



City of Kent
Regular City Council Meeting
319 S. Water Street, Kent, Ohio 44240
Council Chambers

Wednesday, March 18, 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 – Ms. Wesley

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 February 24, 2026, the Clerk's office received notice that the March 3rd Planning Commission meeting had been canceled due to a lack of agenda items.
 - 3.2.2 On March 2, 2026, a whitepaper regarding snow removal in the City of Kent was received from Rick Hawksley and shared with Council.
 - 3.2.3 On March 5, 2026, the February minutes and March agenda for the Standing Rock Cemetery trustees meeting were received and posted online.
 - 3.2.4 On March 9, 2026, the Clerk's office received notice that there would be no Board of Zoning Appeals meeting in March.
 - 3.2.5 On March 11, 2026, the Clerk's office received notice that the March 17th Planning Commission meeting had been cancelled due to lack of quorum. The case that was to be considered will be presented at the next scheduled Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2026.

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 February Regular Council Meeting minutes
- 4.2 Approval of March Council Committee Meeting minutes
- 4.3 **DRAFT 2026-18** 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 2026-21** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A WATER TAP-IN FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5873 HORNING ROAD, OUTSIDE THE CITY OF KENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.5 **DRAFT 2026-22** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT WITH THE HAYMAKER FARMERS' MARKET FOR THE SUB-LAND LEASE OF A PARKING LOT LOCATED NORTH OF SUMMIT STREET, WEST OF FRANKLIN AVENUE, AND EAST OF AKRON BARBERTON CLUSTER RAILWAY COMPANY'S MAIN LINE TRACK, CONTAINING 0.168 ACRES, FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 4, 2026 THROUGH NOVEMBER 28, 2026; CONTINGENT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE CITY'S LEASE WITH THE AKRON BARBERTON CLUSTER RAILWAY COMPANY, FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$1.00; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.6 **DRAFT 2026-23** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1337 TITLED "FLOOD DAMAGE CONTROL," IN ORDER TO STAY IN COMPLIANCE WITH RECENT UPDATES TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) FLOOD DAMAGE CONTROL REGULATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.7 **DRAFT 2026-24** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2026 COMMUNITY EVENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.8 **DRAFT 2026-25** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF

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\$49,965.00, PLACING IT IN ESCROW WITH NOPEC AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- 4.9 **DRAFT 2026-26** 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.
- 4.10 **DRAFT 2026-27** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 353.02 “PARKING REGULATION AUTHORIZATION” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KENT TO CHANGE THE LANGUAGE ON NATHAN DRIVE AND PHILLIP DRIVE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.11 **DRAFT 2026-28** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2025-128 THE POSITION ALLOCATION AND THE GENERAL COMPENSATION PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

5. STANDING COMMITTEES AND LEGISLATION

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

5.1.1 Voting on Board/Commission Appointments

- 5.1.1.1 MOTION TO APPOINT _____ TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION
- 5.1.1.2 MOTION TO AUTHORIZE INSERTION OF NAME INTO DRAFT 2026-19
- 5.1.1.3 MOTION TO SUSPEND THREE READINGS OF DRAFT 2026-19
- 5.1.1.4 **DRAFT 2026-19** AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING _____ TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 5.1.1.5 MOTION TO APPOINT _____ TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
- 5.1.1.6 MOTION TO AUTHORIZE INSERTION OF NAME INTO DRAFT 2026-20
- 5.1.1.7 MOTION TO SUSPEND THREE READINGS OF DRAFT 2026-20
- 5.1.1.8 **DRAFT 2026-20** AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING _____ TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION 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

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

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