



City of Kent
Regular City Council Meeting
319 S. Water Street, Kent, Ohio 44240
Wednesday, December 17, 2025

AGENDA -Amended

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. Sidoti

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 November 20, 2025, a notification of a new liquor license request was received from the Ohio Liquor Control Board. The application is for Kent Mart, Inc. at 1110 S. Water St.
 - 3.2.2 On November 25, 2025 the Clerk's office received notice that there will be no Planning Commission meetings in December.
 - 3.2.3 On November 26, 2025, the minutes from the Standing Rock Cemetery November regular meeting and the special meeting were received, along with the agenda for the December meeting. These were posted online.
 - 3.2.4 On December 5, 2025, the Clerk's office received certificates of election results from the Board of Election. These are on file in the Clerk's office.
 - 3.2.5 On December 5, 2025, the Clerk's office received notification to November 2025 election candidates to file post-general campaign finance reports. This notice was shared with the three new at-large Council members.

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 November Regular Council Meeting minutes
- 4.2 Approval of December Council Committee Meeting minutes
- 4.3 **DRAFT 2025-109** 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 2025-110** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CITY OF KENT CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.5 **DRAFT 2025-111** AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING 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, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.6 **DRAFT 2025-112** AN ORDINANCE REPEALING THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION ORDINANCES KNOWN AS ORD 1995-103; ORD 1999-64 AND ORD 2009-38 AND ADOPTING THE NEW BY-LAWS AND RULES OF PROCEDURE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.7 **DRAFT 2025-113** 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 2025-114** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONTRACT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF KENT, WITH THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, PORTAGE COUNTY, FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL COUNSEL TO INDIGENT PERSONS CHARGED WITH POTENTIAL PENALTY OF INCARCERATION FOR OFFENSES COMMITTED IN VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCES OF SAID CITY FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- 4.9 **DRAFT 2025-115** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 901 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KENT, ENTITLED "STREETS, CURBS AND DRIVEWAYS ", SO AS TO AMEND SECTION 901.03 ENTITLED "REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT STANDARDS" TO ALLOW FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS CONSISTENT WITH TODAY'S STANDARDS AND DECLARED AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.10 **DRAFT 2025-116** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPROVE A NEW PROGRAM FOR THE ROTARY CLUB OF KENT TO ALLOW FOR FLAGS TO BE INSTALLED IN ORDER TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY PRIDE AND PATRIOTISM.
- 4.11 **DRAFT 2025-117** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 915.72 OF THE KENT CODIFIED ORDINANCES, INCREASING THE SEWER RATES OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO BY THREE PERCENT (3%) BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST BILLING CYCLE IN JANUARY, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.12 **DRAFT 2025-118** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 913.05(d) OF THE KENT CODIFIED ORDINANCES, INCREASING THE WATER RATES OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO BY THREE PERCENT (3%) BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST BILLING CYCLE IN JANUARY, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.13 **DRAFT 2025-127** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH PINGREE 2000 REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS, LLC AND CLERAC, LLC (aka ENTERPRISE HOLDINGS, LLC) PROVIDING FOR A REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO THE OHIO COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA PROGRAM (CRA) TO PERFORM RENOVATIONS TO THE EXISTING BUILDING LOCATED AT 1225 WEST MAIN STREET, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.14 **DRAFT 2025-128** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2025-54 THE POSITION ALLOCATION, THE GENERAL COMPENSATION PLAN AND AFSCME CONTRACT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

STANDING COMMITTEES AND LEGISLATION

5.1 Committee of the Whole – Chair Amrhein

5.1.1 VOTING ON BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

5.1.1.1 Board of Building Appeals – 1 vacancy:

Candidate: Greg Seifert

Board of Health – 2 vacancies:

Candidates: Louise Frederick, Lindsay Nowak

Board of Zoning Appeals – 2 vacancies:

Candidate: Randall Smith

Fair Housing Board – 2 vacancies:

Candidates: Susan Roxburgh, Jennifer Nichols

Income Tax Review Board – 2 vacancies:

Candidate: Denise Mote

Parks and Recreation Board – 1 vacancy:

Candidates: Kathleen Wiler, Sarah Durkalski

Shade Tree Commission – 2 vacancies

Candidates: Jason Knowles, Tom Kiepora, Jeff Forstner, Ash DeAngelo

Sustainability – 1 vacancy:

Candidates: Judy Nelson, Lynn Gregor

5.1.2 MOTION TO AUTHORIZE INSERTION OF NAMES into Drafts 2025-119 through 2025-126

5.1.3 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1.3.1 **DRAFT 2025-119** AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING _____ TO THE BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

5.1.3.2 **DRAFT 2025-120** AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING _____ AND _____ TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

5.1.3.3 **DRAFT 2025-121** AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING _____ TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

5.1.3.4 **DRAFT 2025-122** AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING _____ TO THE FAIR HOUSING BOARD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

5.1.3.5 **DRAFT 2025-123** AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING _____ TO THE INCOME TAX REVIEW BOARD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

5.1.3.6 **DRAFT 2025-124** AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING _____ TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

5.1.3.7 **DRAFT 2025-125** AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING _____ AND _____ TO THE SHADE TREE COMMISSION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

5.1.3.8 **DRAFT 2025-126 AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING _____ TO THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

No business

5.3 **Finance Committee – Chair DeLeone/Vice-Chair Celko**

No business

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

No business

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

No business

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

No business

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Swearing-In of New Council Members

7. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

9. ADJOURN