



City of Kent
Regular City Council Meeting
319 S. Water Street, Kent, Ohio 44240
Wednesday, August 20, 2025

AGENDA

6:55PM BOARD OF CONTROL

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING will begin immediately after Board of Control

1. ROLL CALL

2. OPENING REMARKS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mr. Clapper

3. 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 July 28, 2025, the Council office was notified that the Kent Area Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for the 2025 Tree City Dinner & Awards. Nominations and applications are due by September 9, 2025.
 - 3.2.2 On July 29, 2025, the Kent Area Chamber of Commerce requested certificates for two ribbon cuttings in August: Market Stanzas on August 23rd and Scenic Studios on August 25th.
 - 3.2.3 On July 29, 2025, notice from the Dept. of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control was received in the Clerk's office, advising that all Class C & D retail liquor permits will expire on October 1, 2025 and any objections to renewal should be made by September 2, 2025. Chief Shearer had no objections.
 - 3.2.4 On August 4, 2025, the July minutes and August agenda were received from Standing Rock cemetery and posted online.
 - 3.2.5 On August 7, 2025, the July minutes and August agenda and statistical report were received from the Health Department.
 - 3.2.6 On August 12, 2025, the agenda and staff report were received from Community Development for the August 19 Planning Commission meeting, and posted in the foyer of City Hall.

3.3 City Manager's Report

4. 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 July Regular Council Meeting minutes
- 4.2 Approval of August Council Committee Meeting minutes
- 4.3 **DRAFT 2025-072** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 107.02(f) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KENT TITLED "DEFINITIONS" TO CHANGE THE LOCATION WHERE PUBLIC NOTICES SHOULD BE POSTED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
- 4.4 **DRAFT 2025-073** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT MOWING BILLS, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE VIOLATIONS-CITATIONS, ZONING VIOLATIONS-CITATIONS, AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT VIOLATIONS-CITATIONS TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR THE PLACEMENT OF THE CERTIFIED AMOUNT ON THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LIST AND DUPLICATE AGAINST THE PROPERTY SERVED BY THE MOWING SERVICES, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE VIOLATION-CITATIONS, ZONING VIOLATIONS-CITATIONS, HEALTH DEPARTMENT VIOLATIONS-CITATIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.5 **DRAFT 2025-074** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CERTIFICATION OF NON-PAYMENT OF WATER USE CHARGES, WASTEWATER USE CHARGES, STORM WATER UTILITY CHARGES AND RECYCLING/SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CHARGES TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR THE PLACEMENT OF THE CERTIFIED AMOUNT ON THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LIST AND DUPLICATE AGAINST THE PROPERTY FOR THE NON-PAYMENT OF SAID CHARGES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.6 **DRAFT 2025-075** 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 2025-076** AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO DIRECTLY BENEFIT SUCH PARCELS, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THE IMPROVEMENTS ON SUCH PARCELS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, ESTABLISHING A DAVEY TREE S.E.E.D. Campus MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.8 **DRAFT 2025-077** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO AND THE KENT CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION REGARDING THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM, EXTENDING THIS AGREEMENT UNTIL JUNE 3, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.9 **DRAFT 2025-078** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPROVE A SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION FROM KENT STATE UNIVERSITY FOR THE KENT STATE UNIVERSITY HOMECOMING PARADE TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025, AND THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF LOOP ROAD, JOHNSTON DRIVE, RHODES ROAD, SUMMIT STREET AND TERRACE DRIVE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.10 **DRAFT 2025-079** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PORTAGE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT 2026-2041 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.11 **DRAFT 2025-080** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF KENT'S ZONING CODE IN ORDER TO CLARIFY TEXT, CORRECT ERRORS AND INCLUDE ELEMENTS FROM THE RECENTLY UPDATED DESIGN GUIDELINES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.12 **DRAFT 2025-081** 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.
- 4.13 **DRAFT 2025-082** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE A PROJECT DAWN STIPEND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000 FOR DRUG OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY DECLARED BY THE STATE OF OHIO ON AUGUST 31, 2023, FOR THE CITY OF KENT HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

5. STANDING COMMITTEES AND LEGISLATION

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

5.1.1 Board Appointment – **Fair Housing Board**

5.1.1.1 Voting on Fair Housing Board appointment of Randall Houska

5.1.1.2 Motion to Authorize Insertion of Name into Legislation

5.1.1.3 **DRAFT 2025-071 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING RANDALL HOUSKA TO THE FAIR HOUSING BOARD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

5.2 Community Development Committee – Chair Rosenberg/Vice-Chair Clapper

5.3 Finance Committee – Chair DeLeone/Vice-Chair Celko

5.3.1 **DRAFT 2025-083 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY BUDGET & FINANCE DIRECTOR AND LAW DIRECTOR, OR THEIR DESIGNEES, TO SIGN AN ADDENDUM TO THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT AND DAVID RULLER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

5.4 Health & Safety Committee – Chair Amrhein/Vice-Chair Sidoti

5.5 Land Use Committee – Chair Shaffer Bish/Vice-Chair Hook

5.6 Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee – Chair Sidoti/Vice-Chair Clapper

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

10. ADJOURN



City of Kent

Regular City Council Meeting

319 S. Water Street, Kent, Ohio 44240

July 16, 2025

MINUTES

At 7:00pm, Mayor Jerry T. Fiala called the Regular City Council 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; Ms. Bridget Susel; Community Development Director; Ms. Dominique Bollenbacher, Community Outreach Coordinator; Mr. Jim Bowling, City Engineer; Mr. Nick Shearer, Chief of Police; Ms. Melanie Baker, Services Director; Ms. Kathy Coleman, Clerk of Council

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING DORA CONTINUATION

No public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:05pm, Mr. DeLeone moved to go into executive session to discuss Board/Commission appointments. Ms. Rosenberg seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

At 7:12pm, Council returned to regular session.

OPENING REMARKS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Celko offered thanks to the staff and everyone involved in the City Hall tours during Heritage Fest, and recognized Ms. Jones and Ms. Coleman for their work with the Charter Review Commission. She then led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance

COMMUNICATIONS

Public Comment:

- Council received comments from Mr. Brian Gray of Morris Road, and Charter Review Commissioners Tom Mahon, Craig Berger, Jason Gartland, and Barb Springer.

Written Communication:

- On June 27, 2025, the June minutes and July agenda for the Standing Rock Cemetery Board were received and posted online.
- On July 3, 2025, the June minutes and July agenda for the Board of Health were received.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS 1-13 OF THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT was made by Mr. Amrhein, seconded by Ms. Celko, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION TO SUSPEND THREE READINGS OF DRAFTS 2025-056 THROUGH 2025-061 AND 2025-064 was made by Ms. Rosenberg, seconded by Mr. Sidoti, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA was made by Mr. Clapper, seconded by Mr. DeLeone, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

- Approval of June Regular Council Meeting minutes
- Approval of July Council Committee Meeting minutes
- Approval of July Special Meeting minutes
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.

- **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.
- **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.
- **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.

Consent agenda passes.

STANDING COMMITTEES AND LEGISLATION

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

Board/Commission Appointments

- Motion to appoint Christopher Syphrit to the Board of Building Appeals was made by Mr. Clapper, seconded by Mr. Hook; and carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Motion to authorize insertion of the name into Draft 2025-062 was made by Mr. Amrhein, seconded by Mr. Clapper, and carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Motion to suspend 3 readings of Draft 2025-062 was made by Mr. Clapper, seconded by Ms. Rosenberg, and carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Motion to adopt Draft 2025-062 was made by Ms. Rosenberg, seconded by Mr. Clapper, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

DRAFT 2025-062 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CHRISTOPHER SYPHRIT TO THE BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Draft 2025-062 passes.

- Motion to appoint Cara Wolfram Evans to the Fair Housing Board was made by Mr. Clapper, seconded by Ms. Rosenberg; and carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Motion to authorize insertion of the name into Draft 2025-063 was made by Mr. DeLeone, seconded by Mr. Clapper, and carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Motion to suspend 3 readings of Draft 2025-063 was made by Ms. Rosenberg, seconded by Mr. Sidoti, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

- Motion to adopt Draft 2025-063 was made by Mr. DeLeone, seconded by Ms. Rosenberg, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

DRAFT 2025-063 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CARA WOLFGRAM EVANS TO THE FAIR HOUSING BOARD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Draft 2025-063 passes.

Charter Review Amendments

- Motion to suspend 3 readings of Draft 2025-065 was made by Ms. Celko, seconded by Mr. Sidoti, and carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Motion to adopt Draft 2025-065 was made by Mr. Sidoti, seconded by Mr. DeLeone, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

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.

Draft 2025-065 passes.

- Motion to suspend 3 readings of Draft 2025-066 was made by Mr. DeLeone, seconded by Ms. Rosenberg, and carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Motion to adopt Draft 2025-066 was made by Mr. Clapper, seconded by Mr. Sidoti, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

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.

Draft 2025-066 passes.

- Motion to suspend 3 readings of Draft 2025-067 was made by Mr. Sidoti, seconded by Mr. Clapper, and carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Motion to adopt Draft 2025-067 was made by Mr. Sidoti, seconded by Mr. DeLeone, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

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.

Draft 2025-067 passes.

- Motion to suspend 3 readings of Draft 2025-068 was made by Ms. Celko, seconded by Mr. DeLeone, and carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Motion to adopt Draft 2025-068 was made by Ms. Celko, seconded by Mr. Sidoti, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

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.

Draft 2025-068 passes.

- Motion to suspend 3 readings of Draft 2025-069 was made by Mr. Clapper, seconded by Mr. DeLeone, and carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Motion to adopt Draft 2025-066 was made by Ms. Rosenberg, seconded by Mr. Sidoti, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

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.

Draft 2025-069 passes.

- Motion to suspend 3 readings of Draft 2025-070 was made by Mr. Sidoti, seconded by Ms. Rosenberg, and carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Motion to adopt Draft 2025-070 was made by Ms. Rosenberg, seconded by Mr. Clapper, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

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.

Draft 2025-070 passes.

Community Development Committee – Chair Rosenberg/Vice-Chair Clapper

No action.

Health & Safety Committee – Chair Amrhein/Vice-Chair Sidoti

No action.

Land Use Committee – Chair Shaffer-Bish/Vice-Chair Hook

No action.

Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee – Chair Sidoti/Vice-Chair Clapper

No action.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Amrhein made a motion to create a subcommittee to examine the Charter Review recommendations that Council identified as needing more work, seconded by Mr. Clapper. After discussion, Mr. Amrhein amended the motion to review the items under the Committee of the Whole rather than a separate subcommittee. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

- Council members continued discussion of non-partisan elections within the City of Kent, with members offering different opinions and rationales for their positions. Mr. Turner, Ms. Shaffer Bish and Mr. Hook chiefly supported partisan elections; Mr. Sidoti expressed his support for having the voters decide what type of elections the City should have.
- Ms. Celko encouraged council members to attend the Longest Table event.
- Ms. Rosenberg congratulated Main Street Kent and the Chamber of Commerce on the success of Heritage Fest and reminded Council of the Wizardly World events scheduled for the upcoming weekend.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Fiala stated that he supports non-partisan elections. He also thanked Mr. Amrhein and Ms. Coleman for their work in getting the Mayors' plaque completed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:20, Mr. Amrhein made a motion to move into executive session to discuss the City Manager's evaluation, seconded by Mr. Hook.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AND ADJOURN

At 8:44, Council returned to regular session and adjourned.

Kathleen Coleman
Clerk of Council

Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council



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

August 6, 2025

MINUTES

Due to technical difficulties, this meeting was not recorded/live-streamed.

At 7:05pm, Mayor Jerry T. Fiala called the City Council Committee meeting to order.

Present: Mr. Jack Amrhein; 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; Ms. Kathy Coleman, Clerk 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. Rhonda Hall, Budget and Finance Director; Mr. Jim Bowling, City Engineer; Mr. Jamie Samels, Fire Chief

Motion to excuse Ms. Celko was made by Mr. DeLeone; seconded by Mr. Hook, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS INTERVIEW

Mr. Randall Houska was interviewed for a position on the Fair Housing Board. He was notified that Council would vote at the August 20, 2025 meeting and he would be notified of the result by email.

COMMITTEES

Committee of the Whole – Chair Fiala/Vice Chair Amrhein

Inaugural Community Yard Beautification Awards (Dominique Bollenbacher)

Ms. Bollenbacher presented the first of the Community Yard Beautification Awards, recognizing residents for outstanding yard maintenance. The awardees were Jonathan Secaur & Linda Idoine (Ward 6), Albert Grimes (Ward 2), Allen Smalley (Ward 3), Tammy & Mark Clewell (Ward 1). She noted that the awards were distributed across city wards and received positive community feedback.

Departmental Updates (Nick Cecil, Bridget Susel, Jim Bowling, Chief Samels, Angela Manley)

IT Department Updates:

- Implementation of the Enterprise Permitting & Licensing System and Citizen Self-Service Portal, streamlining permit and license processes;
- Launch of new Time & Attendance and Utility Billing systems, reducing manual work and increasing transparency;
- Recognition of key staff contributions to successful rollouts.

In response to a question from Mr. Turner, Mr. Cecil stated he would follow up on data processing workflow for website form submissions

Community Development updates:

- Discussion of tree hazards on private rental property and proposal that a more formalized complaint-based protocol be established;
- Oak Haven condos have submitted an initial site plan;
- CD has entered into contracts with two different consulting firms to do plan review and chief building officer services due to the retirement of the previous CBO and lack of suitable applicants for the position;
- Plan review time has gone from 30 days to about half that due to the new electronic system;
- Former City grants manager Dan Morganti started this week as Assistant CD Director

Engineering updates:

- Mr. Bowling provided updates on ongoing street and utility projects, including East Main Street construction and water system improvements.

Fire Department updates:

- Chief Samels reported that the new fire truck, which was ordered in 2022, has been received. It will be a month or so before it's in service because it needs to be customized for use and staff needs to be trained. The old truck will be auctioned on GovDeals.com and the proceeds put into the FD's vehicle replacement fund.

Parks & Recreation updates:

- Ms. Manley reported that the 32nd annual Art in the Park event is scheduled for the weekend after Labor Day and hopes that everyone will stop down.

Amendment to Public Meetings Ordinance

Ms. Jones requested Council's approval to update the public meeting ordinance to change the location of the physical posting of meeting notices from 930 Overholt to City Hall. **Motion to approve the update with the emergency clause was made by Mr. Sidoti, seconded by Mr. Hook, and carried by unanimous voice vote.**

Community Development Committee-Chair Rosenberg/Vice-Chair Clapper

Rental Registration and Tree Inspection Follow Up (Bridget Susel)

Ms. Susel provided an overview of her findings on Council's referral to consider adding tree inspection to the rental licensing and inspection program. Her study showed that, while it would not be feasible to commit to inspecting all of the trees on over 2,000 rental units due to staffing limitations, with improved internal sharing of information among Health, CD, and Service departments, tree "inspections" through a referral-based approach could begin to address Council's concerns for the conditions of street trees at rental properties.

Update on the Kent Convention and Visitor's Bureau (Eric Helmstedter)

Mr. Helmstedter, along with Dennis Campbell of the Kent City Chamber of Commerce, provided Council with an update on the activities of the Kent Convention and Visitor's Bureau. After a period of inactivity due to COVID, the Bureau has been revitalized with the launch of a new website, email and data analytics through Placer.ai to better target tourism efforts.

Finance Committee – Chair DeLeone/Vice-Chair Celko

Public Safety Staffing Needs Presentation (Chief Shearer, Chief Samels)

Police Chief Shearer presented a request for three additional officers, citing increased community engagement, transparency, mental health calls, and overtime concerns. Fire Chief Samels requested three additional firefighters, referencing rising call volumes, overtime, and staff wellness. SAFER grant application status was discussed.

Motion to receive cost analysis and further financial details from Budget & Finance and the City Manager, with the emergency clause, was made by Ms. Rosenberg; seconded by Ms. Shaffer Bish, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Certified Liens to the County for Outstanding Payments (Rhonda Hall)

Ms. Hall presented the annual list of addresses for certification and submission to Portage County to be added to property tax records as tax liens against the property due to lack of payment.

Motion to certify and authorize the submission of the proposed property tax liens as presented with the emergency clause was made by Ms. Rosenberg, seconded by Mr. Clapper, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Budget Amendment Request #4 (Rhonda Hall)

Ms. Hall requested Council's approval of the latest budget appropriations. **Motion to approve was made by Mr. Amrhein, seconded by Ms. Rosenberg, and carried by unanimous voice vote.**

Consideration of a new Tax Increment Financing (TIF) for the Davey Tree Seed Campus (Rhonda Hall)

Ms. Hall presented a proposed new Tax Increment Financing (TIF) agreement based on the pre- and post-development property tax value of the new Davey Tree Seed Campus on SR 43, which will enable the City to optimize the gains in property taxes for the site while keeping the City schools, Parks & Rec, and Franklin Township whole. **Motion to authorize approval of the proposed new TIF for the Davey Tree Seed Campus as presented, with the emergency clause, was made by Ms. Shaffer Bish, seconded by Mr. Clapper, and carried by unanimous voice vote.**

Health & Public Safety Committee-Chair Amrhein/Vice-Chair Sidoti

Kent Schools SRO MOU (Chief Shearer)

Chief Shearer requested Council's authorization to renew the City/Kent Schools agreement for the use and funding of a School Resource Officer position in the 2025-26 academic year. **Motion to authorize the renewal of the School Resource Officer as presented, with the emergency clause, was made by Mr. Sidoti, seconded by Mr. Clapper and carried by unanimous voice vote.**

Land Use Committee-Chair Shaffer Bish/Vice-Chair Hook

Proposed Text Amendments to Zoning Code (Bridget Susel)

Ms. Susel reviewed updates to the Architectural Design Review Overlay District. Clarifications and revisions were made based upon public and Planning Commission feedback. The updates converted 80 percent of the design guidelines into enforceable regulations. **Motion to approve the proposed Zoning Code amendments as presented, with the emergency clause, was made by Ms. Rosenberg, seconded by Mr. DeLeone, and carried by unanimous voice vote.**

Streets, Sidewalks, and Utilities Committee-Chair Sidoti/Vice-Chair Clapper

Proposed New KSU Homecoming Parade Route (Eric Helmstedter)

Mr. Helmstedter presented a request from Kent State University to modify the KSU Homecoming parade route and street closure plan due to the reconstruction work on East Main Street at that time. The parade route will start at the intersections of Loop Rd., Johnston Dr. and Rhodes Rd. The route will proceed southbound on Loop Rd. to Summit St., then continue westbound on Summit, where it will conclude at the intersection of Summit St. and Terrace Dr. **Motion to authorize the proposed parade route and street closure plan as presented, with the emergency clause, was made by Ms. Rosenberg, seconded by Mr. Hook, and carried by unanimous voice vote.**

County Solid Waste Plan Update Approval (Melanie Baker)

Ms. Baker presented a request from the Portage County Solid Waste District to approve the updated Portage County Solid Waste Plan. The Plan includes elements that impact the City, e.g., recycling, hazardous disposal facility, etc., and the County is required to get member jurisdictions' approval every 5 years for the updated plan. **Motion to authorize the proposed update to the Portage County Solid Waste Plan as presented, with the emergency clause, was made by Ms. Shaffer Bish, seconded by Ms. Rosenberg, and carried by unanimous voice vote.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:37pm, Mr. Amrhein made a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss Board appointment and continue discussion on City Manager evaluation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hook and carried by unanimous voice vote.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AND ADJOURN

At 9:51, Council returned to regular session. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52.



Kathleen Coleman, Clerk of Council

DRAFT RESOLUTION 2025 - 071

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING RANDALL HOUSKA TO THE FAIR HOUSING BOARD AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio,
at least a majority of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That Randall Houska IS hereby appointed to the FAIR HOUSING BOARD

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>TERM</u>
RANDALL HOUSKA	09/01/2025 – 8/31/2028

SECTION 2. As stated in Section 150.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Kent, any person hereby appointed shall forfeit his or her term if he or she is absent from three (3) regular meetings of the Board or Commission to which he or she is appointed, unless one or more of these absences has been excused by the majority of members thereof.

SECTION 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution 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 meeting open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

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 _____.

(SEAL)

KATHLEEN COLEMAN
CLERK OF COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 072

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 107.02(f) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KENT TITLED "DEFINITIONS" TO CHANGE THE LOCATION WHERE PUBLIC NOTICES SHOULD BE POSTED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Kent City Council does hereby amend Section 107.02(f) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Kent titled "Definitions" to change the location where public notices should be posted per the Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance 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 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

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(SEAL)

KATHLEEN COLEMAN
CLERK OF COUNCIL

ORDINANCE 2025 - 073

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT MOWING BILLS, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE VIOLATIONS-CITATIONS, ZONING VIOLATIONS-CITATIONS, AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT VIOLATIONS-CITATIONS TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR THE PLACEMENT OF THE CERTIFIED AMOUNT ON THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LIST AND DUPLICATE AGAINST THE PROPERTY SERVED BY THE MOWING SERVICES, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE VIOLATION-CITATIONS, ZONING VIOLATIONS-CITATIONS, HEALTH DEPARTMENT VIOLATIONS-CITATIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, there are a number of delinquent mowing bills which have been deemed uncollectible after numerous attempts to collect; and

WHEREAS, there are a number of property maintenance violations-citations that remain unpaid after attempts to collect have been made; and

WHEREAS, there are a number of zoning violations-citations that remain unpaid after attempts to collect have been made; and

WHEREAS, there are a number of Health Department violations-citations that remain unpaid after attempts to collect have been made.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Kent City Council does hereby authorize the certification of the delinquent mowing bills, property maintenance violations-citations, and zoning violations-citations listed in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof, on the real estate tax list and duplicate against the property served by the mowing, property maintenance, and/or zoning. It is the intent of Council that the amounts certified to the County Auditor shall be a lien on the property served by the services listed.

SECTION 2. That the amounts shown are hereby assessed upon the properties shown and such assessments shall be certified by the Clerk of Council to the County Auditor for collection in the same manner as general taxes. The Clerk of Council shall also certify that the unpaid charges have arisen pursuant to services made directly with the owner or tenant who occupied the property served.

SECTION 3. That Council does hereby find that the certification of delinquent mowing, property maintenance violations-citations, zoning violations-citations, and Health Department violations-citations meets all of the requirements of Sections 551.03 and 1405.03 and is further authorized by the Ohio Revised Code (including but not limited to Section 731.51) and authorizes the Budget and Finance Director to amend Exhibit "A" in the event of payment before the actual certification to the County.

SECTION 4. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance 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 ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: _____
Date

Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: _____
Date

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen Coleman
Clerk of Council

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(SEAL)

KATHLEEN COLEMAN
CLERK OF COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 074

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CERTIFICATION OF NON-PAYMENT OF WATER USE CHARGES, WASTEWATER USE CHARGES, STORM WATER UTILITY CHARGES AND RECYCLING/SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CHARGES TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR THE PLACEMENT OF THE CERTIFIED AMOUNT ON THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LIST AND DUPLICATE AGAINST THE PROPERTY FOR THE NON-PAYMENT OF SAID CHARGES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, there are a number of water use, wastewater use, storm water utility, and recycling/solid waste collection that remain unpaid after attempts to collect have been made.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Kent City Council does hereby authorize the certification of the water use, wastewater use, storm water utility, and recycling/solid waste collection listed in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof, on the real estate tax list and duplicate against the properties listed. It is the intent of Council that the amounts certified to the County Auditor shall be a lien on the property served by the services listed.

SECTION 2. That the amounts shown are hereby assessed upon the properties shown and such assessments shall be certified by the Clerk of Council to the County Auditor for collection in the same manner as general taxes. The Clerk of Council shall also certify that the unpaid charges have arisen pursuant to services made directly with the owner or tenant who occupied the property served.

SECTION 3. That Council does hereby find that the certification of the unpaid bills meets all of the requirements of Sections 913.07, 915.72, 921.24 and 935.14 and is further authorized by the Ohio Revised Code and authorizes the Budget and Finance Director to amend Exhibit "A" in the event of payment before the actual certification to the County.

SECTION 4. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance 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 ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

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(SEAL)

KATHLEEN COLEMAN
CLERK OF COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 075

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.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend current appropriations, transfers and advances for the expenses and other expenditures for the City of Kent, Ohio, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the current appropriations Ordinance No. 2024-131 passed December 18, 2024, as amended by Ordinance No. 2025-12, passed 2/19/25, as amended by Ordinance No. 2025-25, passed 4/16/25, as amended by Ordinance No. 2025-38, passed May 21, 2025 be amended as set forth in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein, so as to increase appropriations in Fund 001, General; Fund 106, Parks & Recreation; Fund 107, Food Service; Fund 110, Health Department; Fund 120, Revolving Housing; Fund 129, Wireless 911; Fund 138, ARPA; Fund 201, Water; Fund 202, Sewer; Fund 204, Utility Billing; Fund 208, Storm Water; Fund 301, Capital Improvements; so as to decrease appropriations in Fund 001, General; Fund 107, Food Service; Fund 110, Health Department; Fund 120, Revolving Housing; Fund 138, ARPA; Fund 201, Water; Fund 202, Sewer; and Declaring an Emergency.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance 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 formation action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reason manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

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Date

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(SEAL)

KATHLEEN COLEMAN
CLERK OF COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-076

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO DIRECTLY BENEFIT SUCH PARCELS, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THE IMPROVEMENTS ON SUCH PARCELS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, ESTABLISHING A DAVEY TREE S.E.E.D. Campus MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.40, 5709.42 and 5709.43 (the "TIF Act") provide that this Council may describe public improvements to be made which directly benefit certain parcels, declare Improvements (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.40) with respect to such parcels of real property located in the City of Kent (the "City") to be a public purpose, thereby authorizing the exemption of those Improvements from real property taxation for a period of time, and provide for the making of service payments in lieu of taxes by the owner of such parcels, and establish a municipal public improvement tax increment equivalent fund into which such service payments shall be deposited; and

WHEREAS, to improve the flow of traffic in and around the parcels described in **Exhibit A** hereto, as such parcels may be consolidated or split (each a "Parcel" and collectively, the "Parcels"), this Council may cause construction of the public improvements described in **Exhibit B** hereto (collectively, the "Public Improvements"), that once made will directly benefit the Parcels and the City and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that it is necessary and appropriate and in the best interests of the City to provide for service payments in lieu of taxes with respect to the Parcels pursuant to Section 5709.42 of the Ohio Revised Code (the "Service Payments") to pay costs of the Public Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Kent City School District and the Six District Educational Compact have been notified of this Ordinance consistent with Revised Code Sections 5709.40 and 5709.83;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. The Public Improvements described in Exhibit B hereto, and any other public infrastructure improvements hereafter designated by ordinance, if made or caused to be made by the City, are hereby designated as those Public Improvements that directly benefit, or that once made will directly benefit, the Parcels, and are determined to be necessary for the public health, safety and welfare and constitute public infrastructure improvements made, to be made or in the process of being made by the City that directly benefit, or that once made will directly benefit, the Parcels for purposes of the Act and this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.40, and, in particular, Section 5709.40(B), this Council hereby finds and determines that 100% of the increase in the assessed value of each Parcel that would first appear on the tax list and duplicate of real property after the effective date of this Ordinance (which increase in assessed value is herein referred to as the "Improvement" or "Improvements" as defined in said Section 5709.40) is a public purpose, and 100% of said Improvement is hereby declared to be a public purpose for a period of 30 years and exempt from taxation commencing for each separate parcel, on a parcel-by-parcel basis, on the January 1 of the tax year in which at least an aggregate of \$100,000 (\$35,000 of assessed value) of Improvements would appear on the tax list and duplicate for such tax year for that Parcel were it not for the exemption granted by this Ordinance ending for each Parcel on the earlier of (1) the

date the Improvements have been exempted from taxation for a period of 30 years or (2) the date on which the City can no longer require service payments in lieu of taxes, all in accordance with the requirements of the TIF Act. The exemption authorized by this Ordinance is subordinate to any exemption granted pursuant to Section 5709.62 et. seq. of the Revised Code (Enterprise Zone exemption).

SECTION 3. As provided in Section 5709.42 of the Revised Code, the owner or owners of the Improvement are hereby required to and shall pay the Service Payments to the County Treasurer on or before the final dates for payment of real property taxes, which Service Payments, together with any associated rollback payments, shall be deposited in the Municipal Public Improvement Tax Increment Equivalent Fund established in Section 4 hereof. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.42, the County Treasurer shall distribute a portion of the Service Payments directly to the Kent City School District and the Six District Educational Compact in an amount equal to the property tax payments the Kent City School District and Six District Educational Compact would have received from the portion of the Improvements exempted from taxation, had such Improvements not been exempted from taxation and the City shall make such distributions of Service Payments to the extent not made by the County Treasurer. This Council hereby authorizes the City Manager, Director of Budget & Finance and Law Director, and other appropriate officers of the City, to provide such information and certifications, and execute and deliver or accept delivery of such instruments, as are necessary or incidental to collect those Service Payments, and to make such arrangements as are necessary and proper for payment of the Service Payments.

SECTION 4. This Council hereby establishes pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Section 5709.43 of the Ohio Revised Code, the **Davey Tree S.E.E.D. Campus** Municipal Public Improvement Tax Increment Equivalent Fund (the "Fund"), into which shall be deposited all of the Service Payments and any associated rollback payments distributed to the City with respect to the Improvements on the Parcels by or on behalf of the County Treasurer, as provided in Section 5709.42 of the Ohio Revised Code, and hereby agrees that moneys in that fund shall be used for any or all of the following purposes:

- (i) To pay each of the Kent City School District and the Six District Educational Compact, an amount equal to the amount each would otherwise receive as real property tax payments (including the applicable portion of any Property Tax Rollback Payments) derived from the Improvements to each Parcel if the Improvement had not been exempt from taxation pursuant to this Ordinance.
- (ii) to pay any and all planning, engineering, acquisition, construction, installation, financing costs, and any and all other direct and indirect costs of the Public Improvements, including those costs set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 133.15(B);
- (iii) to pay the interest on and principal of bonds or notes, and premium, if any, including refunding or additional bonds or notes or other obligations issued or loans entered into by the City or other governmental entity to finance costs of the Public Improvements until such notes or bonds or other obligations or loans are paid in full, and to pay any trustee, administrative and other costs related to servicing the obligations and providing and replenishing a reserve fund and to pay any costs charged by the issuer of the obligations; and
- (iv) to reimburse the City, or other governmental entity for any funds used to pay costs of the Public Improvements, or to pay interest, principal, or premium, and related costs on any of the aforesaid notes, bonds, loans or other obligations, prior to receipt of Service Payments.

The Fund shall remain in existence so long as the Service Payments are collected and used for the aforesaid purposes, after which said Fund shall be dissolved in accordance with said Section 5709.43.

SECTION 5. Pursuant to Section 5709.40 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to deliver a copy of this Ordinance to the Director of the Ohio Department of Development within fifteen days after its passage. On or before March 31 of each year that the exemption set forth in Section 2 hereof remains in effect, the City Manager or other authorized officer of this City shall prepare and submit to the Director of the Ohio Department of Development the status report required under Section 5709.40 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 6. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the City, and for the further reason that this Ordinance is required to be immediately effective in order to eliminate existing hazards to vehicular traffic; wherefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the City Manager, provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the Council, otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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 *ORDINANCE NO.* _____, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON _____, 20____.

(SEAL)

KATHLEEN COLEMAN
CLERK OF COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 077

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO AND THE KENT CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION REGARDING THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM, EXTENDING THIS AGREEMENT UNTIL JUNE 3, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, as of May 21, 2014, the City of Kent, Ohio and the Kent City Board of Education agreed to participate in a School Resource Officer program; and

WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the parties which clarifies the roles of the parties and how the school resource officer will be utilized was executed by the parties; and

WHEREAS, the Kent City Council wants to grant the City Manager the authority to execute a written amendment to the MOU document, which extends the agreement until June 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, due to time deadlines in the school year process, time is of the essence in signing the MOU.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the City Manager, or his designee, be and hereby is authorized to approve and execute a written amendment to the MOU with the City of Kent, Ohio and the Kent City Board of Education which adopted a School Resource Officer program, in order to extend the agreement until June 3, 2026, is fully set forth in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance 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 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

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Jerry T. Fiala
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ATTEST: _____
 Kathleen Coleman

Clerk of Council

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(SEAL)

KATHLEEN COLEMAN
CLERK OF COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 078

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPROVE A SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION FROM KENT STATE UNIVERSITY FOR THE KENT STATE UNIVERSITY HOMECOMING PARADE TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025, AND THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF LOOP ROAD, JOHNSTON DRIVE, RHODES ROAD, SUMMIT STREET AND TERRACE DRIVE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Kent State Homecoming Parade is traditionally held on East Main Street, but this year must use an alternate route due to the East Main Street project; and

WHEREAS, the Kent State Homecoming Parade will take place Saturday, October 11, 2025 from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The new proposed route will have the parade start at the intersection of Loop Road, Johnston Drive and Rhodes Road. It will then proceed southbound on Loop Road to Summit Street and continue westbound on Summit Street, where it will conclude at Summit Street and Terrace Drive. The street closures will begin Saturday at 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Kent City Council consents to authorizing the City Manager or his designee to sign the Special Event Application as long as he is comfortable and believes the safety and security of the City's citizens will not be adversely affected.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Kent City Council authorizes the City Manager or his designee to execute the Special Event Application from Kent State University in substantial conformance with the Special Event Application attached hereto as Exhibit "A", as long as the City Manager or his designee believes the safety and security of Kent's citizens are adequately projected.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance 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.

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(SEAL)

KATHLEEN COLEMAN
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ORDINANCE NO. 2025-079

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PORTAGE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT 2026-2041 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Portage County Solid Waste Management District has prepared their 2026-2041 Solid Waste Management Plan as required by the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, the 2026-2041 Plan is a fifteen (15) year plan as per the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, the 2026-2041 Plan calls for the District to continue to monitor their costs with a full financial review; and

WHEREAS, many factors will continue to be used for this study and review which include, but are not limited to:

- a) reduce solid waste generated by 25%;
- b) provide the following programs: a website, a comprehensive resource guide and an inventory of available infrastructure;
- c) incorporate a strategic initiative for the industrial sector into the County's solid waste management plan; and
- d) provide strategies for scrap tires, yard waste, lead-acid batteries, household hazardous waste and obsolete/end of life electronic devices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Council does hereby approve the Portage County Solid Waste Management District 2026-2041 Solid Waste Management Plan.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance 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.

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(SEAL)

KATHLEEN COLEMAN
CLERK OF COUNCIL

DRAFT

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 080

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF KENT'S ZONING CODE IN ORDER TO CLARIFY TEXT, CORRECT ERRORS AND INCLUDE ELEMENTS FROM THE RECENTLY UPDATED DESIGN GUIDELINES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2021, Council adopted an updated Zoning Code in order to make the Code more understandable and user friendly; and

WHEREAS, Kent City Council approved updated Design Guideline in December, 2023 to complement the Kent Zoning Code; and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2025, staff met with the Planning Commission to discuss the proposed text amendments and voted unanimously to recommend Council approve all the proposed text amendments; and

WHEREAS, the following chapters will be amended:

- 1) Chapter 1103: Zoning Districts, Land Use, and Zoning Map;
- 2) Chapter 1104: Supplemental Zoning District Standards and Overlay Zoning Districts;
- 3) Chapter 1106: General Provisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Kent City Council does hereby authorize the amendments of the City of Kent's Zoning Code and is more fully set forth in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance 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 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

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 *ORDINANCE NO.* _____, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON _____, 20____.

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 081

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.

WHEREAS, the Finance Director is required by ORC 5705.41(D) to certify the availability of funds to pay for goods or services upon all contracts and purchase orders; and,

WHEREAS, if the Certification of the Finance Director is not attached to the contract or purchase order over Three Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$3,000.00) Council must pass an ordinance allowing for a warrant for payment to be issued upon the Finance Director's certification that at the time of making the contract or order and at the time of the certification there was sufficient funds necessary for the payment of such contract and orders; and,

WHEREAS, the Finance Director has indicated that such a certification described above can be executed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Finance Director is authorized to make such warrants as are necessary to pay the due and owing amounts detailed in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made an integral part hereof.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance 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 formation action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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KATHLEEN COLEMAN
CLERK OF COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 082

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE A PROJECT DAWN STIPEND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000 FOR DRUG OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY DECLARED BY THE STATE OF OHIO ON AUGUST 31, 2023, FOR THE CITY OF KENT HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Kent Health Department has applied for a Project Dawn Stipend in the amount of \$8,000 for Drug Overdose Awareness Day declared August 31, 2023, by the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, this stipend will be used for media, marketing and other stipulated expenditures allowable under the award for the planned event in support of the State of Ohio's focus on overdose prevention; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to accept said stipend.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County:

SECTION 1. That Kent City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager, or his designee, to accept the Project Dawn Stipend in the amount of \$8,000, and for the Budget and Finance Director to appropriate the award into the proper funds.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance 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.

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(SEAL)

KATHLEEN COLEMAN
CLERK OF COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 083

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY BUDGET & FINANCE DIRECTOR AND LAW DIRECTOR, OR THEIR DESIGNEES, TO SIGN AN ADDENDUM TO THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT AND DAVID RULLER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Kent has entered into an employment agreement initially in 2005 with David Ruller to be the City Manager of Kent; and

WHEREAS, the parties agree to grant a four percent (4%) cost of living raise and two percent (2%) merit raise to the Employment Contract signed June 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, time is of the essence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Kent City Council hereby authorizes the Budget & Finance Director and the Law Director or their designees to execute the Addendum to the Employment Contract between the City of Kent and Dave Ruller, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", with David Ruller as City Manager of Kent.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance 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.

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