



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.

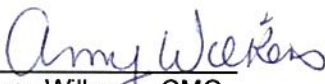
MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2024-001 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK MADE by Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Chris Hook, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Michael DeLeone, Gwen Rosenberg, Roger Sidoti The motion CARRIED by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

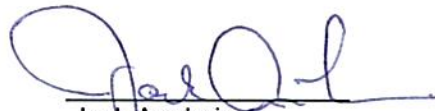
MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2024-001 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK MADE by Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Chris Hook, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Michael DeLeone, Gwen Rosenberg, Roger Sidoti. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 7-2-0.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