



City of Kent
Regular City Council Meeting
319 S. Water Street, Kent, Ohio 44240
Wednesday, February 18, 2026

AGENDA

6:55PM BOARD OF CONTROL

7:00PM PUBLIC HEARING: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) PY 2026 Annual Action Plan

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING will begin immediately after Public Hearing

1. ROLL CALL

2. OPENING REMARKS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Ms. Wallach

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 January 26, 2026, the agenda for the February 3rd Planning Commission was received and posted in the foyer of City Hall.
 - 3.2.2 Between January 27th and February 2nd, the Clerk's office was cc'd on multiple emails between Rick Hawksley and Bridget Susel regarding snow removal efforts in the City. These were shared with Council.
 - 3.2.3 Between February 2nd and 4th, the Clerk's office was cc'd on multiple emails between concerned residents of the Forest Lakes subdivision and Bridget Susel, regarding the Agricultural District application at 100 Johnson Rd. These were shared with Council.
 - 3.2.4 On February 2, 2026, an email from Lynn Harvey of the Kent Historical Society was shared with the Clerk's office, requesting that the building at 237 E. Main St. be designated a local historic building. This email was shared with Council.
 - 3.2.5 On February 4, 2026, the January minutes and February agenda for the Standing Rock Cemetery Board of Trustees meetings 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 January Regular Council Meeting minutes
- 4.2 Approval of February Council Committee Meeting minutes
- 4.3 Approval of February Special Meeting minutes
- 4.4 **DRAFT 2026-11** 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.
- 4.5 **DRAFT 2026-12** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2025-111, THE CURRENT APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, PASSED DECEMBER 17, 2025; 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, 2026; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.6 **DRAFT 2026-13** AN ORDINANCE AFFIRMING THE KENT DESIGN & PRESERVATION COMMITTEE'S DESIGNATION OF THE KENT HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUILDING LOCATED AT 237 EAST MAIN STREET AS A "LOCAL HISTORIC PROPERTY" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.7 **DRAFT 2026-14** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO AN ACQUISITION ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH COPEN MACHINE FOR THE PURCHASE AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 200 WEST WILLIAMS STREET PROPERTY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
- 4.8 **DRAFT 2026-15** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT OF THE DUAL-USE CANNABIS OPERATING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT AND SLIGHTLY TOASTED, LLC (DBA BLISS OHIO), TO MODIFY ITS OPERATING HOURS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (OAC) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.9 **DRAFT 2026-16** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KENT SERVICE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT

OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$800,000, AND TO ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF AWARDED, WITH CORRESPONDING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

5. STANDING COMMITTEES AND LEGISLATION

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

No business

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

5.5.1 DRAFT 2026-17 A RESOLUTION REJECTING THE APPLICATION OF ERIC KOLB / KOLB ACRES LLC FOR PLACEMENT OF PROPERTY IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE CHAPTER 929, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

No business

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

10. ADJOURN