



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

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

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**AGENDA**

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**6:55PM BOARD OF CONTROL**

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING will begin immediately after Board of Control**

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**1. ROLL CALL**

**2. OPENING REMARKS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Ms. Celko**

**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](mailto: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 March 13, 2026, an email was received from Geoffrey Westerfield of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources advising of a workshop dealing with urban deer management. The email was shared with Council.

3.2.2 On March 31, 2026, the April agenda and staff report for the April 7, 2026 Planning Commission meeting were received.

3.2.3 On March 31, 2026, the March minutes and April agenda for the Standing Rock Cemetery trustees' meetings were received. The agenda was later amended and re-posted.

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 March Regular Council Meeting minutes
- 4.2 Approval of April Council Committee Meeting minutes
- 4.3 **DRAFT 2026-29** 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 2026-30** 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.
- 4.5 **DRAFT 2026-31** AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM, NOT TO EXCEED ONE YEAR, ON THE GRANTING/ISSUING ANY PERMITS FOR AI DATA CENTERS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.6 **DRAFT 2026-32** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE KENT FIRE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A JOEY D. FOUNDATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 AND TO ACCEPT GRANT, IF AWARDED, WITH CORRESPONDING APPROPRIATIONS OF FUNDS WHICH WILL PROVIDE FUNDING TO PURCHASE “PERSONAL BAILOUT” EQUIPMENT TO PROTECT FIRE SAFETY PERSONNEL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
- 4.7 **DRAFT 2026-33** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KENT SERVICE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000 FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR A TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (TID) GRANT FOR THE NORTH MANTUA STREET PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.8 **DRAFT 2026-34** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A NEW HOUSING ACQUISITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO PROMOTE HOMEOWNERSHIP AND FACILITATE THE CONVERSION OF SINGLE-FAMILY RENTAL PROPERTIES INTO OWNER-OCCUPIED PROPERTIES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.9 **DRAFT 2026-35** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA (CRA) AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO, KMPH REAL ESTATE, LLC AND MC AUTOMOTIVE, INC. (DBA MONTROSE MAZDA) DATED AUGUST 27, 2020 TO REMOVE THE ANNUAL FEE REQUIREMENT IN SECTION 5 OF THE AGREEMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- 4.10 **DRAFT 2026-36** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT THE UPDATED PORTAGE COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN (HMP) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.11 **DRAFT 2026-37** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KENT OHIO TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND / OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

## 5. STANDING COMMITTEES AND LEGISLATION

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

## 10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official

## 11. RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

### 11.1 Voting on Board/Commission Appointment

11.1.1 MOTION TO APPOINT JULIE KENWORTHY TO THE COMMITTEE ON DESIGN AND PRESERVATION

11.1.2 MOTION TO AUTHORIZE INSERTION OF NAME INTO DRAFT 2026-38

11.1.3 MOTION TO SUSPEND THREE READINGS OF DRAFT 2026-38

11.1.4 MOTION TO AUTHORIZE **DRAFT 2026-38 AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING JULIE KENWORTHY TO THE COMMITTEE ON DESIGN AND PRESERVATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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