



City of Kent
City Council Committee Meeting
320 S. Depeyester St., Kent, Ohio 44240
Wednesday, January 8, 2025

MINUTES

BOARD AND COMMISSION INTERVIEW

Justine Gallo was interviewed for a position on the Sustainability Commission.

Justine is a local business owner and is passionate about conservation and sustainability efforts. Her focus is on educating the public about sustainability and creating an environment where recycling, circularity and other sustainability efforts are the norm.

She was advised that the Council will vote on

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Special Council meeting was held in order to approve two liquor control applications in time to meet the DOLC deadline.

MOTION TO APPROVE WITH NO HEARING REQUESTED THE LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER REQUEST for license transferring from Laziza Restaurant LTD/DBA Laziza to Vanosh LLC/DBA **Laziza Restaurant** at 195 E. Erie St. Kent was made by Mr. DeLeone, seconded by Ms. Rosenberg, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

MOTION TO APPROVE WITH NO HEARING REQUESTED THE LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER REQUEST for license transferring from Spring Bang Enterprises, LLC to **Beware the Leopard** at 176 E Main St., Unit B, Kent was made by Mr. DeLeone, seconded by Ms. Rosenberg, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00pm, 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

Finance Committee – Chair DeLeone/Vice-Chair Celko

THEN AND NOW TRANSACTIONS

- Ms. Hall presented Council with the “Then and Now” transactions for December 2024.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THEN AND NOW TRANSACTIONS FOR DECEMBER 2024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was MADE by Ms. Rosenberg, SECONDED by Mr. Sidoti, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

- Ms. Hall proposed moving the “Then and Now” transactions to the Unauthorized List on Mr. Ruller’s City Manager’s report going forward.

MOTION TO INCLUDE “THEN AND NOW” TRANSACTIONS IN THE CITY MANAGER’S REPORT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was MADE by Mr. Sidoti, SECONDED by Ms. Rosenberg, and CARRIED by unanimous voice vote.

Health & Public Safety Committee – Chair Amrhein/Vice-Chair Sidoti

NO REPORT

Land Use Committee – Chair Shaffer Bish/Vice-Chair Hook

NO REPORT

Streets, Sidewalks, and Utilities Committee

UPDATES TO DOWNTOWN SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS AND STREET CLOSURES

Mr. Helmstedter presented updates to Downtown special events permits and street closures.

- A new special event permit application has been created to address known issues. One prevalent concern from the downtown business community was not being notified about when special events would be taking place. To address this, applicants of special events with a road closure component will now have to notify affected businesses and residents by providing them with proposed pre-event information. The Community Development Department will provide the applicant with a list of affected businesses and residents based off the applicant’s site plan. A business contact sheet that will include the contact for the business and preferred method of communication will be developed. Random checks with the business will be conducted to ensure that notification has been made.

Rosenberg, SECONDED by Ms. Shaffer Bish, and CARRIED by unanimous voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

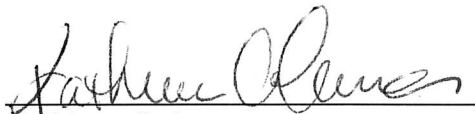
MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE CLERK OF COUNCIL POSITION was MADE by Mr. Hook, SECONDED by Ms. Rosenberg, and CARRIED by unanimous roll call vote.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

MOTION TO OFFER THE CLERK OF COUNCIL POSITION TO THE CURRENT INTERIM CLERK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was MADE by Ms. Rosenberg, SECONDED by Ms. Celko, and CARRIED by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Kathleen Coleman', written over a horizontal line.

Kathleen Coleman
Interim Clerk of Council