



City of Kent
Regular City Council Meeting
319 S. Water Street, Kent, Ohio 44240
Wednesday, October 15, 2025

AGENDA

6:55PM BOARD OF CONTROL

7:00PM PUBLIC HEARING: CDBG PY2024 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE & EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER)

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING will begin immediately after Public Hearing

1. ROLL CALL

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

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 9/29/25, Rick Hawksley sent to the Clerk's office a link to a document titled "Who Will Build the Housing-Ready City? How Cities Can Grow an Ecosystem of Incremental Developers." The link was shared with Council.
 - 3.2.2 On 9/29/25, an audio recording of noise from the Zephyr heard on Park Avenue was sent to the Clerk's office along with an email expressing frustration with the repeated noise violations. The email was forwarded to Council.
 - 3.2.3 On 9/30/25, the Clerk's office received notice that, due to a lack of agenda items, both Planning Commission meetings in October have been cancelled.
 - 3.2.4 On 10/1/25, Tara Goode sent an email to Council and the Clerk's office, expressing concern about the development at 200 W. Williams St. She supports exploring the overlay district concept, or light industrial development, but urges Council to investigate preservation options for the historic buildings.

- 3.2.5 On 10/1/25, the September minutes and October agenda for the Standing Rock Cemetery Board were received and posted online.
- 3.2.6 On 10/6/25, a notice was received from the Liquor Control Board advising of a permit transfer request from Bricco to Gigi's Ristorante. Chief Shearer had no objections.
- 3.2.7 On 10/9/25, the August Board of Health minutes and October agenda were received and posted online.

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 September Regular Council Meeting minutes
- 4.2 Approval of October Council Committee Meeting minutes
- 4.3 **DRAFT 2025-095** 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 2025-097** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HOMETOWN BANK TO COVER TWELVE- AND ONE-HALF PERCENT (12 ½%) OF ITS GRANT MATCH AWARDED TO THE PORTAGE COUNTY LAND BANK THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR THE REMEDIATION OF 200 WEST WILLIAMS STREET AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.5 **DRAFT 2025-098** AN ORDINANCE RENEWING AND AMENDING THE KENT-BRIMFIELD 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.

5. STANDING COMMITTEES AND LEGISLATION

- 5.1 Committee of the Whole – Chair Amrhein
 - 5.1.1 Motion to Authorize Insertion of Council Member Name into Draft 2025-096
 - 5.1.2 **DRAFT 2025-096** AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING _____ TO THE POSITION OF MAYOR FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE LATE MAYOR FIALA’S TERM.
 - 5.1.3 **DRAFT 2025-099** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS 319 SOUTH DEPEYSTER STREET, KENT, PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO FROM CHURCH OF CHRIST TRUSTEES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 5.2 Community Development Committee – Chair Rosenberg/Vice-Chair Clapper
- 5.3 Finance Committee – Chair DeLeone/Vice-Chair Celko
- 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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