

City of Kent Charter Review Commission Meeting

319 S. Water St., Kent, Ohio 44240

July 1, 2025

MINUTES

Present: Jason Gartland; Julie Hurd-Schmidt; Craig Berger; Jeff Roeger; Don Schjeldahl; Jasmine Jefferson; Adam Stephens; Brian Bialik; Todd Milton; Kai Carpenter; Darlene Rocco; Emma Kelly

Also Present: Hope Jones, Law Director; Kathy Coleman, Clerk of Council; Mayor Jerry Fiala; Robin Turner, Ward 3 Council; Joan Seidel, Health Commissioner

- Adam called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.
- Jason mentioned that he thought that 7.03(E) and 8.07 that were noted in the 6/24/25 minutes as being returned for voting on 7/1/25 had already been voted on. Consensus was that they had. Craig mentioned that the vote on non-partisan elections should be 12-1, rather than 13-0. Kathy will update the minutes. Motion to approve amended minutes was made by Brian, seconded by Jason and carried unanimously.
- Commissioners reviewed wording in 8.07. Motion to remove the word “second” in the last paragraph for clarity reference to “Town Hall” meeting for clarity was made by Criag; seconded by Adam and carried unanimously.
- Discussion about presentation of amendments to Council. Hope received authorization from the Mayor to hold a special council meeting on July 9, 2025 to present the commission’s recommendations. All commissioners were encouraged to attend.
- There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Jason, seconded by Brian, and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42pm.