



City of Kent
Wednesday, November 20, 2024
Regular City Council Meeting
320 S. Depeyster Street, Kent, OH 44240

AGENDA

6:55 P.M. Board of Control

7:00 P.M. Regular Council Meeting

1. Roll Call
 - 1.1. Motion to excuse Mr. Hook
2. Opening Remarks and Pledge of Allegiance - Mr. Clapper
3. Communications
 - 3.1. 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.
 - 3.2. Written Communication (All placed on file in the Clerk of Council's office)
 - On 10/29/24, Mr. Ruller shared an email from Ms. Susel to Dave Dix, in response to his concerns about the lack of an historic district within the City of Kent and his opinions on why that might be so. Ms. Susel provided a brief outline of the history between the City, the public and the Historical Society, and provided documentation of the efforts the City has taken to address these concerns. She shared with Mr. Dix the current practice of historic designation of individual properties at the owner's request, and encouraged him to contact her regarding any future questions on the subject.
 - On 10/31/24, Mr. Jason Stewart of Gale Drive in Kent, submitted an application for a position on the Loan Review Board.
 - On 11/06/24, Jim Collver of the Celtic Club sent an email thanking the Mayor for his help with the 15th Annual Celtic Club Fights Cancer bridge display in downtown Kent on October 18.
 - 3.3. City Manager's Report
4. Consent Agenda

4.1. Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine. Each item will be read individually into the record and the Consent Agenda will then be enacted as a whole by one motion and one roll call. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion by Council is desired on any item on the Consent Agenda, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda by Council motion and considered in its normal sequence under the Regular Order of Business.

4.2. Motion for Minutes Approval and Recommended Actions

4.2.1. October 16, 2024 Regular Council meeting minutes

4.2.2. November 6, 2024 Council Committee Meeting minutes

4.2.3 Recommended Actions:

Accept and authorize the agreement to obtain temporary easements, for right-of-way purposes, to install, construct, and reconstruct the roadway for the project known as East Main Street Improvement Project, and declaring an emergency.

Extend and execute the Mutual Aid Agreement with Kent State University and the Kent Police Department to provide for the mutual assistance, interchange, and use of police personnel and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Renew the lease agreement with West River Medical LLC for the use of parking spaces in the municipal lot and declaring an emergency.

Accept the director's deed from the Ohio Department of Transportation for a remnant parcel of land that was created with the construction of SR 261 and declaring an emergency.

Accept and allocate CDC funding in the amount of \$50,000 to maintain accredited status for the City of Kent Health Department, and declaring an emergency.

Authorize the Director of Budget and Finance of the City of Kent to request the county auditor to advance any property taxes that have been collected prior to the normal February settlement date from the proceeds of the 2024 tax year collection, and declaring an emergency.

Authorize the adjustment of appropriations, transfers and advances from the various funds of the City of Kent for the current expenses of the City for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, and declaring an emergency.

4.2.4. **DRAFT 2024-111 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO, WITH THE CITY OBTAINING TEMPORARY EASEMENTS, FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY PURPOSES, TO INSTALL, CONSTRUCT AND RECONSTRUCT THE ROADWAY FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS THE EAST MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

- 4.2.5. **DRAFT 2024-112** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO EXTEND AND EXECUTE THE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH KENT STATE UNIVERSITY SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE MUTUAL ASSISTANCE, INTERCHANGE, AND USE OF POLICE PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT, FROM THE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE UNTIL TERMINATED BY EITHER PARTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.2.6. **DRAFT 2024-113** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO RENEW A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH WEST RIVER MEDICAL, LLC (WRM) FOR THE USE OF PARKING SPACES IN THE MUNICIPAL LOT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.2.7. **DRAFT 2024-114** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ACCEPT THE DIRECTOR'S DEED FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR A REMNANT PARCEL OF LAND THAT WAS CREATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF SR 261 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.2.8. **DRAFT 2024-115** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT AND ALLOCATE A CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 TO MAINTAIN ACCREDITED STATUS FOR THE CITY OF KENT HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
- 4.2.9. **DRAFT 2024-116** A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO ADVANCE ANY PROPERTY TAXES THAT HAVE BEEN COLLECTED PRIOR TO THE NORMAL FEBRUARY SETTLEMENT DATE FROM THE PROCEEDS OF THE 2024 TAX YEAR COLLECTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 321.34 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.2.10 **DRAFT 2024-117** 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.

5. Standing Committees & Legislation

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

5.1.1. Action(s) Recommended: NONE. See Consent Agenda, as applicable

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

5.2.1. Action(s) Recommended: NONE. See Consent Agenda, as applicable

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

5.3.1. Action(s) Recommended: NONE. See Consent Agenda, as applicable

5.4. **Land Use Committee** Chair Shaffer Bish/ Vice-Chair Hook

5.4.1. Action(s) Recommended: NONE. See Consent Agenda, as applicable

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

5.5.1. Action(s) Recommended: NONE. See Consent Agenda, as applicable

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

5.6.1. Action(s) Recommended: NONE. See Consent Agenda, as applicable

6. Unfinished Business

7. New Business

8. Councilmembers' Comments

9. Mayor's Report

10. Executive Session

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

11. Return to Regular Meeting

Adjourn

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