



City of Kent
Regular City Council Meeting
320 S. Depeyster Street, Kent, Ohio 44240
Wednesday, April 16, 2025

AGENDA

6:55PM BOARD OF CONTROL

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING will begin immediately after Board of Control

1. ROLL CALL

2. OPENING REMARKS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Ms. Celko

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 April 2, 2025 a notice from the Portage County Board of Elections was received, announcing that the primary elections will be held on Tuesday, May 6. A list of precincts and polling locations was provided and shared with Council members at the April 2 Committee meeting.
 - 3.2.2 On April 2, 2025, the March meeting minutes and April agenda were received from Standing Rock Cemetery and posted online.
 - 3.2.3 On April 3, 2025, the March meeting minutes and April Agenda and statistical report were received from the Health Department.
 - 3.2.4 On April 8, 2025, a letter from American Legal Publishing Corporation was received, advising of a name change to American Legal Publishing, LLC.
 - 3.2.5 On April 9, 2025, the agenda and staff report for the April 15 Planning Commission meeting were received from the Community Development Department.

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 March Regular Council Meeting minutes
- 4.2 Approval of April Council Committee Meeting minutes
- 4.3 **DRAFT 2025-023** 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.
- 4.4 **DRAFT 2025-025** 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.
- 4.5 **DRAFT 2025-026** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO AMEND AND APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION FROM THE KENT JAYCEES KNOWN AS “KENT CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL” TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025, AND THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF NORTH WATER STREET BETWEEN MAIN STREET AND PORTAGE STREET NORTH ON NORTH WATER STREET TO BRADY STREET AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.6 **DRAFT 2025-027** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE FOR SECTION 915.05(e) “USE OF PUBLIC SANITARY SEWER REQUIRED” OF THE KENT CODIFIED ORDINANCES IN ORDER FOR A NEW SANITARY SEWER LATERAL TO BE INSTALLED FOR THE NEW KLABEN LINCOLN DEALERSHIP AT 1238 WEST MAIN STREET, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.7 **DRAFT 2025-028** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT AND KENT STATE UNIVERSITY FOR THE SHARED FUNDING OF THE PURCHASE OF A NEW LADDER TRUCK FOR THE KENT FIRE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.8 **DRAFT 2025-029** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE KENT SAFETY TOWN

DECLARATION OF COLLECTIVE INTENT (DCI) FOR THE COMPLETION OF A PERMANENT SAFETY TOWN IN KENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- 4.9 **DRAFT 2025-030** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION TO CHANGE THE CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS SPECIFICALLY RULE 5.01 AND RULE 6.02 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.10 **DRAFT 2025-031** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CITY OF KENT CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.11 **DRAFT 2025-032** A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO RENEW THE CITY'S EXISTING 0.73-MILL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSE OF MAINTAINING AND OPERATING A FIRE STATION IN THE CITY OF KENT WEST OF THE ERIE RAILROAD; REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO MAKE CERTAIN CERTIFICATIONS RELATED THERETO, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5705.03, 5705.19(I) AND 5705.191 OF THE REVISED CODE, 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
 - 5.3.1 **DRAFT 2025-024** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO A PUBLIC SAFETY VIDEO TECHNOLOGY CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FLOCK GROUP, INC. TO TRACK VEHICLE LICENSES AS THEY ENTER AND LEAVE THE CITY LIMITS.
- 5.4 Land Use Committee – Chair Shaffer Bish/Vice-Chair Hook
- 5.5 Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee – Chair Sidoti/Vice-Chair Clapper

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

10. ADJOURNMENT



City of Kent

Regular City Council Meeting

320 S. Depeyster Street, Kent, Ohio 44240

March 19, 2025

MINUTES

At 7:00pm, Mayor Jerry T. Fiala called the Regular City Council meeting to order.

Present: Mr. Jack Amrhein; 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; Mr. Nick Cecil, IT Director; Mr. Nick Shearer, Chief of Police; Ms. Bridget Susel; Community Development Director; Ms. Dominique Bollenbacher, Community Outreach Coordinator; Ms. Melanie Baker; Service Director; Mr. Jim Bowling, City Engineer; Mr. Jamie Samel, Fire Chief; Mr. Shawn Baynes, Fire Captain; Ms. Kathy Coleman, Clerk of Council

OPENING REMARKS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Shaffer-Bish read a prepared statement expressing concern over the direction the federal government appears to be moving and the impact that it will have on the country's standing in the world. She implored Council to continue to celebrate diversity, equity, and fairness, and to strive for transparency and inclusiveness. She then led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATIONS

Public Comment:

There were no comments from the public.

Written Communication:

On March 6, 2025, the March agenda, February 2025 draft meeting minutes and statistical report were received from the Health Department and posted online.

On March 11, 2025, the agenda and staff report for the upcoming March Planning Commission meeting were received.

On March 11, 2025, the office received notice that there would be no March 17 meeting for the Board of Zoning Appeals.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS 1-16 OF THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT was made by Mr. Amrhein, seconded by Ms. Rosenberg and carried unanimously.

1. *Bridget has requested Council's approval to appoint Scott Ridenour, Kline & Kavalj, to serve as the "business representative" on the Kent/Franklin JEDD board.*
2. *Rhonda has asked for Council's approval of the "then and now" financial statement through March 2025 (Draft #2025-016).*
3. *Melanie has asked for the Council's approval to accept and allocate a NOPEC Community Sponsorship grant in the amount of \$2,000 to be used to support the annual Chamber of Commerce Festival of Lights. (Draft #2025-017)*
4. *Bridget has asked for the Council's approval to accept and allocate a NOPEC Energized Community grant in the amount of \$50,733 to be used to support a study of a prospective solar array project in Kent. (Draft #2025-018)*
5. *The staff have asked to invite Heather Malarcik to Committee of the Whole for the annual update on the activities of Main Street Kent.*
6. *Hope has requested Committee of the Whole time to get Council's approval on statutory updates to our Code.*
7. *Bridget has requested Community Development Committee time to present the final section of the Zoning Code update incorporating the design guidelines.*
8. *Bridget has asked for Community Development Committee time to provide Council with an update on the pilot homeless warming shelter project.*
9. *Bridget has asked for Community Development Committee time to present a request for an Administrative Variance for 1238 West Main Street.*
10. *Eric has requested Finance Committee time to present Council with the 2025 Celebrate Kent awards.*
11. *Bridget has requested Finance Committee time to present Council with the 2025 Social Service grant funding allocations.*
12. *Rhonda has requested Finance Committee time to ask for Council's approval for a 2025 Budget Appropriations Amendment.*
13. *The staff have requested Health and Public Safety Committee time to ask for Council's approval of the "Kent Safety Town Declaration of Collective Intent."*
14. *Chief Shearer has asked for Health and Public Safety Committee time to present his request to purchase new video safety technology.*
15. *Rhonda has asked for Health and Public Safety Committee time to request the Council's approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Kent State University for the shared purchase of the new fire department ladder truck.*
16. *Bridget has asked for Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee time to present a request from the Kent JayCee's to amend the street closure footprint for the Craft Brew Fest.*

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION TO REMOVE DRAFT 2025-022 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTION 351.041 “PROHIBITION OF MORE THAN THREE VEHICLES PER ADDRESS PARKED IN THE CITY’S RIGHT OF WAY” FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA was made by Mr. Clapper, seconded by Mr. Hook, and carried unanimously.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THREE READINGS OF DRAFTS 2025-014, 2025-016 THROUGH 2025-021 was made by Mr. Sidoti, seconded by Ms. Rosenberg, and carried by voice vote 8-0-1, with Ms. Celko abstaining.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA was made by Mr. DeLeone, seconded by Ms. Rosenberg, and carried by voice vote 8-0-1, with Ms. Celko abstaining.

1. *Approval of February Regular Council Meeting minutes*
2. *Approval of March Council Committee Meeting minutes*
3. *DRAFT 2025-014 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.*
4. *DRAFT 2025-016 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.*
5. *DRAFT 2025-017 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2025 COMMUNITY EVENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.*
6. *DRAFT 2025-018 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,733.00 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.*
7. *DRAFT 2025-019 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FOR THE HUDSON ROAD PHASE V RESURFACING PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.*
8. *DRAFT 2025-020 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO A JOINT PLANNING STUDY AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF KENT PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT, KENT SERVICE DEPARTMENT, AND THE DAVEY TREE EXPERT COMPANY TO INTEGRATE THE CITY’S ARBORETUM AND THE NEW DAVEY TREE ARBORETUM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.*
9. *DRAFT 2025-021 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KENT SERVICE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$196,000, AND TO ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF AWARDED, WITH CORRESPONDING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.*

Consent agenda passed.

STANDING COMMITTEES AND LEGISLATION

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

No action.

Community Development Committee – Chair Rosenberg/Vice-Chair Clapper

No action.

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

No action.

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

No action.

Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee – Chair Sidoti/Vice-Chair Clapper

Discussion regarding Draft 2025-022 “Prohibition of More than Three Vehicles per Address Parked in the City’s Right of Way” included Mr. Clapper’s concerns regarding new legislation being enacted when enforcement of existing legislation could address the issue, Mr. Turner’s concerns about the blight conditions being created in the area due to the parking violations and subsequent quality of life issues for the residents, and Mr. Sidoti’s caution about consistently using the correct terminology. Mr. Ruller reminded Council that the issue had already been discussed in Committee and that the draft was to be voted on this evening. Ms. Jones reminded Council that the issue could be revisited once the planned improvements were made to the area in 2027.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THREE READINGS OF DRAFT 2025-022 “PROHIBITION OF MORE THAN THREE VEHICLES PER ADDRESS PARKED IN THE CITY’S RIGHT OF WAY” was made by Mr. Sidoti, seconded by Ms. Rosenberg, and carried 8-1-0, with Mr. Turner voting no.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT 2025-022 “PROHIBITION OF MORE THAN THREE VEHICLES PER ADDRESS PARKED IN THE CITY’S RIGHT OF WAY” was made by Ms. Shaffer-Bish, seconded by Mr. Hook, and carried 8-1-0, with Mr. Clapper voting no.

Draft 2025-022 passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Comments included several remarks regarding the impact of federal level actions, such as tariffs, on local communities; the disproportionate burden felt by low and middle income residents; the importance of recognizing that “all politics are local,” statistics shared by Mr. Hook highlighting the effect of federal cuts to local social service agencies, and appreciation for the opportunity to state personal opinions without censure. Ms. Shaffer-Bish also reminded Council members to be sure to use their microphones when speaking.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Fiala reminded Council about soliciting applications for the Charter Review committee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.



City of Kent

City Council Committee Meeting

320 S. Depeyster Street, Kent, Ohio 44240

April 2, 2025

MINUTES

At 6:45pm, Mayor Jerry T. Fiala called the City Council Committee meeting to order.

Present: Jack Amrhein; Melissa Celko; Jeff Clapper; Michael DeLeone; Gwen Rosenberg; Heidi Shaffer Bish; Roger Sidoti; Robin Turner

Also present: Jerry T. Fiala, Mayor and President of Council; Dave Ruller, City Manager; Hope Jones, Law Director; Angela Manley, Parks & Recreation Director; Jim Bowling, City Engineer; Bridget Susel, Community Development Director; Nick Cecil, IT Director; Rhonda Hall, Budget and Finance Director; Joan Seidel, Health Commissioner; Dominique Bollenbacher, Community Engagement Coordinator; Kathy Coleman, Clerk of Council

COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Chair Fiala/Vice-Chair Amrhein

Charter Review Commission Member Selection and Discussion

Council discussed member selection for Charter Review. Initial discussion revealed some confusion around the process and timeline. Previous methods of selection were discussed, but since there were only 9 applicants at this point, it was decided to accept these and continue searching for candidates until at least 15 regular members were selected. Ms. Jones pointed out that 8 members would constitute a quorum, but in that situation, it would be necessary for all members to attend all meetings. She also advised Council that any amendments to the Charter need to be to the Board of Elections 60 days before the general election.

MOTION TO APPOINT DAWN ALBRIGHT, CRAIG BERGER, BRIAN BIALIK, JASON GARTLAND, JULIE HURD-SCHMIDT, JASMINE JEFFERSON, JENNIFER MAPES, JEFF ROEGER, AND ADAM STEPHENS AS REGULAR MEMBERS, AND BARBARA HIPSMAN SPRINGER AS AN ALTERNATE, TO THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE was made by Ms. Rosenberg; seconded by Mr. DeLeone; and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Civil Service Commission Language Changes to Rules 5.01 and 6.02

Ms. Coleman advised Council that the Civil Service Commission (CSC) authorized changes to two CSC rules at the March 17, 2025 meeting, and requested final approval from Council. The following revisions were made:

REVISION 5.01 Notice of Examination

Entrance Examination – Notice of competitive entrance examinations shall be given ~~through a newspaper or local circulation and~~ by posting notices conspicuously ~~on the city's website~~, on the City's ~~Hall~~ bulletin boards, ~~in the Human Resources Office, the city's website~~, and in such places as may be deemed advisable, not less than two (2) weeks prior to the last day on which applications shall be accepted for the examination. Examinations shall be held at such places as the Commission deems advisable and shall be administered under its direction.

REVISION 6.02 Duration of Eligible Lists

A certified eligible list will expire ~~upon the filling or closing of the position, or~~ 12 months from the date of record, ~~whichever comes first~~. Firefighter lists are valid for a period of two (2) years, per Ohio Revised Code 126.46. However, the Civil Service designee may use an expired certified list to fill a position of the same classification within the same appointing authority for which the list was created. The Civil Service Commission may grant a one (1) year extension for any eligible list that has not expired. No eligible list will be granted more than one (1) extension.

MOTION TO APPROVE CHANGES TO CIVIL SERVICE RULES 5.01 AND 6.02 WITH THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE was made by Ms. Rosenberg; seconded by Mr. Sidoti; and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Replacement Pages for Codified Ordinances

Ms. Jones explained that the City periodically receives hard copies of new ordinances, or those that have been amended, from the codifying company, American Legal. She requested Council's authorization to accept the replacement pages.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPLACEMENT PAGES FOR THE KENT CODIFIED ORDINANCES WITH THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE was made by Ms. Rosenberg, seconded by Mr. Amrhein, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Chair Rosenberg/Vice-Chair Clapper**Warming Center Report**

Ms. Susel provided a report to Council regarding the City's partnership with Shepherd's House for warming center services for the 2024-25 winter season. Key points include:

- 18 persons originating from the City of Kent were assisted;

- Of the 18 persons assisted, 12 became guests at Shepherd's House so they are no longer unhoused and are benefitting from the provision of wrap-around supportive services provided by Shepherd's House;
- Warming center assistance was provided for a total of 37 days as follows:
 - o 2 dates in December: both were night & day shelter;
 - o 25 dates in January: 19 night shelter only; 6 night & day shelter;
 - o 10 dates in February: 5 night shelter only; 5 night & day shelter;
- Rate for night only shelter stay is \$50.00;
- Rate for night & day shelter stay is \$250.00;
- Total \$17,650.00 thus far, still awaiting information from Shepherd's House on 11 dates for which temperatures exceeded 22 degrees (\$1,700 in rate). \$8,000.00 Council commitment.

Council discussed increasing the amount of support for Shepherd's House because the initial \$8,000 turned out to be less than half of the total amount for the winter season, and the original plan was for that amount to apply to both warming and cooling services. It was decided to send the issue back to committee in May to determine if any more money could be provided this year, and what should be budgeted for next year.

MOTION TO RETURN THE SHEPHERD'S HOUSE FUNDING ISSUE TO COMMITTEE IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE ADMINISTRATION REGARDING WHAT LEVEL OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING COULD BE PROVIDED TO SHEPHERD'S HOUSE THIS YEAR, AND WHAT FUNDING COULD BE PROVIDED NEXT YEAR was made by Ms. Shaffer-Bish, seconded by Mr. Sidoti, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Request for an Administrative Variance for 1238 West Main Street

Ms. Susel advised Council of the need for an administrative variance to allow for the connection of a new sanitary sewer for Klaben's new Lincoln dealership. The variance would allow the connection on an existing easement at the rear of Klaben's property, rather than West Main Street, thereby avoiding significant traffic disruptions and detours for an extended period of time.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE FOR 1238 WEST MAIN STREET WITH THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE was made by Mr. Clapper; seconded by Mr. Amrhein, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

2025 Celebrate Kent! Grant Awards

Ms. Susel presented a report on the 2025 Celebrate Kent! Grant Awards. The RFP for the 2025 Celebrate Kent Grant Program was issued on January 24, 2025 and the City received a total of nine proposals from five different organizations. The total amount of funding requested was \$15,740. The amount appropriated was \$15,000, and one of the applications requested Diversity Grant funding, therefore all proposal submissions were funded. The submissions are listed below along with their 2025 recommended funding:

2025 Celebrate Kent Recommended Funding Amounts:

Haymakers Farmers' Market: Music @ the Market, \$3,000

Standing Rock Cultural Arts: Downtown Innovative Community Events (5), \$800

Standing Rock Cultural Arts: "Who's Your Mama?" Earth Day w/film festival, \$800

Kent Jaycees: Kent Craft Beer Fest: \$2,000

Crooked River Arts Council: Kent Beatlefest, \$1,250

Crooked River Arts Council: Kent American Roots, \$1,250

Crooked River Arts Council: Kent Blues Fest, \$2,500

Crooked River Arts Council: Kent Rocks, \$2,500

2025 Diversity Grant Recommended Funding Amounts:

South End Juneteenth Committee: 4th Annual Juneteenth Day Celebration, \$1,200

2025 City Social Service Grant Funding

Ms. Susel reported that the City received applications from five (5) different nonprofit organizations seeking support for seven (7) different programs or activities totaling \$73,795.54. The total amount of funding available is \$65,000. Five (5) projects were funded in full, and two programs were partially funded for a total of \$65,000 awarded. These projects provide many supportive services for Kent residents, including resident engagement programming in low-income housing developments, eviction prevention, homeless assistance, and free legal assistance. The funding awards are listed below:

Coleman Health Services: Eviction Prevention/Housing Start-Ups, \$14,000

Community Legal Aid: Legal Assistance for Kent residents, \$6,000

Axess Family Services: Housing and Emergency Support, \$10,000

Axess Family Services: Portage Area Recovery Center, \$5,000

Axess Family Services: Safer Futures, \$7,000

Lovelight: Building Community, Building Futures-Youth Component, \$12,000

PMHA: Good Neighbor Program, \$11,000

Council discussed the benefits of increasing the amount of the social service grant funding, given that the last increase was 17 years ago. Council was in favor of increasing the appropriation to \$100,000, and Mr. Ruller stated that the increase could be included in the budget appropriations amendment being presented this evening.

MOTION TO INCREASE SOCIAL SERVICE GRANT FUNDING TO \$100,000.00 WITH THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE was made by Ms. Celko, seconded by Ms. Shaffer Bish, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

City/KSU Fire Department Apparatus Shared Purchase MOU

Ms. Hall and Chief Samel requested Council's authorization for an MOU between the City and KSU for the shared funding of the purchase of a new ladder truck for the Kent Fire Department. The terms of the MOU state that KSU will assist the City of Kent for 25 percent of the cost of the ladder truck which is estimated at this time to cost approximately \$2 million. Funding from KSU will come in five \$100,000 payments starting in 2025 and going through to 2030. This money will be added to the Fire & EMS Fund 128 and immediately encumbered to account number 128.01.510.108.7630 for the purchase of the ladder truck. The City and KSU will also continue to jointly pursue grant funding for the balance of the costs of the new ladder truck, and once that funding is secured, the truck will be ordered immediately, because delivery can take up to 3 years.

Ms. Susel and Chief Samel answered a clarifying question from a member of the audience regarding the funding.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MOU BETWEEN THE CITY AND KENT STATE UNIVERSITY TO SHARE FUNDING OF A LADDER TRUCK FOR THE CITY OF KENT FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE was made by Ms. Rosenberg, seconded by Mr. DeLeone, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

2025 Budget Appropriations Amendment

Ms. Hall requested Council's authorization for a 2025 Budget Appropriations Amendment.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE 2025 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS AMENDMENT, INCLUDING THE ADDITIONAL \$35,000 TOWARDS THE SOCIAL SERVICE GRANTS, WITH THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE was made by Ms. Shaffer Bish, seconded by Mr. Sidoti, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

West Side Fire Station Levy

Ms. Hall requested Council's approval to renew/replace the City's current 0.73 mil West Side Fire Station Operating Expense Tax Levy. This levy was originally passed in 2005, and the current renewal of the levy began with the 2021 Tax Year and runs for five consecutive years ending with the 2025 Tax Year. The levy is set to expire in tax year 2025/collection year 2026. The requested action from Council is to authorize placing a 0.73 mil Renewal/Replacement Tax Levy for West Side Fire Station Operating Expenses on the upcoming November 4, 2025, general election ballot.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE PLACING A 0.73 MIL RENEWAL/REPLACEMENT TAX LEVY FOR WEST SIDE FIRE STATION OPERATING EXPENSES ON THE UPCOMING NOVEMBER 4, 2025 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT WITH THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE was made by Ms. Shaffer Bish, seconded by Ms. Celko, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Chair Amrhein/Vice-Chair Sidoti

Kent Safety Town – Declaration of Collective Intent

Mr. Bowling requested Council's consideration and approval of a Declaration of Collective Intent ("DCI"). The Rotary Club of Kent has initiated the completion of a permanent Safety Town in Kent. Rotary has made a considerable start to making the permanent Safety Town a reality by raising funds for the project from the community and the State of Ohio. They have also established a project planning team with stakeholders in the community for the completion of the project. The planning team includes representatives from the Kent Junior Mothers, the Kent City School District, Kent State University and the Kent Parks and Recreation Department.

The DCI, is a formal declaration that the community stakeholders will work cooperatively to share resources, ideas and talent to complete the Project. The DCI will commit only staff time and knowledge to progress the project. If, in the future, funding or additional resources are required, there would be a subsequent agreement that would require Council's consideration and approval.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXECUTION OF THE DECLARATION OF COLLECTIVE INTENT WITH THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE was made by Mr. Sidoti, seconded by Mr. Amrhein, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Proposed Purchase of Public Safety Video Detection Technology

Chief Shearer, along with representatives from Flock Safety provided a presentation on the Flock Safety Automated License Plate Reader system. ALRP technology uses high-speed cameras combined with sophisticated computer algorithms capable of converting the images of license plates and vehicles to electronically readable data. The cameras are not owned by the city, they are owned by Flock Safety. All the maintenance of the cameras is the responsibility of Flock Safety. In addition to the cameras, Flock Safety has an integrated user interface that allows police officers to search for data in the system to include cameras in other cities. Officers will also receive alerts to vehicles entered into the national crime information center database. These alerts are specific to missing persons, stolen vehicles, and serious felony warrants. It is important to note that the cameras do not alert to individuals, rather to vehicles associated with people. The cameras do not record live video footage and do not take photos of the occupants in the vehicle.

Another important piece of the Flock system is that they provide an audit trail of all vehicles searched in the system. When conducting a search in the system, officers and detectives are

required to enter a reason for the search. Officers and detectives will be restricted from using the system to search anything except for legitimate law enforcement purposes and will be required to enter the specific case number associated with the search. KPD will conduct audits to ensure there is no misuse of the system.

Many agencies in our local area have already adopted the Flock Safety platform, including Ravenna Police, Brimfield Police, Aurora Police, Stow Police, and Tallmadge Police. There are a significant number of other agencies, both large and small in northeast Ohio that use the system. The benefit to this is that all the users are able to share data with each other. This provides a wide network for KPD to use as an investigative resource. Our proposal is to implement 14 Flock cameras at a cost of \$3,000 per camera per year. We propose using state, local, and federal forfeiture funds available only for law enforcement use to pay for this project.

Some council members had concerns regarding privacy, input from the community, accountability, and contract parameters. Others considered the technology as a beneficial tool to augment existing safety measures, including pole cameras, already in place. It was decided to make a motion without the emergency clause, so that Council would have more opportunity to consider the matter before a final vote, as well as including a trial period.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CONTRACT WITH FLOCK SAFETY FOR THE AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READER SYSTEM WITH TRIAL PERIOD was made by Mr. Sidoti, seconded by Ms. Rosenberg, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

STREETS, SIDEWALKS & UTILITIES COMMITTEE – Chair Sidoti/Vice-Chair Clapper

Amended Street Closure Request for Kent Jaycees' Craft Brew Fest

Ms. Susel advised Council that the Kent Jaycees will hold its 7th Annual Kent Craft Beer Fest on Saturday, May 17, 2025. The event footprint has been reconfigured to have less impact on traffic and will no longer include the closure of East Main Street between North Water Street and the Main Street Bridge. The revised layout extends the existing North Water Street closure between Main Street and Portage Street north on North Water Street to Brady Street. This proposed reconfiguration and the North Water Street closure will accommodate vendors, as well as additional businesses that wanted to be included in the event footprint.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDED STREET CLOSURE REQUEST FOR THE KENT JAYCEES' CRAFT BREW FEST WITH THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE was made by Mr. Amrhein, seconded by Ms. Rosenberg, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07pm.

DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 023

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.

WHEREAS, the Finance Director is required by ORC 5705.41(D) to certify the availability of funds to pay for goods or services upon all contracts and purchase orders; and,

WHEREAS, if the Certification of the Finance Director is not attached to the contract or purchase order over Three Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$3,000.00) Council must pass an ordinance allowing for a warrant for payment to be issued upon the Finance Director's certification that at the time of making the contract or order and at the time of the certification there was sufficient funds necessary for the payment of such contract and orders; and,

WHEREAS, the Finance Director has indicated that such a certification described above can be executed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Finance Director is authorized to make such warrants as are necessary to pay the due and owing amounts detailed in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made an integral part hereof.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formation action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reason manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediate after passage.

PASSED: _____
Date

Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: _____
Date

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen Coleman
Clerk of Council

I, KATHLEEN COLEMAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF *ORDINANCE No.* _____, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON _____, 20____.

(SEAL)

KATHLEEN COLEMAN
CLERK OF COUNCIL



CITY OF KENT, OHIO
DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
Rhonda C. Hall, CPA, Director

To: Dave Ruller, City Manager
From: Rhonda C. Hall, CPA, Director of Budget and Finance
Date: April 8, 2025
Re: Then and Now Purchase Order Approval Request

In accordance with Section 5705.41 (D) of the Ohio Revised Code the City must receive approval from Council for all Then and Now purchase orders of more than \$3,000 on a monthly basis. Attached is a list of Then and Now P.O.'s in excess of \$3,000 that are dated March 11, 2025 through April 7, 2025.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rhonda Hall". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Department	05.510 Public Services Department,Solid Waste Services					
Purchase Order	2025-00001068					
Description	2025 Tub Grinding					
Department	05.510 Public Services Department,Solid Waste Services					
Vendor	1127 - Brimfield Aggregate Inc					
Type	Then/Now					
Status	Open					
Item 1	Description	Misc Contractual - 2025 Tub Grinding	Status	Open	Amount	9,450.00
	Quantity	1.0000	Vendor Part Number		Voided	.00
	U/M	Each	Contract Number		Discounted	.00
	Price per Unit	9,450.00	Discount	0%	Expensed	9,450.00
					Remaining	.00
					Encumbered	.00
	G/L Account	Project				Amount
	205-05-570-710.7390 (Solid Waste (Recycling)-Service Department-General Government-Service Administration.Misc Contractual)					9,450.00
Purchase Order	2025-00001130					
Description	CM181 Sweeper Parts					
Department	05.560 Public Services Department,Central Maintenance Division					
Vendor	3305 - Jack Doheny Co., Inc.					
Type	Then/Now					
Status	Open					
Item 1	Description	Operating Materials	Status	Open	Amount	3,555.78
	Quantity	1.0000	Vendor Part Number		Voided	.00
	U/M	Each	Contract Number		Discounted	.00
					Expensed	2,908.27
					Remaining	647.51
					Encumbered	.00

Purchase Order Report

G/L Date Range 03/11/25 - 04/07/25
Sort by Department - Purchase Order Number
Detail Listing

Price per Unit		3,555.78	Discount		0%	Expensed	2,908.27
						Remaining	647.51
						Encumbered	.00
		G/L Account					
		102-05-560-601.7420 (SCMR-Service Department-Central	Project			Amount	
		Maintenance-Transportation - Central Maint..Operating Materials)				3,555.78	
Department 07.708 Budget & Finance Department,Financial Admin.							
Purchase Order	2025-00001022		G/L Date	03/11/2025		Amount	6,640.87
Description	FIN - DEC 2024 Ambulance Billing		Deliver by Date			Voided	.00
Department	07.708 Budget & Finance Department,Financial Admin.		Printed Date	03/11/2025		Discounted	.00
Vendor	1310 - Life Force Mgmt Inc		Completed Date	03/13/2025		Expensed	6,640.87
Type	Then/Now		Expiration Date			Remaining	.00
Status	Complete					Encumbered	.00
Item 1							
Description	Misc Contractual		Status	Complete		Amount	6,640.87
Quantity	1.0000		Vendor Part Number			Voided	.00
U/M	Each		Contract Number			Discounted	.00
Price per Unit	6,640.87		Discount	0%		Expensed	6,640.87
						Remaining	.00
						Encumbered	.00
		G/L Account					
		001-07-570-708.7390 (General Government-Budget & Finance-	Project			Amount	
		General Government-Financial Administration.Misc Contractual)				6,640.87	
Purchase Order 2025-00001038							
Description	FIN- Parking Fines for Feb 2025		G/L Date	03/12/2025		Amount	9,595.00
Department	07.708 Budget & Finance Department,Financial Admin.		Deliver by Date			Voided	.00
Vendor	1495 - Portage County Municipal Court		Printed Date	03/12/2025		Discounted	.00
			Completed Date	03/13/2025		Expensed	9,595.00

Purchase Order Report

G/L Date Range 03/11/25 - 04/07/25
Sort by Department - Purchase Order Number
Detail Listing

Type	Then/Now	Expiration Date		Remaining	.00
Status	Complete			Encumbered	.00
Item 1	Description	Trust and Agency	Status	Complete	Amount
	Quantity	1.0000	Vendor Part Number	Voided	.00
	U/M	Each	Contract Number	Discounted	.00
	Price per Unit	9,595.00	Discount	Expensed	9,595.00
				Remaining	.00
				Encumbered	.00
		Project		Amount	
		G/L Account		9,595.00	
		804-07-580-914.7710 (T&A Escrow-Budget & Finance-Non Programs-Fines Held For Court.Refunds)			
Purchase Order	2025-00001101	G/L Date	03/24/2025	Amount	4,215.00
Description	FIN - Property Ins. for the New City Hall	Deliver by Date		Voided	.00
Department	07.708 Budget & Finance Department,Financial Admin.	Printed Date	03/24/2025	Discounted	.00
Vendor	5248 - Wichert Insurance Svcs, Inc./Wichert Ins.	Completed Date		Expensed	.00
Type	Then/Now	Expiration Date		Remaining	4,215.00
Status	Open			Encumbered	4,215.00
Item 1	Description	Insurance & Bonding - law dept	Status	Open	Amount
	Quantity	1.0000	Vendor Part Number	Voided	210.00
	U/M	Each	Contract Number	Discounted	.00
	Price per Unit	210.00	Discount	Expensed	.00
				Remaining	210.00
				Encumbered	210.00
		Project		Amount	
		G/L Account		210.00	
		001-06-570-707.7360 (General Government-Law Department-General Governement-Law.Insurance & Bonding)			

Purchase Order Report

G/L Date Range 03/11/25 - 04/07/25
Sort by Department - Purchase Order Number
Detail Listing

Purchase Order	2025-00001181	G/L Date	04/03/2025	Amount	10,880.00
Description	FIN- Parking Fines March 2025	Deliver by Date		Voided	.00
Department	07.708 Budget & Finance Department,Financial Admin.	Printed Date	04/03/2025	Discounted	.00
Vendor	1495 - Portage County Municipal Court	Completed Date		Expensed	.00
Type	Then/Now	Expiration Date		Remaining	10,880.00
Status	Open			Encumbered	10,880.00

Item 1	Description	Trust and Agency	Status	Open	Amount	10,880.00
	Quantity	1.0000	Vendor Part Number		Voided	.00
	U/M	Each	Contract Number		Discounted	.00
	Price per Unit	10,880.00	Discount	0%	Expensed	.00
					Remaining	10,880.00
					Encumbered	10,880.00

G/L Account
804-07-580-914.7710 (T&A Escrow-Budget & Finance-Non Programs-Fines Held For Court.Refunds)

Project

Amount

10,880.00

Department	09 City Manager	G/L Date	03/18/2025	Amount	7,293.00
Purchase Order	2025-00001066	Deliver by Date		Voided	.00
Description	CMO - Spring TCB Printing and Design Services	Printed Date	03/27/2025	Discounted	.00
Department	09 City Manager	Completed Date		Expensed	.00
Vendor	4835 - Galley Printing Co., Inc.	Expiration Date		Remaining	7,293.00
Type	Then/Now			Encumbered	7,293.00
Status	Open				

Item 1	Description	Printing,Copying, Advertising - CMO - Spring TCB Printing	Status	Open	Amount	2,033.00
	Quantity	1.0000	Vendor Part Number		Voided	.00
	U/M	Each	Contract Number		Discounted	.00
	Price per Unit	2,033.00	Discount	0%	Expensed	.00
					Remaining	2,033.00
					Encumbered	2,033.00

Purchase Order Report

G/L Date Range 03/11/25 - 04/07/25
Sort by Department - Purchase Order Number
Detail Listing

G/L Account			Project		Amount
001-04-540-401.7370 (General Government-Community Development-Community Development-Community Development.Printing,Copying, Advertising)					2,033.00
Item 2	Description	Professional Services - CMO - Spring TCB Design Services	Status	Open	Amount
	Quantity	1.0000	Vendor Part Number		Voided
	U/M	Each	Contract Number		Discouted
	Price per Unit	5,260.00	Discount	0%	Expensed
					Remaining
					5,260.00
					Encumbered
					5,260.00
G/L Account			Project		Amount
001-04-540-401.7340 (General Government-Community Development-Community Development-Community Development.Professional Services)					5,260.00
Department 09.728 City Manager,IT					
Purchase Order 2025-00001034			G/L Date	03/11/2025	Amount
Description	IT - Additional Card Access at City Hall		Deliver by Date		Voided
Department	09.728 City Manager,IT		Printed Date	03/20/2025	Discouted
Vendor	4440 - Staley Technologies, Inc.		Completed Date	03/24/2025	Expensed
Type	Then/Now		Expiration Date		Remaining
Status	Complete				Encumbered
Item 1	Description	Professional Services - IT - Card Access at City Hall	Status	Complete	Amount
	Quantity	1.0000	Vendor Part Number		Voided
	U/M	Each	Contract Number		Discouted
	Price per Unit	5,260.00	Discount	0%	Expensed
					Remaining
					Encumbered
					.00
					.00
G/L Account			Project		Amount
301-09-570-728.7340 (Capital Improvements-City Manager-General Governement-Information Technology.Professional Services)			2025KSS001 (IT Systems for New City Hall)		5,260.00

DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 025

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.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend current appropriations, transfers and advances for the expenses and other expenditures for the City of Kent, Ohio, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the current appropriations Ordinance No. 2024-131 passed December 18, 2024, as amended by Ordinance No. 2025-12, passed 2/19/25, be amended as set forth in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein, so as to increase appropriations in Fund 001, General; Fund 002, S.C.M.R; Fund 106, Parks & Recreation; Fund 128 Fire & EMS; Fund 201, Water; and Fund 301, Capital Improvements; and Declaring an Emergency.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formation action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reason manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: _____
Date

Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: _____
Date

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen Coleman
Clerk of Council

I, KATHLEEN COLEMAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF *ORDINANCE No.* _____, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON _____, 20____.

(SEAL)

KATHLEEN COLEMAN
CLERK OF COUNCIL

Exhibit A

2025 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATIONS

<u>Fund - Department/Division</u>	<u>Personnel & Benefits</u>	<u>Other than Personnel & Benefits</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Reserve/Debt Service</u>	<u>Contingency</u>	<u>Fund & Department Total</u>
<u>General Fund (001)</u>						
City Council	\$ 232,425	\$ 81,695	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 314,120
Mayor	13,725	3,400				17,125
Community Support		122,000				122,000
City Manager	398,785	55,597				454,382
Community Engagement	114,375	32,800				147,175
Information Technology	304,930	629,165				934,095
Urban Renewal		33,600				33,600
Human Resources	134,680	26,932				161,612
Law	376,840	121,743				498,583
Budget & Finance	562,980	149,625				712,605
Community Development	710,100	245,131				955,231
Economic Development	145,445	33,830				179,275
Public Parking		90,600				90,600
Main Street Program		75,600				75,600
Service Administration	171,410	451,809				623,219
Shade Tree		132,180	20,000			152,180
Sustainability	109,090	27,500				136,590
Building	420,830	46,785				467,615
Land banking		5,000				5,000
Engineering	286,530	181,476				468,006
Miscellaneous & Sundry		470,250				470,250
Contingency					100,000	100,000
Fund Total	3,982,145	3,016,718	20,000	-	100,000	7,118,863
<u>West Side Fire (101)</u>						
Fire	213,185	38,800				251,985
Fund Total	213,185	38,800	-	-	-	251,985
<u>Street Construction Maintenance & Repair (102)</u>						
Service	1,447,610	1,219,764				2,667,374
Contingency					25,000	25,000
Fund Total	1,447,610	1,219,764	-	-	25,000	2,692,374
<u>State Highway (103)</u>						
Service		100,000				100,000
Fund Total	-	100,000	-	-	-	100,000
<u>Recreation (106)</u>						
Parks & Recreation	1,557,570	624,985	170,200			2,352,755
Fund Total	1,557,570	624,985	170,200	-	-	2,352,755
<u>Food Service (107)</u>						
Health	108,085	30,965	14,700			153,750
Fund Total	108,085	30,965	14,700	-	-	153,750
<u>Health Department (110)</u>						
Administration	515,125	220,005	42,434			777,564
Workforce Grant	97,045	56,750				153,795
Tobacco Grant	20,000	26,950	13,132			60,082
Other Grants	4,855	123,555				128,410
Fund Total	637,025	427,260	55,566	0	0	1,119,851

2025 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATIONS

<u>Fund - Department/Division</u>	<u>Personnel & Benefits</u>	<u>Other than Personnel & Benefits</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Reserve/ Debt Service</u>	<u>Contingency</u>	<u>Fund & Department Total</u>
<u>Income Tax (116)</u>						
Budget/Finance/IncTaxAdmin	159,840	652,400				812,240
Managed Reserve				25,540		25,540
Fund Total	159,840	652,400	-	25,540	-	837,780
<u>Revolving Housing (120)</u>						
Health	159,305	27,895	14,700			201,900
Fund Total	159,305	27,895	14,700	-	-	201,900
<u>State & Local Forfeits (121)</u>						
Police						-
Fund Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Drug Law Enforcement (122)</u>						
Police		15,000				15,000
Fund Total	-	15,000	-	-	-	15,000
<u>Enforcement & Education (123)</u>						
Police		11,000				11,000
Fund Total	-	11,000	-	-	-	11,000
<u>Income Tax Safety (124)</u>						
Police	9,298,700	876,817				10,175,517
Fund Total	9,298,700	876,817	-	-	-	10,175,517
<u>Law Enforcement Trust (125)</u>						
Police						-
Fund Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Community Development Block Grant (126)</u>						
Community Development	1,155	162,275	170,000			333,430
Fund Total	1,155	162,275	170,000	-	-	333,430
<u>Fire & E.M.S. (128)</u>						
Fire	6,402,980	942,609	1,112,600			8,458,189
Fund Total	6,402,980	942,609	1,112,600	-	-	8,458,189
<u>Wireless 911 (129)</u>						
Safety						-
Fund Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Swimming Pool Inspections (130)</u>						
Health	8,410	3,450	13,034			24,894
Fund Total	8,410	3,450	13,034	-	-	24,894
<u>Police Pension (132)</u>						
Police	160,000					160,000
Fund Total	160,000	-	-	-	-	160,000
<u>Fire Pension (133)</u>						
Fire	160,000					160,000
Fund Total	160,000	-	-	-	-	160,000

2025 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATIONS

<u>Fund - Department/Division</u>	<u>Personnel & Benefits</u>	<u>Other than Personnel & Benefits</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Reserve/ Debt Service</u>	<u>Contingency</u>	<u>Fund & Department Total</u>
<u>UDAG / EDA-RLF (134)</u>						
City Manager/C.D.		50,000				50,000
Fund Total	-	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
<u>CHIP Grant (136)</u>						
City Manager/C.D.		75,000				75,000
Fund Total	-	75,000	-	-	-	75,000
<u>Local American Rescue Plan Act (138)</u>						
ARPA						0
Fund Total	-	-	-	-	-	0
<u>Water (201)</u>						
Service	2,146,095	1,285,099	2,770,000			6,201,194
Service (Capital Facilities)			797,056			797,056
Admin. Support	512,850	211,664	142,500			867,014
Budget & Finance (Debt)				124,204		124,204
Contingency					50,000	50,000
Fund Total	2,658,945	1,496,763	3,709,556	124,204	50,000	8,039,468
<u>Sewer (202)</u>						
Service	1,905,950	1,001,390	1,278,877			4,186,217
Service (Capital Facilities)			978,215			978,215
Admin. Support	438,290	144,764	63,300			646,354
Budget & Finance (Debt)				157,522		157,522
Contingency					50,000	50,000
Fund Total	2,344,240	1,146,154	2,320,392	157,522	50,000	6,018,308
<u>Utility Billing (204)</u>						
Budget & Finance		106,140				106,140
Fund Total	-	106,140	-	-	-	106,140
<u>Solid Waste (205)</u>						
Admin Support	49,630	177,494				227,124
Service	435,555	41,100	70,000			546,655
Fund Total	485,185	218,594	70,000	-	-	773,779
<u>Storm Water Utility (208)</u>						
Service	437,355	63,550	210,000			710,905
Service (Capital Facilities)			1,775,000			1,775,000
Admin. Support	319,320	89,960	4,800			414,080
Budget & Finance (Debt)				13,346		13,346
Fund Total	756,675	153,510	1,989,800	13,346	-	2,913,331

2025 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATIONS

<u>Fund - Department/Division</u>	<u>Personnel & Benefits</u>	<u>Other than Personnel & Benefits</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Reserve/ Debt Service</u>	<u>Contingency</u>	<u>Fund & Department Total</u>
<u>Guaranteed Deposits (230)</u>						
Budget & Finance		1,000				1,000
Fund Total	-	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
<u>Capital Projects (301)</u>						
Safety			140,000			140,000
Service			881,000			881,000
Service (Capital Facilities)		225	28,759,360			28,759,585
Administrative	286,530	50,000	90,400			426,930
Budget & Finance (Debt)				73,155		73,155
New City Hall (Debt)				456,520		456,520
Contingency					25,000	25,000
Fund Total	286,530	50,225	29,870,760	529,675	25,000	30,762,190
<u>Municipal Public Improvement Tax Increment Equivalent (302)</u>						
Service (Capital Facilities)						-
Budget & Finance (Debt)				419,685		419,685
Fund Total	-	-	-	419,685	-	419,685
<u>Police Facility (303)</u>						
Safety (Capital Facilities)		66,000	30,000			96,000
Budget & Finance (Debt)				1,030,260		1,030,260
Fund Total	-	66,000	30,000	1,030,260	-	1,126,260
<u>Internal Service (807)</u>						
Health Insurance		4,410,000				4,410,000
Fund Total	-	4,410,000	-	-	-	4,410,000
Total Appropriations						
	<u>\$ 30,827,585</u>	<u>\$ 15,923,324</u>	<u>\$ 39,561,308</u>	<u>\$ 2,300,232</u>	<u>\$ 250,000</u>	<u>\$ 88,862,449</u>
Original Appropriations	\$ 30,581,585	\$ 15,669,465	\$ 31,219,700	\$ 2,300,232	\$ 250,000	\$ 80,020,982
Amendment #1	246,000	199,194	4,511,508	-	-	4,956,702
Amendment #2	-	54,665	3,830,100	-	-	3,884,765
Amendment #3						-
Amendment #4						-
Amendment #5						-
Amendment #6						-
Amendment #7						-
Amendment #8						-
	<u>\$ 30,827,585</u>	<u>\$ 15,923,324</u>	<u>\$ 39,561,308</u>	<u>\$ 2,300,232</u>	<u>\$ 250,000</u>	<u>\$ 88,862,449</u>

2025 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATIONS - SCHEDULE OF OPERATING TRANSFERS AND TEMPORARY ADVANCES

<u>Paying Fund</u>	<u>Original</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Receiving Fund</u>
<u>Operating Transfers</u>				
Fund 116 - Income Tax	\$ 4,336,500			Fund 001 - General
Fund 116 - Income Tax	700,000			Fund 102 - St Const Maint & Repair
Fund 116 - Income Tax	4,567,280			Fund 124 - Income Tax Safety
Fund 116 - Income Tax	4,567,280			Fund 128 - Fire & E.M.S.
Fund 116 - Income Tax	3,813,280			Fund 301 - Capital Projects
Fund 116 - Income Tax	2,283,640			Fund 303 - Police Facility
Total Fund 116 Income Tax	20,267,980	-	-	
Fund 201 - Water	55,000			Fund 204 - Utility Billing
Fund 202 - Sewer	55,000			Fund 204 - Utility Billing
Fund 001 - General	700,000	800,000	100,000	Fund 110 - Health
Fund 001 - General	4,700,000			Fund 124 - Income Tax Safety
Fund 001 - General	3,700,000			Fund 128 - Fire & EMS
Subtotal - Total Operating Transfers	9,210,000	800,000	100,000	
Grand Total - All Transfers	\$ 29,477,980	\$ 800,000	\$ 100,000	

DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 026

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO AMEND AND APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION FROM THE KENT JAYCEES KNOWN AS “KENT CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL” TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025, AND THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF NORTH WATER STREET BETWEEN MAIN STREET AND PORTAGE STREET NORTH ON NORTH WATER STREET TO BRADY STREET AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Kent Craft Beer Festival is a way to enjoy the growing craft beer economy in Northeast Ohio and highlight the work of breweries in Kent and neighboring cities; and

WHEREAS, the Kent Jaycees would like to host the Kent Craft Beer Festival with breweries in Downtown Kent; and

WHEREAS, the Kent Craft Beer Festival will take place on Saturday, May 17, 2025 from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The temporary closure of North Water Street between Main Street and Portage Street north on North Water Street to Brady Street will begin Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Kent City Council consents to authorizing the City Manager or his designee to amend and approve the Special Event Application as long as he is comfortable and believes the safety and security of the City’s citizens will not be adversely affected.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Kent City Council authorizes the City Manager or his designee to amend and approve the Special Event Application from The Kent Jaycees in substantial conformance with the Special Event Application attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, as long as the City Manager or his designee believes the safety and security of Kent’s citizens are adequately projected.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: _____
Date

Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: _____
Date

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen Coleman
Clerk of Council

I, KATHLEEN COLEMAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF *ORDINANCE No.* _____, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON _____, 20____.

(SEAL)

KATHLEEN COLEMAN
CLERK OF COUNCIL

DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 027

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE FOR SECTION 915.05(e) “USE OF PUBLIC SANITARY SEWER REQUIRED” OF THE KENT CODIFIED ORDINANCES IN ORDER FOR A NEW SANITARY SEWER LATERAL TO BE INSTALLED FOR THE NEW KLABEN LINCOLN DEALERSHIP AT 1238 WEST MAIN STREET, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Kent wishes to authorize an Administrative Variance for Section 915.05(e) “Use of Public Sanitary Sewer Required” of the Kent Codified Ordinances in order for a new sanitary sewer lateral to be installed for the new Klaben Lincoln Dealership located at 1238 West Main Street; and

WHEREAS, an Administrative Variance is needed to allow for the connection of the new sanitary sewer lateral to the existing sanitary sewer line in the rear of the new Klaben Lincoln dealership because there is an underground utility conflict that exists.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Kent City Council does hereby authorize an Administrative Variance for Section 915.05(e) “Use of Public Sanitary Sewer Required” of the Kent Codified Ordinances in order for a new sanitary sewer lateral to be installed for the new Klaben Lincoln Dealership located at 1238 West Main Street and as shown on “Exhibit A,” attached hereto and made part thereof.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: _____
Date

Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: _____
Date

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen Coleman
Clerk of Council

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KATHLEEN COLEMAN
CLERK OF COUNCIL
(SEAL)

DRAFT

DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 028

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT AND KENT STATE UNIVERSITY FOR THE SHARED FUNDING OF THE PURCHASE OF A NEW LADDER TRUCK FOR THE KENT FIRE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Kent and Kent State University want to share funding for the purchase of a new ladder truck for the Kent Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Kent State University will assist the City of Kent for 25% of the cost of the future ladder truck which is estimated at \$2 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, funding from Kent State University will come in 5 \$100,000 payments starting in 2025 and going through to 2030.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Council does hereby authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Kent and Kent State University for the shared funding of the purchase of a new ladder truck for the Kent Fire Department and is more fully set forth in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council, this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: _____
Date

Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: _____
Date

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen Coleman
Clerk of Council

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(SEAL)

KATHLEEN COLEMAN
CLERK OF COUNCIL

DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 029

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE KENT SAFETY TOWN DECLARATION OF COLLECTIVE INTENT (DCI) FOR THE COMPLETION OF A PERMANENT SAFETY TOWN IN KENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Kent has initiated the completion of a permanent Safety Town in Kent and has raised funds for the project from the Community and the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, a project planning team with stakeholders in the community has been established and includes representatives from Kent Junior Mothers, Kent City School District, Kent State University and Kent Parks and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, the DCI is a formal declaration that the community stakeholders will work cooperatively to share resources, ideas and talent to complete the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Council does hereby authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to consider and approve the Kent Safety Town Declaration of Collective Intent (DCI) for the completion of a permanent Safety Town in Kent and is more fully described in Exhibit “A” attached hereto and incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council, this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: _____
Date

Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: _____
Date

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen Coleman
Clerk of Council

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(SEAL)

KATHLEEN COLEMAN

CLERK OF COUNCIL

DRAFT

DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 030

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION TO CHANGE THE CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS SPECIFICALLY RULE 5.01 AND RULE 6.02 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Commission would like to amend Rule 5, specifically 5.01 – Notice of Examination, to advertise in a newspaper specifically, as well as specific locations within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Commission would like to amend Rule 6, specifically 6.02 – Duration of Eligible Lists, to clarify the timeframe of the expiration of an eligible list; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Commission has voted in favor of the proposed changes on March 17, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Kent City Council hereby authorizes the Civil Service Commission to change the Civil Service Rules and Regulations, specifically Rule 5.01 and Rule 6.02 and is more fully set forth in Exhibit “A”, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: _____
Date

Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: _____
Date

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen Coleman
Clerk of Council

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(SEAL)

KATHLEEN COLEMAN
CLERK OF COUNCIL

DRAFT

EXHIBIT "A"

REVISION 5.01 Notice of Examination

Entrance Examination – Notice of competitive entrance examinations shall be given ~~through a newspaper or local circulation and~~ by posting notices ~~conspicuously~~ on the city's website, on the City's ~~Hall~~ bulletin boards, ~~in the Human Resources Office, the city's website~~, and in such places as may be deemed advisable, not less than two (2) weeks prior to the last day on which applications shall be accepted for the examination. Examinations shall be held at such places as the Commission deems advisable and shall be administered under its direction.

REVISION 6.02 Duration of Eligible Lists

A certified eligible list will expire ~~upon the filling or closing of the position, or 12 months from the date of record, whichever comes first.~~ Firefighter lists are valid for a period of two (2) years, per Ohio Revised Code 126.46. However, the Civil Service designee may use an expired certified list to fill a position of the same classification within the same appointing authority for which the list was created. The Civil Service Commission may grant a one (1) year extension for any eligible list that has not expired. No eligible list will be granted more than one (1) extension.

DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 031

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CITY OF KENT CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, certain provisions within the Codified Ordinances should be amended to conform with current State law as required by the Ohio Constitution; and

WHEREAS, various ordinances of a general and permanent nature have been passed by Council which should be included in the Codified Ordinances; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the ordinances of the City of Kent, Ohio, of a general and permanent nature, as revised, recodified, rearranged and consolidated into component codes, titles, chapters and sections within the 2023-2025 Replacement Pages to the City of Kent Codified Ordinances are hereby approved and adopted and are on file in the Clerk of Council's office and can be reviewed during regular business hours.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: _____
Date

Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: _____
Date

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen Coleman
Clerk of Council

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(SEAL)

KATHLEEN COLEMAN
CLERK OF COUNCIL

DRAFT RESOLUTION NO. 2025-032

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO RENEW THE CITY'S EXISTING 0.73-MILL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSE OF MAINTAINING AND OPERATING A FIRE STATION IN THE CITY OF KENT WEST OF THE ERIE RAILROAD; REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO MAKE CERTAIN CERTIFICATIONS RELATED THERETO, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5705.03, 5705.19(I) AND 5705.191 OF THE REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, at an election on November 3, 2020, voters of the City of Kent approved the renewal of a 0.73-mill tax levy outside of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of providing sufficient funds for the current expense of maintaining and operating a fire station in the City of Kent west of the Erie Railroad, for a period of five years; and

WHEREAS, the authority to levy that 0.73-mill tax will expire with the levy on the 2025 tax list for collection in calendar year 2026; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds that the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide for the necessary requirements of the City, and that it is necessary to renew that existing 0.73-mill tax levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation in order to continue receiving sufficient funds for the current expense of maintaining and operating a fire station in the City of Kent west of the Erie Railroad; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 5705.03(B) of the Revised Code, in order to submit the question of a tax levy pursuant to Section 5705.19(I) of the Revised Code, this Council must certify to the Portage County Auditor ("County Auditor") a resolution stating items as required by Section 5705.03(B)(1)(a) through (j) of the Revised Code, as applicable to the levy, and requesting that the County Auditor make certain certifications as described in Section 5705.03(B)(2) of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 5705.03(B)(2) of the Revised Code, upon receipt of a certified copy of a resolution of this Council as described above, the County Auditor is to certify certain matters as applicable to the levy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. As used in this Resolution and in accordance with Section 5705.03(B)(1)(a) of the Revised Code, "mills" refers to mills for each one dollar of taxable value.

SECTION 2. This Council hereby finds, determines and declares that (i) the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten-mill limitation, on the current tax duplicate, will be insufficient to provide for the necessary requirements of the City, (ii) it is necessary to renew the City's existing 0.73-mill ad valorem tax levy in excess of that limitation for the purpose of providing sufficient funds for the current expense of maintaining and operating a fire station in the City of Kent west of the Erie Railroad, for a period of five years, (iii) it intends to submit the question of the renewal of the 0.73-mill tax levy for that purpose to the electors of entire territory of the City at an election on November 4, 2025, as authorized by Sections 5705.03, 5705.19(I) and 5705.191 of the Revised Code, and (iv) the City has territory only in the County of Portage. If approved, that tax will be levied upon the entire territory of the City for a period of five years, commencing in tax year 2026, for first collection in calendar year 2027.

SECTION 3. That this Council requests the Portage County Auditor to certify to it the certifications set forth in Section 5705.03(B)(2), as applicable to the proposed renewal levy.

SECTION 4. That the Clerk of Council is authorized and directed to deliver promptly to the Portage County Auditor a certified copy of this Resolution.

SECTION 5. That this Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were held, in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

SECTION 6. That this Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City and for the further reason that it is necessary that this Resolution be effective immediately so that it can be timely filed with the County Auditor and additional proceedings taken in order to submit the question of the levy to the electors at an election on November 4, 2025; for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED: _____
Date
Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: _____
Date

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen Coleman
Clerk of Council

I, KATHLEEN COLEMAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF *RESOLUTION No. 2025-_____*, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON _____, 2025.

(SEAL)
KATHLEEN COLEMAN
CLERK OF COUNCIL

DRAFT ORDINANCE 2025 – 024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO A PUBLIC SAFETY VIDEO TECHNOLOGY CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FLOCK GROUP, INC. TO TRACK VEHICLE LICENSES AS THEY ENTER AND LEAVE THE CITY LIMITS.

WHEREAS, the City of Kent Police Department desires to enter into a Public Safety Video Technology Contract between the City of Kent and Flock Group, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, it will permit the City of Kent Police Department to track vehicle licenses as they enter and leave the City limits; and

WHEREAS, Chief of Police is proposing to use forfeited/confiscated drug related funds to pay for a 3-year contract for the video technology.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Council does hereby authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Public Safety Video Technology Contract between the City of Kent Police Department and Flock Group, Inc. to track vehicle licenses as they enter and leave the City limits and is more fully described in Exhibit “A” attached hereto and incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. That the Budget and Finance Director shall appropriate the amount of \$21,000 from each of the accounts 122.01.510.106.7390 and 125.01.510.106.7390.

SECTION 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

PASSED: _____
Date

Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: _____
Date

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen Coleman
Clerk of Council

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(SEAL)

KATHLEEN COLEMAN
CLERK OF COUNCIL