



City of Kent
Regular City Council Meeting
319 S. Water Street, Kent, Ohio 44240
Wednesday, January 21, 2026

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. Turner

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 December 23, 2025 the Clerk's office received notice that there will not be a Planning Commission meeting on January 6, 2026, but there will be a meeting on January 20th. The agenda and staff report were received on January 13, 2026.
 - 3.2.2 On January 2, 2026, the minutes from the December Standing Rock Cemetery meeting were received, along with the agenda for the January meeting. These were posted online.
 - 3.2.3 On January 12, 2026, the Clerk's office received notice that there will be no Board of Zoning Appeals meeting on January 26th due to a lack of agenda items.
 - 3.2.4 On January 12, 2026, the Clerk's office received an email from Nichole Marxen, Property Manager at Kentwood Square Apartments, complimenting the Health Department on their professional and efficient inspection of the rental property, and complimenting the City on caring enough about their residents to conduct yearly rental property inspections. The email was shared with Council.

3.3 City Manager's Report

4. VOTING ON WARD 2 COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

- 3.1 MOTION TO APPOINT _____
- 3.2 MOTION TO AUTHORIZE INSERTION OF NAMES INTO **DRAFT 2026-08**
- 3.3 **DRAFT 2026-08** AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING _____ TO THE POSITION OF WARD 2 COUNCIL PERSON OF THE CITY OF KENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 3.4 SWEARING IN / OATH OF OFFICE

5. 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 December Regular Council Meeting minutes
- 4.2 Approval of January Council Committee Meeting minutes
- 4.3 Approval of January Special Meeting minutes
- 4.4 **DRAFT 2026-01** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CITY OF KENT'S CYBERSECURITY POLICIES AS REQUIRED BY ORC §9.64 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.5 **DRAFT 2026-02** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION TO CHANGE THE CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS SPECIFICALLY RULE 5.08.1 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.6 **DRAFT 2026-03** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT AND PORTAGE COUNTY TO CONTINUE THE STOW/SUMMIT STREET BRIDGE AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR DESIGN SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.7 **DRAFT 2026-04** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT AND KENT CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PERFORM A JOINT STUDY OF PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE CONNECTIVITY THROUGH THE HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS THAT WOULD INCLUDE THE LAKE ROCKWELL TRAIL EXTENSION PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- 4.8 **DRAFT 2026-05** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 353.02 “PARKING REGULATION AUTHORIZATION” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KENT TO CHANGE THE PERMISSABLE PARKING CONDITIONS ON EAST GRANT STREET AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.9 **DRAFT 2026-06** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2025-50 PASSED BY KENT CITY COUNCIL ON JUNE 18, 2025 TO INCLUDE FOLLOW-UP ITEMS FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.10 **DRAFT 2026-09** 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.

6. STANDING COMMITTEES AND LEGISLATION

5.1 Committee of the Whole – Chair Amrhein/Vice-Chair Clapper

5.1.1 VOTING ON LOAN REVIEW BOARD APPOINTMENT

- 5.1.1.1 MOTION TO APPOINT DAVID KOVACS
- 5.1.1.2 MOTION TO AUTHORIZE INSERTION OF NAME INTO DRAFT 2026-07
- 5.1.1.3 **DRAFT 2026-07** A RESOLUTION APPOINTING DAVID KOVACS TO THE LOAN REVIEW BOARD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

5.2 Community Development Committee – Chair Shaffer Bish/Vice-Chair Wallach

No business

5.3 Finance Committee – Chair Celko/Vice-Chair Tipton

No business

5.4 Health & Safety Committee – Chair Hook/Vice-Chair Clapper

No business

5.5 Land Use Committee – Chair Clapper/Vice-Chair Hook

No business

5.6 Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee – Chair Wallach/Vice-Chair Tipton

No business

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

10. MAYOR'S REPORT

11. ADJOURN