



City of Kent
Regular City Council Meeting
319 S. Water Street, Kent, Ohio 44240
Wednesday, September 17, 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. DeLeone

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 August 27, 2025 a draft resolution was received from Rick Hawksley, regarding the deployment of Ohio National Guard troops to Washington DC and other cities. The draft was shared with Council.
 - 3.2.2 On August 29, 2025, a letter was received from Jake Shields, Director of Acquisitions with Grey Fox Capital, regarding the development of the property on the old Davey Drill site. The letter was sent to Council, as well as other community members.
 - 3.2.3 On September 2, 2025 the August minutes and September agenda for the Standing Rock Cemetery Board were received and posted online.
 - 3.2.4 On September 8, 2025, another letter was received from Jake Shields with Grey Fox Capital, following up with discussion at the September 3, 2025 Council Committee meeting, and expressing commitment to the project. The letter was sent to Council, as well as other community members.
 - 3.2.5 On September 9, 2025, Mr. Sidoti shared a proposal from the Kent Rotary Club to initiate and manage a "Parade of Flags" program to foster community pride and patriotism while raising funds for local projects. The program would be a subscription-based service

managed by volunteers, with flags displayed on five major national holidays. The Rotary Club requests permission to operate the program within the city limits, ensuring it adheres to local ordinances and safety standards.

- 3.2.6 On September 11, 2025, the revised agenda for the September Board of Zoning Appeals meeting was received and posted in the foyer of City Hall
- 3.2.7 On September 11, 2025, the September agenda for the Parks and Recreation Board meeting was received and posted in the foyer of City Hall
- 3.2.8 On September 11, 2025, the Clerk's office received notice that the Planning Commission would not be meeting on September 16, due to a lack of agenda items

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 August Regular Council Meeting minutes
- 4.2 Approval of September Council Committee Meeting minutes
- 4.3 **DRAFT 2025-084** 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.
- 4.4 **DRAFT 2025-085** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN APPEAL TO GRANT A VARIANCE TO ZONING CODE SECTION 1106.20 PUBLIC ART, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 1106.20(A)(3)(c) TO ALLOW FOR A MURAL TO BE DISPLAYED ON THE FRONT FAÇADE OF THE BUILDING THAT ABUTS SOUTH DEPEYSTER STREET AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.5 **DRAFT 2025-086** AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DONATION OF THREE (3) PARCELS OF LAND TOTALING (36.548 ACRES) FROM STREAM & WETLANDS FOUNDATION, LOCATED SOUTH OF FAIRCHILD AVENUE AND WEST OF MAJORS LANE ALONG FISH CREEK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- 4.6 **DRAFT 2025-087** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DOWNTOWN KENT DORA TO EXPAND THE BOUNDARIES TO INCLUDE THREE NEW BUSINESSES, THE BLIND SQUIRREL PUB, RIVER MERCHANT AND BOTTLES 101, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.7 **DRAFT 2025-088** 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.
- 4.8 **DRAFT 2025-089** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE WATER TAP-IN FOR PETROS DEVELOPMENT GROUP FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2567 STATE ROUTE 43, OUTSIDE THE CITY OF KENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.9 **DRAFT 2025-090** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT LEGISLATION FOR THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT), PROJECT POR SR0261 03.51 (PID 105237) FOR RESURFACING A PORTION OF SR261 THAT IS LOCATED WITHIN CITY LIMITS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
- 4.10 **DRAFT 2025-091** A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT AND REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF THE CITY OF KENT ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE BORROWER) TO REIMBURSE ITS 301 CAPITAL FUND FOR THE CG48AC / CG49AC, SUNRISE BOULEVARD REHABILITATION WITH THE PROCEEDS OF TAX EXEMPT DEBT OF THE STATE OF OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.11 **DRAFT 2025-092** AN ORDINANCE RENEWING AND AMENDING THE KENT-FRANKLIN JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (JEDD) INCOME TAX AGREEMENT TO ALLOW FOR THE OPTION TO TRANSITION THE COLLECTION OF INCOME TAXES FOR THE JEDD TO THE REGIONAL INCOME TAX AGENCY (RITA) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.12 **DRAFT 2025-093** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF FRAMED ARTWORK FROM CASS MCKAY WALKER TO THE CITY OF KENT, IN RECOGNITION OF HER APPRECIATION FOR THE CITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

5. 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

5.3 Finance Committee – Chair DeLeone/Vice-Chair Celko

5.3.1 Motion to Authorize Insertion of Council Member Names and Votes into Draft 2025-094

5.3.2 **DRAFT 2025-094** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

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

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