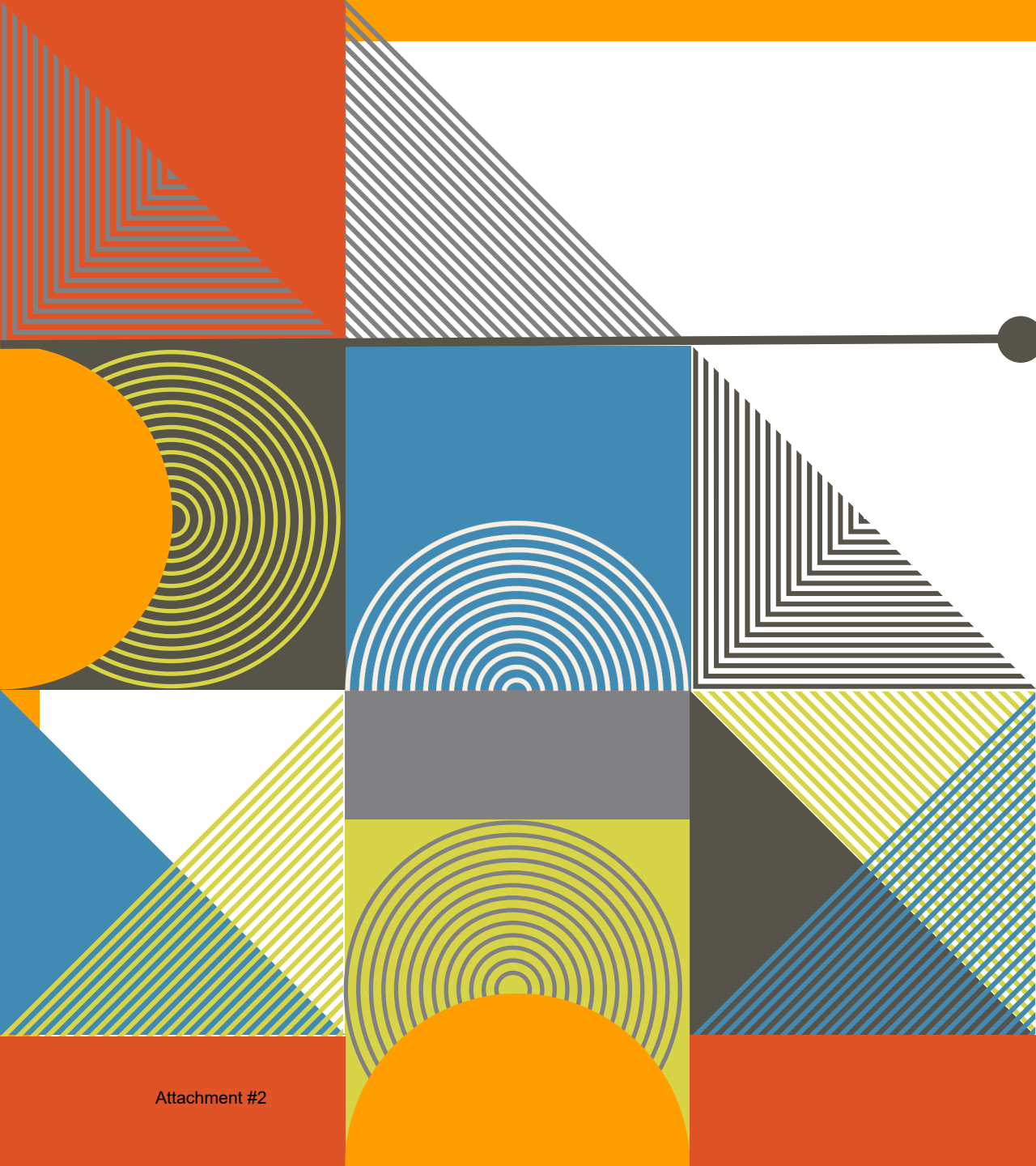


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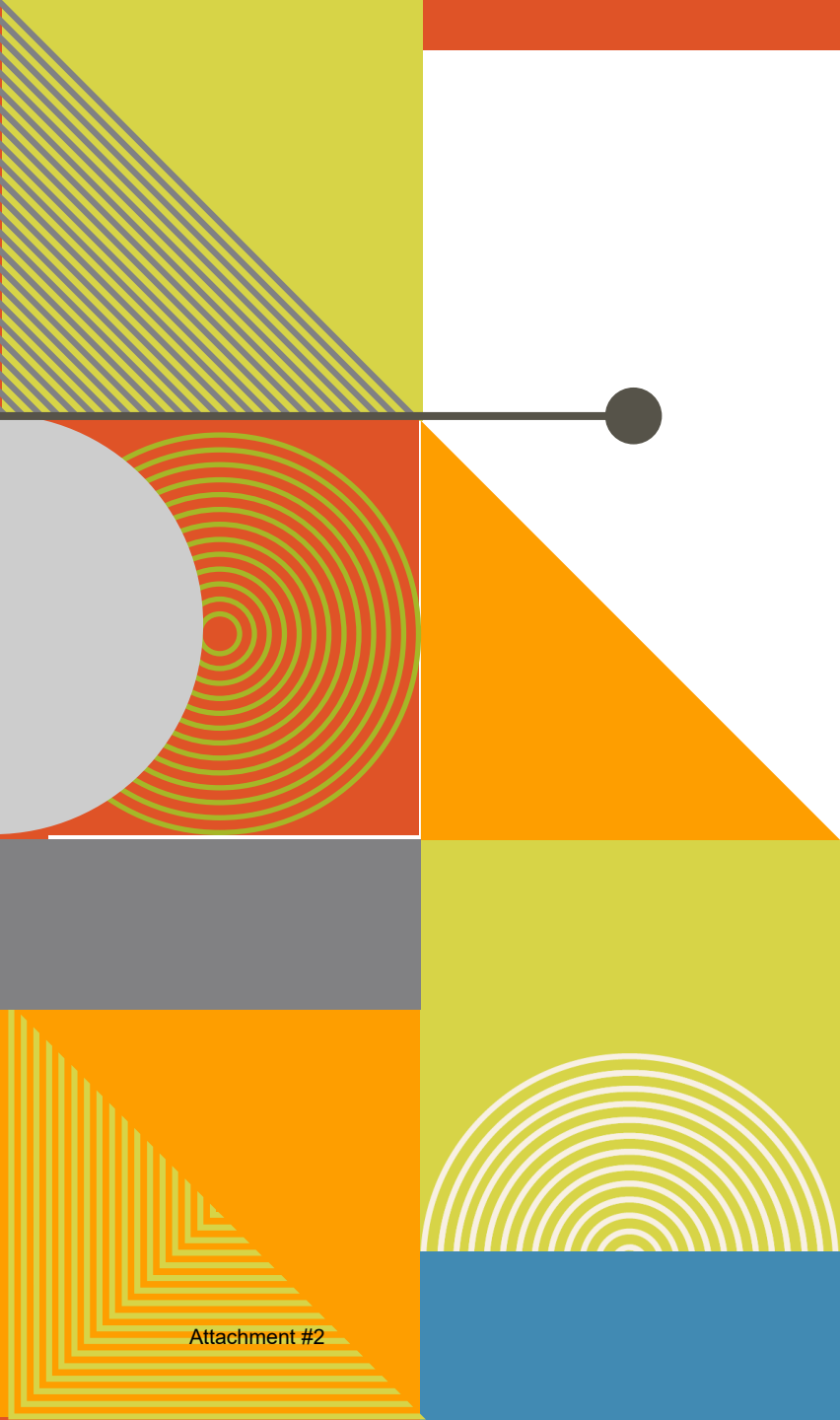
- **KENT IS IN THE PATH OF TOTALITY!!!!**
- **ONCE IN A LIFETIME EVENT FOR MANY!**
- **ONE OF THE LARGEST TRAVEL EVENTS IN THE U.S. EVER!**
- **PEOPLE WILL COME!**
- **PLANNING DIVERSE, INCLUSIVE, FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENTS OVER THE WEEKEND SO PEOPLE WILL STAY AND WATCH THE SKIES WITH US!!!**

***“Experience Totality – Above You, Around You,
Within You!”...Dr. Kate Russo***



2024 ECLIPSE PLANNING UPDATE FOR KENT CITY COUNCIL 01.03.2024

JOAN C. SEIDEL
HEATH COMMISSIONER



Attachment #2



Homestead National Monument - 2017

MULTIPLE SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

MASS GATHERINGS

- Expect more people than you would think
- Closed streets & bridges
- Planned emergency routes
- PARTA Routes
- Unsafe driver behaviour
- Cell towers overwhelmed, communication problems
- Weather concerns

SANITATION

- Increased demand on water treatment
- Increased demand on reclamation
- Need for port-o-lets throughout downtown
- Trash pick up

FOOD/HOUSING

- Increased demand on restaurants and grocery stores
- Hotels already 95% booked in our area, 100% elsewhere
- No campgrounds in Kent

CITY RESPONSE

INCIDENT COMMAND

- Meeting with department heads
- Subcommittee and taskforce meetings
- Meeting with Portage County EMA
- Attending Eclipse specific tabletop exercise

PARTNERING WITH

- KACC/MSK
- KSU
- KCS

WORKING TOGETHER

- For safety and a great experience!



An abstract geometric design featuring a variety of shapes and colors. In the top left, there is a white circle connected by a white line to a larger white circle. Below this, a light green square contains a grey semi-circle. To the right of the semi-circle is a blue and white striped square. Further right is a red square. The word 'THANK YOU' is written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across the middle of the image. Below the word 'THANK' is a horizontal white line. In the bottom left corner, there is a blue square with a series of concentric, slightly offset lines. To the right of the blue square is a grey triangle. In the bottom right corner, there is an orange triangle. The background is a solid light green color.

THANK YOU

Joan C. Seidel MA, BSN, RN, CIC, FAPIC, GRMS

Health Commissioner

Kent City Health Department

Joan.seidel@kentohio.gov

330.678.8109

DRAFT RESOLUTION NO. 2024-002

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING _____ TO THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, at least a majority of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That _____ **IS** hereby appointed to the **SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION.**

NAME

TERM

01/17/2024 – 12/31/2026

SECTION 2. As stated in Section 150.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Kent, any person hereby appointed shall forfeit his or her term if he or she is absent from three (3) regular meetings of the Board or Commission to which he or she is appointed, unless one or more of these absences has been excused by the majority of members thereof.

SECTION 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: _____
Date

EFFECTIVE: _____
Date

ATTEST: _____
Amy Wilkens, CMC
Clerk of Council

I, AMY WILKENS, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF *RESOLUTION No.* _____, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON _____, 20_____.

(SEAL)

AMY WILKENS
CLERK OF COUNCIL

DRAFT ORDINANCE 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.

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2023 voters in the State of Ohio approved Issue 2, which legalized the adult use of cannabis and took effect on December 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Senate approved the new legislation but the Ohio House has not taken action yet on this issue; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kent City Council wishes to see the rules, regulations, and guidelines for the use of cannabis established by the State prior to developing any codified ordinance amendment to the zoning code to regulate the use within the City limits in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kent City Council requests the administration to provide timely updates of the rules, regulations and guidelines yet to be established by the State legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Kent City Council hereby approves and enacts a moratorium on adult-use cannabis operators, testing laboratories, and individuals required to be licensed by the Ohio Revised Code within the Kent City limits until such a time as the City Council has the opportunity to review the State of Ohio's adopted rules, regulations and guidelines and to adopt zoning code regulations for the same. The legal use of cannabis shall not be affected by this enactment.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

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Clerk of Council

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(SEAL)

AMY WILKENS, CMC

CLERK OF COUNCIL

DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 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.

WHEREAS, Main Street Kent and Kent Chamber of Commerce is requesting road closures for the Eclipse Event; and

WHEREAS, the event will take place April 7, 2024, 4:00 p.m. through 10:00 p.m. and April 8, 2024, 3:00 a.m. through 10:00 p.m. and are requested road closures; and

WHEREAS, the Kent City Council consents to authorizing the City Manager or his designee to sign the Special Event Application as long as he is comfortable and believes the safety and security of the City's citizens will not be adversely affected.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Kent City Council authorizes the City Manager or his designee to execute the Special Event Application from Main Street Kent and Kent Chamber of Commerce for the Eclipse Event in substantial conformance with the attached Exhibit "A", as long as the City Manager or his designee believes the safety and security of Kent's citizens are adequately projected.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

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Clerk of Council

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(SEAL)

AMY WILKENS, CMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL

Proposed Downtown Kent Road Closures Kent Eclipse 2024

The Kent Total Eclipse 2024 Committee is planning a variety of activities and events leading up to and including the day of the next Total Solar Eclipse, which will occur on Mon., April 8, 2024. Kent City Schools will be closed that day and an incredible influx of people is expected in Kent, being in the path of totality!

The committee is proposing the road closures below for Sunday, April 7 from 4pm-10pm, and Monday, April 8 from 3am to 10pm. There will be a laser light show at the Hometown Bank Plaza on Sunday at 8pm, so the road closures are needed for food trucks and space for people to view the show. On Monday, the road closures will help to safely accommodate the potentially tens of thousands of visitors who are here to view the total eclipse with us.



Date: _____

New Special Event Road Closure Petition

Name: David Schoeffel ^{Kear}
Address: 215 South Depew St
Street Kent, OH 44240
Signature: [Signature]

Name: Rachel Turner ^{Tiger Rae}
Address: 164 E Main St
Kent OH 44240
Signature: [Signature]

Name: Cooper Dulick ^{lightly}
Address: 247 N Water St
Kent OH 44240
Signature: [Signature]

Name: JASON FABER ^{Jason's Barber Shop}
Address: 135 E. Erie St
Kent OH 44240
Signature: [Signature]

Name: Angela Taliaferro ^{Lunnington}
Address: 150 N. Water St.
Kent, OH 44240
Signature: _____

Name: Rebekah Gillespie ^{Tree City Coffee}
Address: 135 E Erie St
Kent OH 44240
Signature: _____

Name: Michael Lewis ^{Hammilton Bank}
Address: 142 N. Water
Kent OH 44240
Signature: Michael Lewis

Name: Kelsi Brando ^{Branded in Kent}
Address: 100 E Erie St
Ste 122 Kent, Ohio
Signature: Kelsi Brando

Name: Cam M Walker ^{McKay Brider}
Address: 141 E Main
Kent OH 44240
Signature: Cam McKay

Name: Kristin Sango ^{#1}
Address: 100 E Erie
Kent OH
Signature: [Signature] ^{Blue & Gold Earstore}

Name: MARYJANE STONE (KNFC)
Address: 151 E MAIN ST
KENT
Signature: Mary Jane Stone

Name: _____
Address: _____
Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: Alicia Hall
Address: Flourish Plant Mkt
113 S. Water St.
Signature: email

Name: Tom Gavozzi
Address: Belleria
135 E. Erie St.
Signature: email

Name: Squirrel City Jewelers
Address: Michael Faehnel
164 E. Main St.
Signature: email

Name: Mike Beder
Address: Kent Sportswear
The Loft, Venice Cafe
Signature: email

Name: Nate Mucha
Address: Each + Every
154 N. Water St.
Signature: email

Name: Standing Rock Cultural
Address: 300 N. Water St.
Jeff Ingram
Signature: email

Name: Zephyr Pub
Address: Josh Sed
106 W. Main St.
Signature: email

Name: Scribbles
Address: Beth Budzar
237 N. Water St.
Signature: email

Name: Popped!
Address: Gwen Rosenberg
138 E. Main St.
Signature: email

Name: Franklin School of Dance
Address: Courtney Watt
154 N. Water St.
Signature: email

Name: Justin Heiser
Address: Kent Sportswear
125 S. Water St.
Signature: email

Name: Ametek
Address: Mary Jo Cline
100 E. Erie St.
Signature: email

Name: Fresco
Address: TJ Ingersoll
100 E. Erie St.
Signature: email

Name: GRAZERS
Address: Stacy Lasher
123 N. Water St.
Signature: email

Date: _____

Name: Sun in Leo
Address: Justine Gallo
154 E. Main St.
Signature: email

Name: _____
Address: _____

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Name: Daisy Pops
Address: Amy Mucha
154 N. Water St.
Signature: email

Name: _____
Address: _____

Signature: _____

Name: Kent Cycle
Address: Crain Ave
Molly Aubuchon
Signature: email

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DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 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.

WHEREAS, the City of Kent wishes to modify Chapter 316 titled “Special Events-Parades. Festivals. Carnivals, Public Assemblies, Etc.”, specifically Section 316.03(a) and 316.03(b) of the Codified Ordinances; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Council does hereby amend Chapter 316 titled “Special Events-Parades. Festivals. Carnivals, Public Assemblies, Etc.”, specifically Sections 316.03(a) and 316.03(b) of the Codified Ordinances to amend per Exhibit “A”, attached hereto and made a part thereof.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: _____
Date

EFFECTIVE: _____
Date

ATTEST: _____
Amy Wilkens, CMC
Clerk of Council

I, AMY WILKENS, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF *ORDINANCE No.* _____, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON _____, 20_____.

(SEAL)

AMY WILKENS, CMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL

EXHIBIT "A"

316.03 GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS.

(a) Special event permits for periods of greater than three hours duration shall be reviewed and approved by the City Council, **but will not require City Council approval if the event has been conducted in previous years, and does not require additional substantial dedication of city resources, equipment, or personnel than was needed in previous years.**

(b) Applications for special event permits shall be made not greater than one year in advance, nor less than **forty-five** ~~thirty~~ days in advance.

(c) Special event permit applicants shall meet with the City Manager or his/her designate to develop a plan which will comply with all mandatory provisions of this chapter. Said meeting shall be held sufficiently in advance to provide for review and approval by the City Council. Said plan will not be approved and binding until final City Council approval.

(d) The plan developed through said meeting shall consider all criteria identified in the provisions of this chapter, and shall be reduced to writing in the form of a Memorandum of understanding, to be forwarded with all other required documents for City Council review.

(e) Parades or events of less than three hours duration shall be similarly reduced to a memorandum of understanding, but will not require City Council approval if the event has been conducted in previous years, and does not require a substantial dedication of city resources, equipment, or personnel **than was needed in those previous years..**

(f) Any event which is sponsored by a for-profit organization shall be presented for City Council approval, and all expenses of the city in support of the event shall be paid by the sponsor. City costs of for-profit events by non-profit organizations shall be paid by the sponsor. City costs of events which have a coordination of for-profit and non-profit vendors and/or booths, rides, or attractions may be split equally between the city and the sponsor. City costs of non-profit events by non-profit organizations with only non-profit vendors may be paid by the city. Non-profit status shall require provision of documentation and financial statements. A determination of the city's share of additional expenses brought about by the issuance of a special event permit shall be determined by City Council at the time the event is brought before it for approval.

(g) The City Council may require any other reasonable conditions beyond those provided for in any memorandum of understanding which it reasonably feels are necessary for the safe, efficient and proper use of city rights-of-way and other city resources.

Suggested changes:

DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 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.

WHEREAS, the City of Kent Health Department would like to apply for the Farm to School Grant. If awarded, the grant would be worth up to \$50,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the funds would be used to focus on food security and education of food choices; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to apply and accept said grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Kent City Council approves submission of the application for the Farm to School Grant, execution of the subsequent agreement, and authorized that the Administration provide all information, funds, and documentation required in said applications for submission.

SECTION 2. That the Kent City Council hereby approves the City's acceptance of the grant, if awarded to the City, with corresponding appropriations for its use.

SECTION 3. That the Kent City Council hereby understands and agrees that participation in the program will require compliance with program guidelines and assurances.

SECTION 4. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: _____
Date

Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: _____
Date

ATTEST: _____
Amy Wilkens, CMC
Clerk of Council

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(SEAL)

AMY WILKENS, CMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL

DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 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.

WHEREAS, the City of Kent Health Department would like to apply for the Office of Minority Health Grant. If awarded, the grant would be worth up to \$15,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the funds would be used to focus solely on minority health issues; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to apply and accept said grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Kent City Council approves submission of the application for the Office of Minority Health Grant, execution of the subsequent agreement, and authorized that the Administration provide all information, funds, and documentation required in said applications for submission.

SECTION 2. That the Kent City Council hereby approves the City's acceptance of the grant, if awarded to the City, with corresponding appropriations for its use.

SECTION 3. That the Kent City Council hereby understands and agrees that participation in the program will require compliance with program guidelines and assurances.

SECTION 4. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: _____
Date

EFFECTIVE: _____
Date

ATTEST: _____
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Clerk of Council

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(SEAL)

AMY WILKENS, CMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL

DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 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

WHEREAS, the City of Kent Health Department's Tobacco Use Grant has been extended through 2025 in the amount of \$117,000.00; and

WHEREAS, this grant money will be used to offset a portion of Jalessa Caple's salary and towards meeting grant deliverables; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to accept said grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County:

SECTION 1. That Kent City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager, or his designee, to accept the extended Tobacco Use Grant in the amount of \$117,000, and for the Budget and Finance Director to appropriate the award into the proper funds.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

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(SEAL)

AMY WILKENS, CMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL

DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 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.

WHEREAS, the City of Kent Health Department's Ohio EPA grant has been extended in the amount of \$25,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the grant money of \$25,000.00 will be used to fund the vector control to prevent mosquito borne diseases; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to accept said grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Council does hereby authorize the City Manager on behalf of the City of Kent's Health Department to accept the Ohio EPA grant in the amount of \$25,000.00, and for the Budget and Finance Director to appropriate the award into the proper fund.

SECTION 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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(SEAL)

AMY WILKENS, CMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL

DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 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.

WHEREAS, the City of Kent Fire Department would like to apply for an Individual and Joint Equipment Grant. If awarded, the grant would be worth up to \$15,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the funds would be used to purchase new turnout gear an important part of the safety equipment for firefighters; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to apply and accept said grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Kent City Council approves submission of the application for the Individual and Joint Equipment grant, execution of the subsequent agreement, and authorized that the Administration provide all information, funds, and documentation required in said applications for submission.

SECTION 2. That the Kent City Council hereby approves the City's acceptance of the grant, if awarded to the City, with corresponding appropriations for its use.

SECTION 3. That the Kent City Council hereby understands and agrees that participation in the program will require compliance with program guidelines and assurances.

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I, AMY WILKENS, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF *ORDINANCE No.* _____, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON _____, 20____.

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AMY WILKENS, CMC
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