



City of Kent
Regular City Council Meeting
319 S. Water Street, Kent, Ohio 44240
Wednesday, July 16, 2025

AGENDA

6:55PM BOARD OF CONTROL

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING will begin immediately after Board of Control

1. ROLL CALL

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 2.1 Executive session to discuss Board/Commission appointments

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

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 On June 27, 2025, the June minutes and July agenda for the Standing Rock Cemetery Board were received and posted online.
- 3.2.2 On July 3, 2025, the June minutes and July agenda for the Board of Health were 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 June Regular Council Meeting minutes
- 4.2 Approval of July Council Committee Meeting minutes
- 4.3 Approval of July Special Meeting minutes
- 4.4 **DRAFT 2025-056** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE KENT FIRE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A “STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE” (SAFER) GRANT THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND FEMA, AND TO ACCEPT ANY GRANT, IF AWARDED, WITH CORRESPONDING APPROPRIATIONS OF FUNDS WHICH PROVIDES FUNDING FOR THREE (3) FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC POSITIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.5 **DRAFT 2025-057** A RESOLUTION CONDUCTING A FIVE-YEAR REVIEW OF THE DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA AND APPROVING CONTINUED OPERATION IN SPECIFIED PUBLIC AREAS OF DOWNTOWN KENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.6 **DRAFT 2025-058** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KENT TO SUBMIT A FUNDING APPLICATION TOTALING \$1,000,000 AND TO EXECUTE THE SUBSEQUENT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC), AND TO ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF AWARDED, WITH CORRESPONDING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.7 **DRAFT 2025-059** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPROVE A NEW SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION FROM AXESSPOINTE COMMUNITY SERVICES KNOWN AS “GRILL FOR GOOD” TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025, AND THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF NORTH WATER STREET BEGINNING AT EAST MAIN STREET AND EXTENDING NORTH TO ALLEY 3 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.8 **DRAFT 2025-060** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPROVE A NEW SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION FROM MAIN STREET KENT KNOWN AS “THE LONGEST TABLE” TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025, AND THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF WEST MAIN STREET BETWEEN RIVER STREET AND NORTH WATER STREET AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.9 **DRAFT 2025-061** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OUTDOOR SEATING PROGRAM GUIDELINES TO ALIGN WITH THE CITY’S CURRENT NOISE ORDINANCE REGULATIONS AND TO REMOVE THE PROHIBITION OF ALCOHOL BEING SERVED AT OUTSIDE TABLES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.10 **DRAFT 2025-064** 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.

6. STANDING COMMITTEES AND LEGISLATION

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

5.1.1 Board Appointment – **Board of Building Appeals**

5.1.1.1 Voting on Board of Building Appeals appointment

5.1.1.2 Motion to Authorize Insertion of Name into Legislation

5.1.1.3 **DRAFT 2025-062** A RESOLUTION APPOINTING
_____ TO THE BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

5.1.2 Board Appointment – **Fair Housing Board**

5.1.2.1 Voting on Fair Housing Board appointment

5.1.2.2 Motion to Authorize Insertion of Name into Legislation

5.1.2.3 **DRAFT 2025-063** A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CARA
WOLFGAM EVANS TO THE FAIR HOUSING BOARD AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

5.1.3 Charter Review Amendments

5.1.3.1 **DRAFT 2025-065** AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN
AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF KENT,
OHIO TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE GENERAL ELECTION ON
NOVEMBER 4, 2025, WHICH WILL AMEND THE
“PREAMBLE” AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

5.1.3.2 **DRAFT 2025-066** AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN
AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF KENT,
OHIO TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE GENERAL ELECTION ON
NOVEMBER 4, 2025, WHICH WILL AMEND ARTICLE V,
SECTION 5.01 TITLED “COUNCIL & MAYOR” AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

5.1.3.3 **DRAFT 2025-067** AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN
AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF KENT,
OHIO TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE GENERAL ELECTION ON
NOVEMBER 4, 2025, WHICH WILL AMEND ARTICLE V,
SECTION 5.03 TITLED “REMOVAL” AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.

5.1.3.4 **DRAFT 2025-068** AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN
AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF KENT,

OHIO TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025, WHICH WILL AMEND ARTICLE V, SECTION 5.15 TITLED “RECALL PETITION AND ELECTION” AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

5.1.3.5 **DRAFT 2025-069** AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025, WHICH WILL AMEND ARTICLE VI, SECTION 6.03 TITLED “CITY MANAGER” AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

5.1.3.6 **DRAFT 2025-070** AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025, WHICH WILL AMEND ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 8.07 TITLED “CHARTER REVIEW” AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. COUNCIL MEMBERS’ COMMENTS

10. MAYOR’S REPORT

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

11.1 Executive session to discuss City Manager’s evaluation

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