



City of Kent
Regular City Council Meeting
320 S. Depeyster Street, Kent, Ohio 44240
Wednesday, December 18, 2024

AGENDA

6:30pm BOARD AND COMMISSION INTERVIEWS

Board of Building Appeals - Robert Rummel

Board of Zoning Appeals - O'Livia Kennedy

Design & Preservation - Allan Orashan, Mark Weisman

Fair Housing - Rouven Cyncynatus

Loan Review Board - Jason Stewart

Parks & Recreation - James Daugherty, Steve Mitchell, Jillian Tipton

Planning Commission - Derek Salustro

Sustainability Commission - Justine Gallo, Tracy Wallach

BOARD OF CONTROL will begin immediately after Boards and Commission interviews

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING will begin immediately after Board of Control

1. ROLL CALL

2. OPENING REMARKS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mr. DeLeone

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 4:30pm on the meeting day. If also requesting to speak at the meeting, comments are limited to three (3) minutes.

3.2 Written Communication (On file in the Clerk of Council's office)

- On 11/25/24, the November meeting notes and December agenda for Standing Rock Cemetery were received.
- On 12/2/24, a notice from the Board of Liquor Control advising of a Change of Corporate Stock Ownership from "1450 Inc." to "Rockne's Inc" was received. Chief Shearer has no objections.
- On 12/4/24, the November meeting minutes, November statistical report, and December agenda were received from the Health Department.
- A notice dated 11/27/24 was received from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, advising of an increase in Enbridge Gas Ohio's rates and charges for service.
- A request for an updated list of City Elected Officials was received from the Ohio Ethics Commission. The update was completed and emailed on 12/6/24. The OEC will be doing another final update in January 2025.
- On 12/10/24, the Community Development staff report and BZA agenda were received and posted.
- On 12/13/24, Certificates of Election results concerning the renewal of the 1.16 mill tax levy and Sunday liquor sales in precinct 5A were received from the Board of Elections.

3.3 City Manager's Report

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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.

4.1. Approval of November Regular Council Meeting minutes

4.2. Approval of December City Council Committee Meeting Minutes

4.3. DRAFT 2024-122 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KENT TO FUND THE COST OF THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY FOR THE 2025 HERITAGE FESTIVAL TO KENT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THREE YEARS SUBJECT TO COUNCIL'S APPROPRIATION IN EACH OF THOSE YEARS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

4.4. DRAFT 2024-123 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, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

4.5. DRAFT 2024-124 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 353.02 "PARKING REGULATION AUTHORIZATION" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KENT TO CHANGE THE PERMISSABLE PARKING CONDITIONS ON VINE STREET, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

4.6. DRAFT 2024-125 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 358 TITLED "PARKING METERS", IN ORDER TO CHANGE SECTIONS 358.01, 358.06, 358.11 AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 358.16, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

4.7. DRAFT 2024-126 A 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.

4.8. DRAFT 2024-127 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2023-96 THE POSITION ALLOCATION, THE GENERAL COMPENSATION PLAN AND AFSCME CONTRACT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

4.9. DRAFT 2024-128 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, 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

4.10. DRAFT 2024 - 129 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, 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

4.11. DRAFT 2024-130 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR, UPON THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, TO PAY CERTAIN PURCHASE ORDERS MADE THAT EXCEED \$3,000.00; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

4.12. DRAFT 2024-131 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING 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, 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

5. STANDING COMMITTEES AND LEGISLATION

5.1 Committee of the Whole Chair Mayor Fiala/Vice-Chair Amrhein
See Board and Commission interviews.

5.2 Community Development Chair Rosenberg/Vice-Chair Clapper

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

5.3.1 DRAFT 2024-121 (UNAUTHORIZED) - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE KENT FIRE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE FY 2024 AFG GRANT THROUGH FEMA, AND TO ACCEPT ANY

GRANT, IF AWARDED, WITH CORRESPONDING APPROPRIATIONS OF FUNDS WHICH PROVIDES FUNDING FOR A NEW 100-FOOT LADDER TRUCK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

5.5 **Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities** Chair Sidoti/Vice-Cahir Clapper

5.5.1 DRAFT 2024-118 (UNAUTHORIZED) AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DONATION OF A PERMANENT RIGHT OF WAY FROM KENT STATE UNIVERSITY FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS EAST MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

5.5.2 DRAFT 2024-119 (UNAUTHORIZED) A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT AND REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF THE CITY OF KENT ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE BORROWER) TO REIMBURSE ITS 201 WATER FUND FOR THE CG27AB / CG28AB, ELEVATED & GROUND WATER STORAGE TANKS REHABILITATION WITH THE PROCEEDS OF TAX-EXEMPT DEBT OF THE STATE OF OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

5.5.3 DRAFT 2024-120 (UNAUTHORIZED) A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT AND REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF THE CITY OF KENT ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE BORROWER) TO REIMBURSE ITS 202 SEWER FUND FOR THE CG29AB / CG30AB, WRF PRIMARY CLARIFIER NO. 1 REHABILITATION WITH THE PROCEEDS OF TAX-EXEMPT DEBT OF THE STATE OF OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

7.1 2025 Council Meeting Dates

8. **COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

9. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session to discuss board and commission appointments

11. RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

12. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

12.1 Voting on Board and Commission Appointments

12.2 Motion to Authorize Insertion of Names into Legislation

12.3 CONSENT AGENDA

12.3.1 DRAFT 2024-132 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING _____ TO THE BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

12.3.2 DRAFT 2024-133 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING _____ TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

12.3.3 DRAFT 2024-134 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING _____ AND _____ TO THE DESIGN AND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

12.3.4 DRAFT 2024-135 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING _____ TO THE FAIR HOUSING BOARD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

12.3.5 DRAFT 2024-136 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING _____ AND _____ TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

12.3.6 DRAFT 2024-137 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING _____ TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

12.3.7 DRAFT 2024-138 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING _____ AND _____ TO THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

12.3.8 DRAFT 2024-139 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING _____ TO THE LOAN REVIEW BOARD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

13. ADJOURN MEETING