



City of Kent
Regular City Council Meeting
319 S. Water Street, Kent, Ohio 44240
Wednesday, May 21, 2025

AGENDA

6:55PM BOARD OF CONTROL

7:00 PM PUBLIC HEARING for 2025-2029 CDBG Consolidated Plan and 2025 Action Plan

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING will begin immediately after Public Hearing

1. COUNCIL CHAMBERS RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

2. ROLL CALL

3. OPENING REMARKS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mr. Turner

4. 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 Between April 28 and May 5, 2025, numerous emails were received regarding the issue of the outdoor seating area on Franklin Avenue, with most in support of maintaining the closure of Franklin Avenue.
 - 3.2.2 On April 29, 2025, the agenda and staff report for the May 6, 2025 Planning Commission meeting were received.
 - 3.2.3 On May 1, 2025, the following was received from Standing Rock Cemetery: minutes from the April meeting, agenda and minutes from the emergency meeting in April, and the agenda for the May meeting.
 - 3.2.4 On May 5, 2025, an email was received from Tom Lavelle of Miller Avenue regarding Spin Scooters being left about rather than returned. This email was forwarded to Council, the City Manager and the Mayor.
 - 3.2.5 On May 12, 2025, the agenda for the May 19, 2025 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting was received.

3.3 City Manager's Report

5. 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 April Regular Council Meeting minutes
- 4.2 Approval of May Council Committee Meeting minutes
- 4.3 Approval of May Special Council Meeting with Franklin Township minutes
- 4.4 **DRAFT 2025-0036** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE KENT FIRE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A GRANT THROUGH LEARY FIREFIGHTER'S FOUNDATION, AND TO ACCEPT ANY GRANT, IF AWARDED, WITH CORRESPONDING APPROPRIATIONS OF FUNDS WHICH PROVIDES FUNDING FOR A NEW FORCIBLE ENTRY TRAINING DOOR AND THREE (3) TRAINING MANNEQUINS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.5 **DRAFT 2025-037** 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.
- 4.6 **DRAFT 2025-038** 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 2025-039** A RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF KENT THE QUESTION OF THE RENEWAL OF 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 PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5705.19(I) AND 5705.191 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.8 **DRAFT 2025-040** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO CONTINUE THE ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT WITH THE DAVEY TREE EXPERT COMPANY PROVIDING FOR A PROJECT AND REAL

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO THE OHIO ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM (EZ), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- 4.9 **DRAFT 2025-041** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU), HAYMAKER FARMERS' MARKET (HFM, INC.) AND CITY OF KENT (CITY) TO INSTALL NEW PUBLIC ART BENEATH THE HAYMAKER PARKWAY BRIDGE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.10 **DRAFT 2025-042** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A FOUNTAIN IN THE RIVER AT THE HERITAGE PARK DAM SITE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY..
- 4.11 **DRAFT 2025-043** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A WATER TAP-IN FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5885 HORNING ROAD, OUTSIDE THE CITY OF KENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.12 **DRAFT 2025-045** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING "PART FOURTEEN-PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND HOUSING CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KENT TO AMEND SECTIONS 1406.05, 1410.04 AND 1411.12, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

6. 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
 - 5.2.1 **DRAFT 2025-044** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ASSISTANCE FOR PROGRAM YEAR (PY) 2025 AND THE FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR 2025-2029 UNDER TITLE I OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND FILING OF THE FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR 2025-2029 AND THE PY2025 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN, INCLUDING RELATED CERTIFICATIONS, AND UPON AWARDING OF THE GRANT, AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 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

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

10. MAYOR'S REPORT

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 11.1 An executive session to discuss a proposed change to the AFSCME contract and Position Allocation Ordinance.

12. RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

13. ADJOURNMENT