



City of Kent
Regular City Council Meeting
320 S. Depeyster Street, Kent, Ohio 44240
Wednesday, February 19, 2025

AGENDA

6:55PM PUBLIC HEARING - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Hearing #1: PY2025 Annual Action Plan and 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan

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1. ROLL CALL

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

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 Clerk of Council's office)
 - 3.2.1 On January 28, 2025, the February agenda and January minutes were received from Standing Rock Cemetery and posted online.
 - 3.2.2 On February 6, 2025, the February agenda and January minutes and statistical report were received from the Health Department and posted online.
 - 3.2.3 On February 6, 2025, a liquor license transfer request for license transferring from Umbrian Hills LLC at 257 N. Water St., Kent to Maddalenas LLC at 252 N. Water St., Kent was received. Chief Shearer had no objections.
- 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 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 January Regular Council Meeting minutes
- 4.2 Approval of February Council Committee Meeting minutes
- 4.3 **DRAFT 2025-009** AN ORDINANCE AFFIRMING KENT'S DESIGN & PRESERVATION COMMITTEE'S DESIGNATION OF THE HOMETOWN BANK BUILDING AS A "LOCAL HISTORIC PROPERTY" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.4 **DRAFT 2025-010** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT WITH THE HAYMAKER FARMERS' MARKET FOR THE SUB-LAND LEASE OF A PARKING LOT LOCATED NORTH OF SUMMIT STREET, WEST OF FRANKLIN AVENUE, AND EAST OF AKRON BARBERTON CLUSTER RAILWAY COMPANY'S MAIN LINE TRACK, CONTAINING 0.168 ACRES, FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 5, 2025 THROUGH NOVEMBER 29, 2025; CONTINGENT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE CITY'S LEASE WITH THE AKRON BARBERTON CLUSTER RAILWAY COMPANY, FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$1.00; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.5 **DRAFT 2025-011** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING "PART THIRTEEN-BUILDING CODE" AND "PART FOURTEEN-PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND HOUSING CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KENT TO CORRECT CONFLICTING LANGUAGE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.6 **DRAFT 2025-012** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2024-131, THE CURRENT APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, PASSED DECEMBER 18, 2024; 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, 2025; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.7 **DRAFT 2025-013** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN PORTAGE COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION AND THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO FOR PARCEL #17-011-20-00-003-000 (603 WEST STREET) FOR \$100.00 TO

MAINTAIN THE STORM WATER FACILITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

5. STANDING COMMITTEES AND LEGISLATION

- 5.1 Committee of the Whole – Chair Mayor Fiala/Vice-Chair Amrhein
- 5.2 Community Development Committee – Chair Rosenberg/Vice-Chair Clapper
- 5.3 Health & Safety Committee – Chair Amrhein/Vice-Chair Sidoti
- 5.4 Land Use Committee – Chair Shaffer Bish/Vice-Chair Hook
- 5.5 Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee – Chair Sidoti/Vice-Chair Clapper

- 5.5.1 **DRAFT 2025-015** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KENT SERVICE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000, AND TO ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF AWARDED, WITH CORRESPONDING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

10. ADJOURNMENT