



City of Kent
City Council Special Committee Meeting
319 S. Water St., Kent Ohio 44240

July 2, 2025

MINUTES

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

Present: Mr. Jack Amrhein; Ms. Melissa Celko; 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. Eric Helmstedter, Economic Development Director; Ms. Angela Manley, Parks & Recreation Director; Ms. Joan Seidel, Health Commissioner; Ms. Rhonda Hall, Budget and Finance Director; Mr. Jim Bowling, City Engineer; Mr. Jamie Samels, Fire Chief; Ms. Kathy Coleman, Clerk of Council

LEGISLATION

Motion to suspend three readings of Draft 2025-055 was made by Mr. Sidoti, seconded by Ms. Rosenberg, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion to authorize Draft 2025-055 was made by Mr. Clapper, seconded by Mr. DeLeone, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

DRAFT 2025-055 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026, SUBMITTING THE SAME TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:41pm.

Kathleen Coleman, Clerk of Council