



City of Kent
Special Joint Council Meeting
with Franklin Township Trustees
319 S. Water St., Kent, OH 44240
Wednesday, May 7, 2025

AGENDA

6:45pm Welcome/Roll Call

1. **Appointment of a City Council member to serve as Trustee for the term beginning 1/1/26 to 12/31/28**
 - 1.1. **DRAFT 2025-033 A JOINT RESOLUTION APPOINTING _____, A CITY OF KENT COUNCIL MEMBER, TO THE STANDING ROCK CEMETERY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 759.36, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2028, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
2. **Set tax rate for support of SRC at .60 mills**
 - 2.1. **DRAFT 2025-034 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP AND THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO, PURSUANT TO OHIO RE-VISED CODE SECTION 759.34 DETERMINING THAT THE RATE OF TAXES TO BE LEVIED UPON ALL THE TAXABLE PROPERTY OF SAID MUNICIPALITY AND SAID TOWNSHIP FOR CEMETERY PURPOSES FOR THE TAX YEAR OF 2025 SHALL BE AND HEREBY IS FIXED IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO .60 MILLS FOR THE CITY OF KENT AND .60 MILLS FOR FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
3. **Approve cost of living increases-hourly wage rates**
 - 3.1. **DRAFT 2025-035 A JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING SALARY AND HOURLY PAY RAISES TO THE PERSONNEL OF THE STANDING ROCK CEMETERY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Adjourn

Any person who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication or a modification of policies and procedures to participate in any City or City Council public meeting or event should contact the Clerk of Council at 330-678-8007. Any request for auxiliary aid or other accommodation should be made as soon as possible, but no later than forty-eight hours prior to the event.

DRAFT JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 033

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, and the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Ohio, meeting jointly, at least a majority of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That _____, a City of Kent Council member, is appointed to the Standing Rock Cemetery Board of Trustees effective January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2028.

SECTION 2. That the appointment provided for in Section 1 above is made in accordance with the authority contained in Ohio Revised Code Section 759.36.

SECTION 3. That any ordinance or resolution in conflict herewith is hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Joint Resolution 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 5. That this Joint Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest date allowed by law.

Motion to adopt this Joint Resolution made by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Amrhein _____
Ms. Celko _____
Mr. Clapper _____
Mr. DeLeone _____
Mr. Hook _____
Ms. Rosenberg _____

Ms. Shaffer Bish _____
Mr. Sidoti _____
Mr. Turner _____
Ms. Kapusta _____
Mr. Russell _____
Mr. Swan _____

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 RESOLUTION No. _____, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON _____, 20_____.

KATHLEEN COLEMAN
CLERK OF COUNCIL

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 034

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP AND THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 759.34 DETERMINING THAT THE RATE OF TAXES TO BE LEVIED UPON ALL THE TAXABLE PROPERTY OF SAID MUNICIPALITY AND SAID TOWNSHIP FOR CEMETERY PURPOSES FOR THE TAX YEAR OF 2025 SHALL BE AND HEREBY IS FIXED IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO .60 MILLS FOR THE CITY OF KENT AND .60 MILLS FOR FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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SECTION 1. That, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 759.34, the rate of taxes to be levied for cemetery purposes for the tax year 2025 shall be and hereby is fixed in an amount equal to .60 mills for the City of Kent, and .60 mills for Franklin Township.

SECTION 2. That the Clerk of Council shall send a certified copy of this Joint Resolution to the Auditor of Portage County that the necessary levy be made and collected according to law.

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(SEAL)

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Draft JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 035

A JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING SALARY AND HOURLY PAY RAISES TO THE PERSONNEL OF THE STANDING ROCK CEMETERY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio and the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Ohio, meeting jointly, at least a majority of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That the salary and hourly pay rates of the Standing Rock Cemetery are as set forth below:

HOURLY RATES - EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025 THROUGH MAY 31, 2026

CLASS III	Vacant
REGULAR FULL-TIME CLASS III	\$22.50/HR
REGULAR FULL-TIME CLASS II	\$18.00/HR
REGULAR FULL-TIME CLASS I	\$15.00/HR
CLERK-TREASURER	\$21.50/HR
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	\$16.00/HR
TEMPORARY (Seasonal Employees-Returning)	\$14.00/HR
NEW HIRES (Seasonal New Hires)	\$13.00/HR

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