



City of Kent
Wednesday, August 21, 2024
Regular City Council Meeting
320 S. Depeyster Street, Kent, OH 44240

MINUTES

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

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

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; Ms. Joan Seidel, Health Commissioner; Ms. Dominique Bollenbacher, Community Engagement Coordinator; Ms. Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council

Ms. Gwen Rosenberg asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE THE JULY 24, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MADE BY Mr. Robin Turner, **SECONDED** by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg and **CARRIED** by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Public Comment

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, embarrassment, harassment or otherwise objectionable. We ask you to give your name and address and limit comments to three (3) minutes.”

Ms. Wilkens called the first speaker to the podium.

Mr. Odin Amador-Gorby of Rhodes Rd. in Kent, Ohio introduced himself to Council. He voiced his concerns over pedestrian safety and asked council to help make Kent a safer place by placing strategic signage for areas, particularly near crosswalks. He thanked Council for listening to his concerns.

Written Communication

1. Board of Health August 13, 2024 Agenda and July Statistical Report was received on August 7, 2024.
2. Standing Rock Cemetery Board of Trustees Agenda for August 8, 2024 was received on August 6, 2024.
3. Board of Health applications were received from Rose Penix (July 9, 2024), Elizabeth Stapleton (August 3, 2024), Barbara Gregory (August 4, 2024), and Babatunde Kazeem Adewole (August 4, 2024). All applicants were interviewed on August 7, 2024.
4. Notice of two ribbon cuttings from the Kent Area Chamber of Commerce; Federales Street Tacos on August 1, 2024 and 4th Gen Salon and Spa on September 12, 2024.
5. Sustainability Commission Application received from Ronnie Jones on August 8, 2024.
6. Board of Zoning Appeals Agenda and Staff Report for August 19, 2024 was received on August 12, 2024.
7. Planning Commission Agenda and Staff Report for August 20, 2024 was received on August 13, 2024.

Additional Communication Received After Agenda Publication:

1. An email titled "Juveniles in Downtown Kent" was forwarded from Marilyn Session, who received information and statistics from Detective Marino regarding issues they've been having with juveniles in downtown Kent. This email was originally sent to Council on August 1st.

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

City Manager's Report

1. The City Manager has invited Dennis Campbell, Executive Director of the Kent Area Chamber of Commerce to provide an update in Committee of the Whole on Chamber activities.
2. Melanie has asked for Committee of the Whole time to provide Council with a brief update on the status of the new City Hall construction project.
3. The City Manager has invited Dana Lawless-Andric from KSU to provide an update on KSU and town-gown activities.
4. Bridget has requested Community Development time to present recommendations to modify the language for the City's rental licensing penalties and the methods of collection.
5. Bridget has asked for Community Development time for Council to consider an exterior facade change at 252 N. Water Street (while the future of the Architectural Review Board is under review and not active).
6. Chief Shearer has asked for Finance Committee time to ask for Council's approval of a budget appropriation amendment that would allow the Police Department to allocate funds from the City's 911 Fund to be used to upgrade the City's 911 dispatch technology.
7. Rhonda has requested Finance Committee time to request Council's approval and certification of the tax rates and amounts for the City in 2025 which is required to be submitted to the County Auditor's Office before October 1st of each year.
8. Jamie has requested Health & Safety Committee time to share an update with Council on the progress of the Fire Department paramedicine program.

9. Chief Shearer has asked for Finance Committee time to request Council's approval of the annual update and renewal of the School Resource Officer Agreement with Kent City Schools.
10. Jim has requested Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee time to present a new Safe Routes to School Travel Plan Agreement for Council's consideration.
11. Jim has requested Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee time to present a new Water Service Area Planning Study Agreement with Portage County Water Resources.

Standing Committees & Legislation

Committee of the Whole

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 7, 2024 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MADE BY Mr. Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

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

Action Recommended:

1. Authorize the use of a consent agenda on a trial basis beginning September 2024.

MOTION TO APPOINT MR. BABATUNDO KAZEEME ADEWOLE TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH MADE BY Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE INSERTION OF NAME INTO LEGISLATION MADE BY Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Draft 2024-077 RESOLUTION APPOINTING BABATUNDE KAZEEME ADEWOLE TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF DRAFT 2024-077 MADE by Mr. Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Ms. Melissa Celko. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Chris Hook, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT 2024-077 MADE by Mr. Jeff Clapper, SECONDED by Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Chris Hook, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

Resolution 2024-077 passes.

Community Development

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 7, 2024 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MADE BY Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

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

Action(s) Recommended:

1. Authorize the Unitarian Universalist Church located at 228 Gougler Avenue to be designated as a "Local Historic Property" as defined by the City's Historic Preservation Chapter 1393, with the emergency clause.
2. Authorize proceeding with the Design Guidelines text amendment process.

Draft 2024-078 AN ORDINANCE AFFIRMING KENT'S DESIGN & PRESERVATION COMMITTEE'S DESIGNATION OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF KENT (UUC) AS A "LOCAL HISTORIC PROPERTY" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2024-078 MADE by Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Mr. Chris Hook. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Chris Hook, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2024-078 MADE by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Chris Hook, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

Ordinance 2024-078 passes.

Finance Committee

MOTION TO APPROVE AUGUST 7, 2024 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MADE BY Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Mr. Chris Hook and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE ACTION(S) RECOMMENDED MADE BY Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Mr. Chris Hook and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Action(s) Recommended

1. Authorize an agreement with Portage County for the Juvenile Diversion PASS Grant and allocate grant funds when received, with the emergency clause.
2. Certify and authorize the submission of the proposed property tax liens, with the emergency clause.
3. Approve the then and now purchases made from January 1, 2024 through July 31, 2024, with an emergency clause, and authorize moving to a monthly basis as an unauthorized item for Council to approve going forward at the second meeting of each month.
4. Approve the budget appropriation amendment as presented, with the emergency clause.

Draft 2024-079 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000 OVER A TWO (2) YEAR PERIOD FOR A JUVENILE DIVERSION "PASS" GRANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2024-079 MADE by Mr. Roger

Sidoti, SECONDED by Mr. Jack Amrhein. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Chris Hook, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2024-079 MADE by Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Mr. Chris Hook. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Chris Hook, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

Ordinance 2024-079 passes.

Draft 2024-080 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CERTIFICATION OF NON-PAYMENT OF WATER USE CHARGES, WASTEWATER USE CHARGES, STORM WATER UTILITY CHARGES AND RECYCLING/SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CHARGES TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR THE PLACEMENT OF THE CERTIFIED AMOUNT ON THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LIST AND DUPLICATE AGAINST THE PROPERTY FOR THE NON-PAYMENT OF SAID CHARGES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2024-080 MADE by Mr. Jack Amrhein, SECONDED by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Chris Hook, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2024-080 MADE by Mr. Chris Hook, SECONDED by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Chris Hook, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

Ordinance 2024-080 passes.

Draft 2024-081 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT MOWING BILLS, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE VIOLATIONS-CITATIONS, ZONING VIOLATIONS-CITATIONS, AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT VIOLATIONS-CITATIONS TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR THE PLACEMENT OF THE CERTIFIED AMOUNT ON THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LIST AND DUPLICATE AGAINST THE PROPERTY SERVED BY THE MOWING SERVICES, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE VIOLATION-CITATIONS, ZONING VIOLATIONS-CITATIONS, HEALTH DEPARTMENT VIOLATIONS-CITATIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2024-081 MADE by Mr. Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Chris Hook, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2024-081 MADE by Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Mr. Chris Hook. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Chris Hook, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

Ordinance 2024-081 passes.

Draft 2024-082 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CERTIFICATION OF NON-PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR RESIDENTS RESULTING FROM THE 2023 ANNUAL CONCRETE REPAIR PROGRAMS OF UNPAID CONCRETE SIDEWALK REPAIR ACCOUNTS, TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR THE PLACEMENT OF THE CERTIFIED AMOUNT ON THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LIST AND DUPLICATE AGAINST THE PROPERTY FOR THE NON-PAYMENT OF SIDEWALK REPAIRS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2024- 082 MADE by Mr. Jack Amrhein, SECONDED by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Chris Hook, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2024- 082 MADE by Mr. Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Chris Hook, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

Ordinance 2024-082 passes.

Draft 2024-083 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 per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2024-083 MADE by Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Mr. Jeff Clapper. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Chris Hook, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2024-083 MADE by Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Mr. Jeff Clapper. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Chris Hook, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

Ordinance 2024-083 passes.

Draft 2024-084 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2023-97, THE CURRENT APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, PASSED DECEMBER 20, 2023; 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, 2024; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2024-084 MADE by Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Mr. Chris Hook. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Chris Hook, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2024-084 MADE by Mr. Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Mr. Jeff Clapper. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Chris Hook, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

Ordinance 2024-084 passes.

Draft 2024-085 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RECYCLING OF OLD TRAFFIC SYSTEM NETWORK EQUIPMENT THAT ARE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2024-085 MADE by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Chris Hook, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2024-085 MADE by Mr. Jeff Clapper, SECONDED by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Chris Hook, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

Ordinance 2024-085 passes.

Draft 2024-086 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN JUDITH TRUEMAN HARDEN AND THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO, WITH THE CITY OBTAINING A TEMPORARY EASEMENT, FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY PURPOSE, TO INSTALL, CONSTRUCT AND RECONSTRUCT THE ROADWAY FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS EAST MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FROM JUDITH TRUEMAN HARDEN; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2024-086 MADE by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, SECONDED by Mr. Chris Hook. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Chris Hook, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2024-086 MADE by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Chris Hook, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

Ordinance 2024-086 passes.

Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 7, 2024 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MADE BY Mr. Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Mr. Jack Amrhein and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE ACTION(S) RECOMMENDED MADE BY Mr. Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Mr. Jack Amrhein and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Action(s) Recommended

1. Approve the draft "purpose and needs" statement for the N. Mantua Street Project, with the emergency clause.
2. Approve the extension of City water service to the proposed new townhome development at 2567 SR43, including amending the service area agreement with Portage County Water Resources, with the emergency clause.

3. Approve the new Crosswalk Art Agreement with Main Street Kent, with the emergency clause.

Draft 2024- 087 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE NORTH MANTUA STREET PURPOSE AND NEED STATEMENT IN ORDER TO DEFINE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT NEEDS FOR THE NORTH MANTUA STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2024-087 MADE by Ms. Melissa Celko, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Chris Hook, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2024-087 MADE by Ms. Melissa Celko, SECONDED by Mr. Jack Amrhein. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Chris Hook, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

Ordinance 2024-087 passes.

Draft 2024-088 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE WATER TAP-IN FOR PETROS DEVELOPMENT GROUP FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2567 STATE ROUTE 43, OUTSIDE THE CITY OF KENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2024-088 MADE by Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Chris Hook, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2024-088 MADE by Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Chris Hook, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

Ordinance 2024-088 passes.

Draft 2024-089 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO A NORTH WATER STREET CROSSWALK ART AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO (CITY) AND MAIN STREET KENT (MSK) TO INCREASE THE SAFETY OF ROAD USERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2024-089 MADE by Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Chris Hook, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2024-089 MADE by Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Mr. Jeff Clapper. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Chris Hook, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

Ordinance 2024-089 passes.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Councilmembers' Comments: None

Mayor's Report

Mayor Fiala provided highlights of a couple of events he attended, which included the Captain's Lunch between Ravenna and Kent Roosevelt which had been meeting since 1911. Ravenna has won it 55 times and Kent 54 times. He encouraged everyone to come to the game on Friday night. He also attended the Dog Days of Summer event. He encouraged all to attend the upcoming Flashes First Thursday event being held for the Kent State Students.

Executive Session

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION MADE BY Mr. Jack Amrhein, SECONDED by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg. Roll call was taken.

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

To consider the purchase of property for public purposes, the sale of property at competitive bidding, or the sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit- for-use property in accordance with section 505.10 of the Ohio Revised Code

Return to Regular Meeting

MOTION TO RETURN TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MADE BY Mr. Jack Amrhein, SECONDED by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE DRAFT ORDINANCES 2024-090 MADE BY Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Ms. Melissa Celko and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Draft 2024-090 A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT TO APPROPRIATE PROPERTY INTERESTS FOR THE EAST MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2024-090 MADE by Mr. Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Michael DeLeone, Mr. Chris Hook, Gwen Rosenberg, Heidi Shaffer Bish, Roger Sidoti, Robin Turner The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2024-090 MADE by Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Mr. Chris Hook. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Michael DeLeone, Mr. Chris Hook, Gwen Rosenberg, Heidi Shaffer Bish, Roger Sidoti, Robin Turner. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0-0.

Ordinance 2024-090 passes.

Hearing no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Amy Wilkens

Amy Wilkens , CMC
Clerk of Council

Jerry T. Fiala

Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor & President of Council