



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

Wednesday, April 15, 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. 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 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 _____ 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 _____ TO THE COMMITTEE ON DESIGN AND
PRESERVATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

12. ADJOURN

DRAFT



City of Kent

Regular City Council Meeting

319 S. Water Street, Kent, Ohio 44240

March 18, 2026

MINUTES

At 7:00pm, Mayor Amrhein called the Regular City Council meeting to order.

Present: Ms. Melissa Celko; Mr. Jeff Clapper; Mr. Eric Dreger; Mr. Chris Hook; Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish; Mr. Benjamin Tipton; Ms. Tracy Wallach; Ms. Sarah Wesley

Also Present: Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mayor and President of Council; Ms. Kathy Coleman, Clerk of Council; Mr. Dave Ruller, City Manager; Ms. Hope Jones, Law Director; Ms. Melanie Baker, Services Director; Ms. Bridget Susel, Community Development Director

Motion to excuse Mr. Turner was made by Mayor Amrhein, seconded by Mr. Hook, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

OPENING REMARKS and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Wesley welcomed the audience, then led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATIONS

Public Comment

- **Ms. Mary Starbuck**, a member of the Kent Environmental Council Advocacy Committee, expressed concerns over intense development activities at 100 Johnson Road (Kolb Acres LLC). These activities involve large excavating machinery dredging a lake, which risks sediment contamination in nearby Fish Creek and loss of topsoil. She highlighted the lack of erosion control and the site's ecological importance as a natural wetland, which contributes to groundwater replenishment. She stated that Kent Environmental Council considers the Council's decision to deny the agricultural zoning application for the property correct, but remains concerned about ongoing excavation activities and their environmental impacts. She urged the council to take action against this misuse of land designation.
- **Mr. Roger Bliss** discussed the impact of train noise on quality of life in Kent, emphasizing that the disruptive sounds extend beyond crossings due to federal regulations requiring trains to sound horns. He introduced the concept of quiet zones, established by federal law in 2006, which allow for alternative safety measures that can replace the horn

protocol, creating a quieter environment without compromising safety. He encouraged the Council to explore these alternatives thoughtfully, moving away from the fear-based perception of train safety, and to engage with the available research on quiet zones to foster informed discussions.

Written Communication

- 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.
- On March 2, 2026, a whitepaper regarding snow removal in the City of Kent was received from Rick Hawksley and shared with Council.
- On March 5, 2026, the February minutes and March agenda for the Standing Rock Cemetery trustees meeting were received and posted online.
- On March 9, 2026, the Clerk's office received notice that there would be no Board of Zoning Appeals meeting in March.
- 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.

City Manager's Report

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT was made by Ms. Shaffer Bish, seconded by Ms. Wallach, and passed by unanimous voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION TO SUSPEND THREE READINGS OF DRAFTS 2026-18 and 2026-21 through 2026-28 was made by Mr. Clapper, seconded by Ms. Shaffer Bish, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, 8-0-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA was made by Mr. Clapper, seconded by Ms. Wallach, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, 8-0-0.

- Approval of February Regular Council Meeting minutes
- Approval of March Council Committee Meeting minutes
- **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.**

- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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 \$49,965.00, PLACING IT IN ESCROW WITH NOPEC AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- **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.
- **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.
- **DRAFT 2026-28** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2025-128 THE POSITION ALLOCATION AND THE GENERAL COMPENSATION PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

STANDING COMMITTEES AND LEGISLATION

Committee of the Whole – Chair Amrhein

- Voting on Planning Commission Appointment
 - MOTION TO APPOINT **ADAM STEPHENS** TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION was made by Mr. Clapper, seconded by Mr. Hook, and carried by unanimous voice vote.
 - MOTION TO AUTHORIZE INSERTION OF NAME INTO DRAFT 2026-19 was made by Mr. Clapper, seconded by Mr. Hook, and carried by unanimous voice vote.
 - **MOTION TO SUSPEND THREE READINGS OF DRAFT 2026-19** was made by Mr. Clapper, seconded by Ms. Wesley, and carried by unanimous roll call vote.
 - **MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT 2026-19 AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING ADAM STEPHENS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** was made by Mr. Clapper, seconded by Mr. Hook, and carried by unanimous roll call vote.
- Voting on Civil Service Appointment
 - MOTION TO APPOINT **MARIAH TAYLOR** TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION was made by Ms. Shaffer Bish, seconded by Ms. Wallach, and carried by unanimous voice vote.
 - MOTION TO AUTHORIZE INSERTION OF NAME INTO DRAFT 2026-20 was made by Ms. Shaffer Bish, seconded by Ms. Celko, and carried by unanimous voice vote.
 - **MOTION TO SUSPEND THREE READINGS OF DRAFT 2026-20** was made by Ms. Shaffer Bish, seconded by Ms. Wallach, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, 8-0-0.
 - **MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT 2026-20 A RESOLUTION APPOINTMENT MARIAH TAYLOR TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** was made by Ms. Shaffer Bish, seconded by Mr. Clapper, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, 8-0-0.

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

No action.

Finance Committee – Chair DeLeone/Vice-Chair Celko

No action.

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

No action.

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

No action

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

No action.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

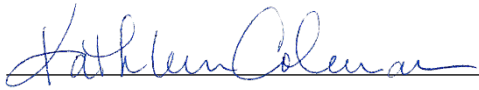
- **Mr. Clapper** made a motion to adopt a 6-month moratorium on AI data centers in the City. During discussion, the motion was amended to a one-year time-frame and was seconded by Ms. Wallach. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- **Ms. Wallach** suggested that staff begin addressing the quiet railroad crossing issue. Mr. Ruller explained that Jim Bowling has been working on this topic, noting that funding for an initial study was already approved and is in progress. Following the study, eligibility assessments will begin, involving discussions related to the railroad. Mr. Ruller noted the importance of ongoing communication with Mr. Bliss and mentioned that findings from the quiet zone study will be submitted to committee in due course.
- **Ms. Wallach** asked about addressing Ms. Starbuck's concerns at Kolb Acres. Ms. Susel explained that the excavation is legally permitted by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), as the area is not classified as a wetland. Monitoring has been in place for potential silt migration, but currently, the operations are contained, and the pumping of water into the creek has ceased. Following the completion of excavation work, there will be a focus on addressing the piles remaining on-site, for which the operator must provide further information in alignment with their permit requirements.
- **Ms. Wesley** stated that there were journalism students from Kent State in the audience who were encouraged to take notes and ask questions about the legislative process being discussed. A student expressed confusion over the voting procedures, particularly regarding approvals and suspension of rules that allow for immediate voting on ordinances. It was explained that the meeting was primarily focused on voting, and attending prior meetings would have provided crucial context. The discussion clarified the distinction between regular meeting procedures and emergency measures that require immediate action. The importance of reading the agenda and minutes was emphasized for better understanding.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Amrhein reported a busy month, including attendance at the March for the Arts event organized by Main Street Kent. This event allowed Kent City school students to showcase over 700 artistic representations of Kent at local businesses. The mayor also mentioned an upcoming meeting with the mayor of Stow.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.



Kathleen Coleman
Clerk of Council

Jack Amrhein
Mayor and President of Council

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Kent Environmental Council

Notice of Environmental Concern, 100 Johnson Rd., Kent Ohio 44240

March 10, 2026

To: Kent City Council

From: Kent Environmental Council

Re: 100 Johnson Rd., Kent Ohio 44240

We are writing you with environmental concerns regarding the current activities at 100 Johnson Rd., Kent, also known as Kolb Acres LLC. Intense development activity has been observed for several months on the property currently zoned O-R (Open Space-Recreation). Large excavating equipment has been digging and dredging the lake on the property of the former Lappin Farm. There is concern that while these two activities are operating simultaneously, it is likely that a considerable amount of sediment is being pumped into nearby Fish Creek impacting ground water downstream and the loss of precious top soil – once this soil is gone there is no getting it back. Adding to those threats this mucked soil is being piled on site without even the erosion deterrence of silt fencing, a common requirement on most construction sites.

Also of concern, is that this lowland area acts as a natural wetland, where surface water is filtered, purified and replenishes deeper aquifers providing potable water to area residents and farms.

On February 4, 2025, Kent City Council held an open forum discussion to address the application of Kolb Acres LLC, to place this property into an agricultural use zoning district. Kent City Council listened to concerns of residents living nearby about noise and general impact to quality of life near the property.

The Kent City Police explained that the application of noise violations to Kolb Acres LLC are still pending in court. It was also shown, during council discussions that the application for an agricultural permit on this property has not met the required standards for the past three years. In fact, this property was not even zoned to permit such activity two years prior. On February 18, 2025, Kent City Council voted to reject the application for this change in zoning. We agree this was the right action on the part of the city Council. Allowing a change to agricultural use zoning would only serve to insulate Kolb Acres LLC from any action as a nuisance, or for its negative environmental impact.

The question remains - what now? The excavation activities continue as well as the continued negative environmental impacts to the community. We are asking what, if any action, Kent City Council will take to stop this obvious misuse of the Open Space-Recreation designation and its ongoing irreparable harm.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely, - The Kent Environmental Council ((KEC)

Addendum added March 17 2026: Eric Long, Stormwater Engineer for the Portage Soil and Water Conservation District, visited Kolb Acres LLC earlier this week and consulted with the owner about soil and water issues there. Mr. Long may be a resource for the city of Kent in this concern. Eric specializes in construction site sediment, erosion control, and stormwater management, often working on drainage issues, environmental planning, and updating regulations to align with Ohio EPA permits.

DRAFT

Good evening,

My name is Roger Bliss, and I live at 124 Forest Drive, Kent Ohio. I want to share something that deserves broader public understanding.

Trains passing through Kent currently follow the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) default protocol. A 20 second sequence, at roughly 105 decibels, the sound level is comparable to a nearby motorcycle—loud enough to interrupt conversation or wake a sleeping family. Under that protocol, trains are required to sound their horns as they approach public crossings—two long blasts, one short blast, and one final long blast as the engine passes through the crossing.

That's the routine pattern we all know, and most people assume it's something you just learn to live with, that a 105-decibel horn of an approaching train is the only way to ensure safety at a train crossing. But in Kent, this is not only a crossing issue. It is a corridor-wide issue. The disruption is not confined to the crossings themselves. Because an approaching train's routine horn sequence begins about a quarter mile before the train enters the crossing, its effects extend well beyond the crossing; in total, a single rail crossing creates a half mile noise corridor. With 3 rail lines and 9 train crossings in Kent, these noise corridors often overlap, compounding the noise disruption for many.

Fortunately, in 2006, a federal law was passed that established an alternative solution to crossing safety: Quiet Zones. The federal Quiet Zone regulations have a structured safety review to determine whether supplemental safety measures can allow routine horn sounding to be discontinued. In effect, that creates a quiet crossing. The default horn-sounding protocol for approaching trains is no longer required at those crossings and is eliminated as a routine condition because the supplemental safety measures are in place. That matters because Quiet Zones, quiet crossings, quiet corridors are not about lowering safety. They demonstrate that safety can be maintained through more than one compliant approach.

So the **question** is not whether safety matters. Of course it does. The **question** is are we willing to look more closely at a possibility already recognized under federal law? Are there places where established alternatives could **protect safety** equally well without the 105-decibel train horn noise?

Those are reasonable questions and Kent has an opportunity to approach this thoughtfully — not through assumption, not through fear, and not through a false choice between safety and quality of life, but through informed review of applicable regulations and existing data and an unbiased consideration of what is possible.

Significant time has been spent researching Quiet Zones, and I invite everyone here to take a handout, explore the topic further, and share it with others

Thank you.



City of Kent
City Council Committee Meeting
319 S. Water St., Kent Ohio 44240

April 1, 2026

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jack Amrhein called the Committee meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Present: Ms. Melissa Celko; Mr. Jeff Clapper; Mr. Eric Dreger; Mr. Chris Hook; Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish; Mr. Benjamin Tipton; Ms. Sarah Wesley

Also Present: Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mayor and President of Council; Ms. Kathy Coleman, Clerk of Council; Mr. Dave Ruller, City Manager; Ms. Hope Jones, Law Director; Mr. Jamie Samels, Fire Chief; Mr. Jim Bowling, City Engineer; Dominique Bollenbacher, Community Outreach Coordinator; Ms. Bridget Susel, Community Development Director; Ms. Rhonda Hall, Finance Director; Ms. Angela Manley, Parks & Recreation Director; Ms. Melanie Baker, Service Director; Mr. Jordan Snyder, IT Technician; Ms. Joan Seidel, Health Commissioner; Mr. Nick Shearer, Acting Police Chief

COMMITTEES

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

Board and Commission Interview

- ***Interview for Design & Preservation Committee – Julie Kenworthy***

Ms. Kenworthy emphasized her passion for preservation, underscoring her role as the director of the Kent Historical Society and her commitment to the Kent community. She believes in the importance of objective decision-making in design and preservation, stating that her background aligns well with the position's requirements. She was advised that the voting would take place at the April regular meeting and she would be advised of the results by email.

City Staff Updates

Strategic Planning Update

- **Mr. Ruller** provided a summary document of strategic threats, opportunities, programs, and efforts for the years 2026-27. He remarked on the refreshed and more visually appealing presentation of the document, diverging from the previous formats. Upcoming events include the city's manager's annual update to the Chamber of Commerce, which will include strategic planning as well as new businesses and infrastructure updates. He acknowledged the need for effective guidance in strategic planning and is exploring potential consultants for this process and encouraged Council to share any recommendations.

Rail Crossing Quiet Zones

- **Mr. Bowling** discussed the potential for implementing quiet zones at rail crossings in the City, citing ongoing research since January. The study involves analyzing quiet zones in other communities, community opinions, infrastructure status, safety impacts, and budgetary costs associated with quiet zones specifically at the CSX crossing. Key safety concerns include the management of train horns and the risk of trespasser incidents, particularly in areas with homeless populations. Cost estimates vary based on railroad requirements, with a need for ongoing maintenance every five years. Community interest is being gauged for potential investment in quiet zones. Further discussions are planned for the next workshop to gather community feedback.

Service Department Updates

- **Ms. Baker** advised Council that brush chipping started early due to the windstorms March 13-16. Canvassing of the city will continue for one more week. Regular brush chipping will occur in May, starting the week of May 4th. Additionally, the yard site is now open three weeks early, with specific hours on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The large spring cleanup is also scheduled for May, where residents can dispose of items with Republic's help. A scrap tire pickup will take place on May 28th at the water reclamation plant, alongside promotion of the Portage County solid waste facility, which accepts various recyclable materials year-round.

Community Development Update

- **Ms. Susel** reported that a request for qualifications has been issued to hire a consultant for updating the comprehensive housing study and needs analysis, referred to as the housing study. Proposals are due by April 9th, with a contract anticipated in May. The update will take several months and aims to analyze data from the 2016 housing study, which provided quantitative support for anecdotal evidence regarding housing inventory concerns. It is acknowledged that private development cannot be entirely controlled, but the updated study aims to guide developers towards diverse housing options. Ms. Susel responded to questions from Council regarding implications for residential development, enrollment trends, zoning, and market dynamics in the Kent area. The discussion addressed key issues such as housing demand, land availability, zoning overlays, and the challenges of private-sector housing development in a college town context.
- A request for qualifications will be published for an economic development strategy to reinforce ongoing efforts in economic development, particularly in downtown redevelopment. The timeline aligns with the housing study update, with an anticipated contract by late May. Each consultancy report will be presented to the council to highlight key findings.
- Main Street Kent has requested time at the next committee meeting to discuss the scheduling for the Franklin Street closure, stressing that this is not intended to remove the annual closure. Main Street Kent conducted a survey of its DORA participants and proposes shifting the closure period from Memorial Day to Labor Day, rather than the first Saturday in May to the last Saturday in October.

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

Down Payment Assistance Program

- **Ms. Susel** provided Council with an overview of a new down payment assistance program which seeks to transition single-family rental properties back to owner-occupied status using a \$50,000 general fund allocation. The program features a \$10,000 forgivable deferred loan with no payments

required. Forgiveness occurs at \$1,250 per year over eight years, after which the loan is fully forgiven. If the property is sold before eight years to a non-owner occupant, full repayment of \$10,000 is required. If sold to another owner occupant before eight years, repayment is prorated based on years remaining. Eligibility requires the property to have been licensed as a rental for **three years** prior to application (revised from one year after council discussion to ensure commitment to the program). Applicants must have a primary mortgage; the city's loan would be second position to ensure repayments in case of default. The program is open to all income levels, aiming to promote homeownership rather than focus on income eligibility. Marketing will target real estate agents, banks, and community organizations; partnerships with lenders for incentives (like reduced closing costs or points) are being explored. The program addresses concerns about long-term rental property degradation and declining profitability of single-family rentals.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM was made by Mr. Clapper, seconded by Mr. Tipton and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Proposed Amendment to Community Reinvestment Area Agreement with Mazda Dealership

- **Ms. Susel** discussed the Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) agreement with Mazda, and proposed an amendment which aims to eliminate the \$500 annual fee that Mazda has been paying, which is no longer required for other businesses under similar agreements. This fee was removed from the Ohio Revised Code by the Ohio Department of Development, and since Mazda's agreement predates this change but began receiving exemptions afterward, the action seeks to ensure parity with other CRA agreements.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE AMENDMENT TO MAZDA'S CRA AGREEMENT was made by Mr. Clapper, seconded by Ms. Celko and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Finance Committee – Chair Celko/Vice-Chair Tipton

Grant Submission for Fire Safety Equipment

- **Chief Samels** requested Council's approval to apply for a \$25,000 grant from the Joey D. Bernardo Foundation, which would fund new repelling gear for all firefighters, allowing them to safely descend from buildings in emergencies. The proposal includes a trainer program costing \$3,000 and there is no match necessary from the City.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR THE JOEY D BERNARDO FOUNDATION GRANT was made by Ms. Shaffer Bish , seconded by Ms. Wesley, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

City Staffing and Funding Options Report

- **Mr. Ruller and Ms. Hall** provided information on the city's financial status, service needs, economic development, tax strategies, and the proposed course for addressing funding challenges through voter-approved measures. The complexity of balancing fiscal responsibility with community expectations in a high-need, low-resource environment was highlighted. Key points:
 - *The City faces a funding gap between service needs and current revenue.* Despite economic growth and careful budgeting, there is an imbalance between community expectations and what the city can afford with existing revenue streams. Without additional funding, critical staffing and infrastructure needs cannot be met adequately.

- *Maintaining the current income tax rate while redirecting funds is the preferred strategy;*
The staff recommends removing the temporary 0.25 percent tax initially dedicated to the police station once the debt is retired, then seeking voter approval to reinstate it for broader service needs. This approach avoids increasing the overall tax burden on residents while addressing critical operational priorities.
- *Incremental staffing increases are urgent and necessary.*
The minimum baseline identified (3 police, 3 fire, 3 laborers) reflects essential immediate needs. Additional staffing beyond this baseline is desirable but constrained by budget realities.
- *Economic development efforts have paid off and should continue to be supported.*
The success of downtown revitalization demonstrates the value of targeted investments in economic growth platforms. Sustaining and building upon this progress is critical to maintaining and expanding the tax base.
- *Strategic use of tax credits and incentives could improve resident retention and revenue;*
Considering a tax credit system or non-resident income tax could help balance revenue needs with fairness, encouraging more workers to live in Kent and reducing financial pressure on current residents.
- *The city must balance service expansion with fiscal responsibility;*
The limited financial resources require prioritizing core services and carefully evaluating proposed new initiatives or expansions, particularly social programs that are not central to the city's mission.
- *Voter education and engagement are crucial for successful revenue measures;*
Any tax measure will require a well-planned public education campaign to communicate the necessity and benefits of funding changes, as well as transparency about how funds will be used.
- *Timing of ballot measures should align with voter turnout and administrative efficiency;*
While the fall election offers a seamless transition opportunity, there is flexibility to delay if more public education and preparation is needed. Avoiding gaps or confusion in tax rates is important for both residents and businesses.

Proposed 2026 Budget Appropriations Amendment #3

- **Ms. Hall** presented the third budget appropriation amendment of 2026 to Council.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS AMENDMENT was made by Mr. Clapper, seconded by Mr. Hook, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Health and Public Safety – Chair Hook/Vice-Chair Clapper

Portage County Hazard Mitigation Plan

- **Ms. Baker, Chief Samels and Chief Shearer** reviewed the Portage County Hazard Mitigation Plan update, emphasizing its collaborative nature, operational importance, funding implications, and community impact. The plan is fundamental to ensuring that Portage County and its municipalities, including Kent, remain prepared to respond effectively to a wide range of emergencies.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE PORTAGE COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN was made by Ms. Shaffer Bish, seconded by Mr. Clapper, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Land Use – Chair Clapper/Vice-Chair Hook

No report.

Streets, Sidewalks, and Utilities Committee-Chair Wallach/Vice-Chair Tipton

N. Mantua Street TID Grant Application

Mr. Bowling requested Council's approval to submit a \$500,000 grant application to ODOT for the transportation improvement district, initiated in 2022 in collaboration with Kent City School District and Davy Tree Corporation. Public meetings were held from May 2023 to August 2025. The project aims to enhance safety for all users, balance vehicular needs with various transportation modes, improve vehicle access, and enhance the city's aesthetics and entry points.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE ODOT TID grant application was made by Mr. Clapper, seconded by Ms. Celko, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53pm.



City of Kent Clerk of Council

ORDINANCE NO. 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.

WHEREAS, the Finance Director is required by ORC 5705.41(D) to certify the availability of funds to pay for goods or services upon all contracts and purchase orders; and,

WHEREAS, if the Certification of the Finance Director is not attached to the contract or purchase order over Three Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$3,000.00) Council must pass an ordinance allowing for a warrant for payment to be issued upon the Finance Director's certification that at the time of making the contract or order and at the time of the certification there was sufficient funds necessary for the payment of such contract and orders; and,

WHEREAS, the Finance Director has indicated that such a certification described above can be executed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Finance Director is authorized to make such warrants as are necessary to pay the due and owing amounts detailed in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made an integral part hereof.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formation action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reason manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediate after passage.

PASSED: _____
Date

Jack Amrhein
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: _____
Date

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen Coleman
Clerk of Council

I, KATHLEEN COLEMAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF *ORDINANCE No.* _____, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON _____, 20____.

(SEAL)

KATHLEEN COLEMAN
CLERK OF COUNCIL

Purchase Order Report

G/L Date Range 03/10/26 - 04/06/26
Sort by Department - Purchase Order Number
Detail Listing

Department 01.102 Safety Department, Police Patrol/Investigation/Adm													
Purchase Order 2026-00000895													
Description PD - Gas Masks													
Department 01.102 Safety Department, Police Patrol/Investigation/Adm													
Vendor 1514 - Pro-Tech Security Sales													
Type Then/Now													
Status Complete													
Item 1	Description	Equipment >\$2500 - PD - Gas Masks				Status	Complete	Amount	29,720.00				
	Quantity	1.0000				Vendor Part Number		Voided	.00				
	U/M	Each				Contract Number		Discounted	.00				
	Price per Unit	29,720.00				Discount	0%	Expensed	29,720.00				
								Remaining	.00				
										Encumbered	.00		
G/L Account										Amount			
301-01-510-116.7630 (Capital Improvements-Safety Department-Safety Services-Capital Projects.Equipment >\$2500)										29,720.00			
Project													
G/L Date										03/11/2026	Amount	29,720.00	
Deliver by Date											Voided	.00	
Printed Date										03/11/2026	Discounted	.00	
Completed Date										03/17/2026	Expensed	29,720.00	
Expiration Date											Remaining	.00	
											Encumbered	.00	
Purchase Order 2026-00001033										G/L Date	03/25/2026	Amount	3,974.85
Description KPR Mower Repair										Deliver by Date		Voided	.00
Department 03.530 Park & Recreation Board,Park Services										Printed Date	03/26/2026	Discounted	.00
Vendor 4628 - Century Equipment, A Jerry Pate Co.										Completed Date	03/26/2026	Expensed	3,974.85
Type Then/Now										Expiration Date		Remaining	.00
Status Complete												Encumbered	.00
Item 1	Description	Maint of Equip & Facilities - KPR Mower Repair				Status	Complete	Amount	3,974.85				
	Quantity	1.0000				Vendor Part Number		Voided	.00				
	U/M	Each				Contract Number		Discounted	.00				

Purchase Order Report

G/L Date Range 03/10/26 - 04/06/26
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Detail Listing

Price per Unit		3,974.85	Discount		0%	Expensed		3,974.85				
						Remaining		.00				
						Encumbered		.00				
Project												
G/L Account		Amount										
106-03-530-301.7350 (Recreation-Parks & Rec-Parks & Recreation-Recreation Programs.Maint of Equip & Facilities)		3,974.85										
Department 05.560 Public Services Department,Central Maintenance Division												
Purchase Order		2026-00000955	G/L Date		03/18/2026	Amount		22,214.38				
Description		CM Vactor Repair	Deliver by Date			Voided		.00				
Department		05.560 Public Services Department,Central Maintenance Division	Printed Date		03/24/2026	Discouted		.00				
Vendor		5483 - A&H Equipment Company	Completed Date		03/24/2026	Expensed		22,214.38				
Type		Then/Now	Expiration Date			Remaining		.00				
Status		Complete				Encumbered		.00				
Item 1												
Description		Maint of Equip & Facilities	Status		Complete	Amount		4,442.88				
Quantity		1.0000	Vendor Part Number			Voided		.00				
U/M		Each	Contract Number			Discouted		.00				
Price per Unit		4,442.88	Discount		0%	Expensed		4,442.88				
						Remaining		.00				
						Encumbered		.00				
Project												
G/L Account		Amount										
102-05-560-601.7350 (SCMR-Service Department-Central Maintenance-Transportation - Central Maint..Maint of Equip & Facilities)		4,442.88										
Item 2												
Description		Maint of Equip & Facilities	Status		Complete	Amount		4,442.88				
Quantity		1.0000	Vendor Part Number			Voided		.00				
U/M		Each	Contract Number			Discouted		.00				
Price per Unit		4,442.88	Discount		0%	Expensed		4,442.88				

Purchase Order Report

G/L Date Range 03/10/26 - 04/06/26
Sort by Department - Purchase Order Number
Detail Listing

		Remaining		.00	
		Encumbered		.00	
G/L Account		Project		Amount	
201-05-550-605.7350 (Water-Service Department-Basic Utility Services-Central Maintenance Distribution.Maint of Equip & Facilities)				4,442.88	
Item 3	Description	Maint of Equip & Facilities	Status	Complete	Amount
	Quantity	1.0000	Vendor Part Number		4,442.88
	U/M	Each	Contract Number		.00
	Price per Unit	4,442.88	Discount	0%	4,442.88
					.00
					.00
G/L Account		Project		Amount	
202-05-550-605.7350 (Sewer-Service Department-Basic Utility Services-Central Maintenance Distribution.Maint of Equip & Facilities)				4,442.88	
Item 4	Description	Maint of Equip & Facilities	Status	Complete	Amount
	Quantity	1.0000	Vendor Part Number		4,442.88
	U/M	Each	Contract Number		.00
	Price per Unit	4,442.88	Discount	0%	4,442.88
					.00
					.00
G/L Account		Project		Amount	
205-05-550-605.7350 (Solid Waste (Recycling)-Service Department-Basic Utility Services-Central Maintenance Distribution.Maint of Equip & Facilities)				4,442.88	
Item 5	Description	Maint of Equip & Facilities	Status	Complete	Amount
					4,442.86

Purchase Order Report

G/L Date Range 03/10/26 - 04/06/26
Sort by Department - Purchase Order Number
Detail Listing

Quantity	1.0000	Vendor Part Number	Voided	.00
U/M	Each	Contract Number	Discounted	.00
Price per Unit	4,442.86	Discount	Expensed	4,442.86
			Remaining	.00
			Encumbered	.00

G/L Account
208-05-550-605.7350 (Storm Water-Service Department-Basic Utility Services-Central Maintenance Distribution.Maint of Equip & Facilities)
Project
Amount
4,442.86

Department	09.729 City Manager, Community Engagement	G/L Date	03/11/2026	Amount	11,000.00
Purchase Order	2026-00000896	Deliver by Date		Voided	.00
Description	CEC- Snow Day 2026	Printed Date	04/02/2026	Discounted	.00
Department	09.729 City Manager, Community Engagement	Completed Date		Expensed	.00
Vendor	1325 - Main Street Kent	Expiration Date		Remaining	11,000.00
Type	Then/Now			Encumbered	11,000.00
Status	Open				

Item 1	Description	Misc Contractual - CEC- Snow Day 2026	Status	Open	Amount	11,000.00
	Quantity	1.0000	Vendor Part Number	Voided		.00
	U/M	Each	Contract Number	Discounted		.00
	Price per Unit	11,000.00	Discount	Expensed		.00
				Remaining		11,000.00
				Encumbered		11,000.00

G/L Account
001-09-570-729.7390 (General Government-City Manager-General Governement-Community Engagement.Misc Contractual)
Project
Amount
11,000.00

ORDINANCE NO. 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.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend current appropriations, transfers and advances for the expenses and other expenditures for the City of Kent, Ohio, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the current appropriations Ordinance No. 2025-111 passed December 17, 2025, as amended by Ordinance No. 2026-12, passed 2/18/26, as amended by Ordinance No. 2026-26, passed 3/18/26, be amended as set forth in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein, so as to increase appropriations in Fund 001, General; Fund 106, Parks & Recreation; Fund 128, Fire & EMS; Fund 201, Water; Fund 202, Sewer; Fund 205, Solid Waste; and Fund 208, Storm Water; Fund 301, Capital Improvements; Fund 303, Police Station Levy; and so as to decrease Fund 001, General; Fund 201, Water; Fund 202, Sewer; and Fund 208, Storm Water; and Declaring an Emergency.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formation action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reason manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediate after passage.

PASSED: _____
Date

Jack Armhein
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: _____
Date

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen Coleman
Clerk of Council

I, KATHLEEN COLEMAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF *ORDINANCE No.* _____, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON _____, 20____.

(SEAL)

KATHLEEN COLEMAN
CLERK OF COUNCIL

Exhibit A

2026 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATIONS

<u>Fund - Department/Division</u>	<u>Personnel & Benefits</u>	<u>Other than Personnel & Benefits</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Reserve/Debt Service</u>	<u>Contingency</u>	<u>Fund & Department Total</u>
<u>General Fund (001)</u>						
City Council	\$ 241,770	\$ 138,980	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 380,750
Mayor	13,755	12,000				25,755
Community Support		122,000				122,000
City Manager	421,255	103,355				524,610
Community Engagement	124,250	44,100				168,350
Information Technology	325,930	685,210				1,011,140
Urban Renewal		35,500	220,000			255,500
Human Resources	146,100	35,985				182,085
Law	402,220	143,715				545,935
Budget & Finance	543,410	201,875				745,285
Community Development	829,550	356,455				1,186,005
Economic Development	151,325	43,275				194,600
Public Parking		94,030				94,030
Main Street Program		75,600				75,600
Service Administration	219,110	387,975				607,085
Shade Tree		168,675	20,000			188,675
Sustainability	115,280	3,400				118,680
Building	464,550	99,900				564,450
Land banking		5,000				5,000
Engineering	320,150	122,800				442,950
Miscellaneous & Sundry		542,100				542,100
Contingency					100,000	100,000
Fund Total	4,318,655	3,421,930	240,000	-	100,000	8,080,585
<u>West Side Fire (101)</u>						
Fire	179,850	38,800				218,650
Fund Total	179,850	38,800	-	-	-	218,650
<u>Street Construction Maintenance & Repair (102)</u>						
Service	1,604,380	1,379,920				2,984,300
Contingency					25,000	25,000
Fund Total	1,604,380	1,379,920	-	-	25,000	3,009,300
<u>State Highway (103)</u>						
Service		125,000				125,000
Fund Total	-	125,000	-	-	-	125,000
<u>Recreation (106)</u>						
Parks & Recreation	1,626,145	634,110	120,100			2,380,355
Fund Total	1,626,145	634,110	120,100	-	-	2,380,355
<u>Food Service (107)</u>						
Health	105,145	26,740				131,885
Fund Total	105,145	26,740	-	-	-	131,885
<u>Health Department (110)</u>						
Administration	590,030	196,680				786,710
Workforce Grant	97,945	3,250				101,195
Other Grants	0	115,055				115,055
Fund Total	687,975	314,985	-	-	-	1,002,960

2026 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATIONS

<u>Fund - Department/Division</u>	<u>Personnel & Benefits</u>	<u>Other than Personnel & Benefits</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Reserve/ Debt Service</u>	<u>Contingency</u>	<u>Fund & Department Total</u>
<u>Income Tax (116)</u>						
Budget/Finance/IncTaxAdmin	152,820	687,400				840,220
Managed Reserve				25,540		25,540
Fund Total	152,820	687,400	-	25,540	-	865,760
<u>Revolving Housing (120)</u>						
Health	163,610	23,670				187,280
Fund Total	163,610	23,670	-	-	-	187,280
<u>State & Local Forfeits (121)</u>						
Police						-
Fund Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Drug Law Enforcement (122)</u>						
Police		20,000				20,000
Fund Total	-	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
<u>Enforcement & Education (123)</u>						
Police		11,000				11,000
Fund Total	-	11,000	-	-	-	11,000
<u>Income Tax Safety (124)</u>						
Police	9,492,915	955,420				10,448,335
Fund Total	9,492,915	955,420	-	-	-	10,448,335
<u>Law Enforcement Trust (125)</u>						
Police						-
Fund Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Community Development Block Grant (126)</u>						
Community Development		155,155	159,857			315,012
Fund Total	-	155,155	159,857	-	-	315,012
<u>Fire & E.M.S. (128)</u>						
Fire	6,624,890	969,025	3,341,550			10,935,465
Fund Total	6,624,890	969,025	3,341,550	-	-	10,935,465
<u>Wireless 911 (129)</u>						
Safety						-
Fund Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Swimming Pool Inspections (130)</u>						
Health	8,410	500				8,910
Fund Total	8,410	500	-	-	-	8,910
<u>Police Pension (132)</u>						
Police	180,000					180,000
Fund Total	180,000	-	-	-	-	180,000
<u>Fire Pension (133)</u>						
Fire	180,000					180,000
Fund Total	180,000	-	-	-	-	180,000

2026 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATIONS

<u>Fund - Department/Division</u>	<u>Personnel & Benefits</u>	<u>Other than Personnel & Benefits</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Reserve/ Debt Service</u>	<u>Contingency</u>	<u>Fund & Department Total</u>
<u>UDAG / EDA-RLF (134)</u>						
City Manager/C.D.		570,000				570,000
Fund Total	-	570,000	-	-	-	570,000
<u>CHIP Grant (136)</u>						
City Manager/C.D.		160,000				160,000
Fund Total	-	160,000	-	-	-	160,000
<u>Local American Rescue Plan Act (138)</u>						
ARPA						0
Fund Total	-	-	-	-	-	0
<u>Water (201)</u>						
Service	2,216,890	1,454,530	934,955			4,606,375
Service (Capital Facilities)			523,050			523,050
Admin. Support	540,640	198,955	40,500			780,095
Budget & Finance (Debt)				41,799		41,799
Contingency					50,000	50,000
Fund Total	2,757,530	1,653,485	1,498,505	41,799	50,000	6,001,319
<u>Sewer (202)</u>						
Service	1,970,665	1,069,750	10,730,250			13,770,665
Service (Capital Facilities)			3,435,760			3,435,760
Admin. Support	459,540	168,155	39,950			667,645
Budget & Finance (Debt)				106,430		106,430
Contingency					50,000	50,000
Fund Total	2,430,205	1,237,905	14,205,960	106,430	50,000	18,030,500
<u>Utility Billing (204)</u>						
Budget & Finance		149,440				149,440
Fund Total	-	149,440	-	-	-	149,440
<u>Solid Waste (205)</u>						
Admin Support	52,270	176,910				229,180
Service	462,880	40,500				503,380
Fund Total	515,150	217,410	-	-	-	732,560
<u>Storm Water Utility (208)</u>						
Service	462,880	65,850	74,250			602,980
Service (Capital Facilities)			750,000			750,000
Admin. Support	376,260	88,670	1,650			466,580
Budget & Finance (Debt)				13,347		13,347
Fund Total	839,140	154,520	825,900	13,347	-	1,832,907

2026 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATIONS

<u>Fund - Department/Division</u>	<u>Personnel & Benefits</u>	<u>Other than Personnel & Benefits</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Reserve/ Debt Service</u>	<u>Contingency</u>	<u>Fund & Department Total</u>
<u>Guaranteed Deposits (230)</u>						
Budget & Finance		1,000				1,000
Fund Total	-	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
<u>Capital Projects (301)</u>						
Safety			216,000			216,000
Service			987,900			987,900
Service (Capital Facilities)			25,395,856			25,395,856
Administrative	320,150		502,900			823,050
Parks & Recreation			10,000			10,000
Budget & Finance (Debt)				63,265		63,265
New City Hall (Debt)				456,920		456,920
Contingency					25,000	25,000
Fund Total	320,150	-	27,112,656	520,185	25,000	27,977,991
<u>Municipal Public Improvement Tax Increment Equivalent (302)</u>						
Service (Capital Facilities)						-
Budget & Finance (Debt)				414,025		414,025
Fund Total	-	-	-	414,025	-	414,025
<u>Police Facility (303)</u>						
Safety (Capital Facilities)		66,000	120,000			186,000
Budget & Finance (Debt)				1,029,150		1,029,150
Fund Total	-	66,000	120,000	1,029,150	-	1,215,150
<u>Internal Service (807)</u>						
Health Insurance		4,553,410				4,553,410
Fund Total	-	4,553,410	-	-	-	4,553,410
Total Appropriations	\$ 32,186,970	\$ 17,526,825	\$ 47,624,528	\$ 2,150,476	\$ 250,000	\$ 99,738,799
Original Appropriations	\$ 31,410,370	\$ 16,554,240	\$ 20,605,557	\$ 2,142,976	\$ 250,000	\$ 70,963,143
Amendment #1	589,600	455,085	26,541,371	-	-	27,586,056
Amendment #2	187,000	508,400	179,450	7,500	-	882,350
Amendment #3	-	9,100	298,150	-	-	307,250
Amendment #4						-
Amendment #5						-
Amendment #6						-
Amendment #7						-
Amendment #8						-
	\$ 32,186,970	\$ 17,526,825	\$ 47,624,528	\$ 2,150,476	\$ 250,000	\$ 99,738,799

2026 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATIONS - SCHEDULE OF OPERATING TRANSFERS AND TEMPORARY ADVANCES

<u>Operating Transfers</u>	<u>Paying Fund</u>	<u>Original</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Receiving Fund</u>
	Fund 116 - Income Tax	\$ 4,336,500			Fund 001 - General
	Fund 116 - Income Tax	800,000			Fund 102 - St Const Maint & Repair
	Fund 116 - Income Tax	4,654,138			Fund 124 - Income Tax Safety
	Fund 116 - Income Tax	4,654,138			Fund 128 - Fire & E.M.S.
	Fund 116 - Income Tax	4,034,138			Fund 301 - Capital Projects
	Fund 116 - Income Tax	2,327,070			Fund 303 - Police Facility
	Total Fund 116 Income Tax	20,805,984	-	-	
	Fund 201 - Water	59,720	\$ 74,720	\$ 15,000	Fund 204 - Utility Billing
	Fund 202 - Sewer	59,720	74,720	15,000	Fund 204 - Utility Billing
	Fund 001 - General	700,000			Fund 110 - Health
	Fund 001 - General	5,700,000			Fund 124 - Income Tax Safety
	Fund 001 - General	4,400,000			Fund 128 - Fire & EMS
	Subtotal - Total Operating Transfers	10,919,440	149,440	30,000	
	Grand Total - All Transfers	\$ 31,725,424	\$ 149,440	\$ 30,000	

ORDINANCE NO. 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.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Ohio and the Ohio Revised Code, municipalities have the power to enact planning and zoning laws that are for the health, safety welfare, peace and comfort of the citizens of the municipality, including restricting areas used for business and trade; and

WHEREAS, data centers are industrial-scale facilities that consume significant energy, water and infrastructure capacity, creating water supply issues, significant utility demands that the City may be unable to support, potential adverse impacts to the environment and City residents, and potentially conflicting with the City's long term planning goals; and

WHEREAS, this Council desires to issue a moratorium for a temporary period of time, not to exceed one year from the passage of this Ordinance, while it undertakes a review and/or study of the Ordinances of the City of Kent, including planning and zoning regulation of the City of Kent's Codified Ordinances and determine whether the City has the necessary processes, resources and infrastructure to address the growth and demands of data centers; and

WHEREAS, a moratorium will allow Council to preserve the City of Kent's character, protect environmental resources, and ensure sustainable land use practices; and

WHEREAS, the Council will be able to enact reasonable regulations to protect the health, safety welfare, peace and comfort of the citizens of the City of Kent more effectively with the moratorium in place; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1: That "Data Center" means a facility used for storage, management, and dissemination of digital data, which houses computer, telecommunications, and/or network equipment, systems, servers, appliances, and other associated components related to digital data operations, and/or facility designed or modified to house networked computers and data and transaction processing equipment and related infrastructure support equipment, including but not limited to power and cooling equipment to provide data and transaction processing services, outsource information technology services, and computer equipment colocation services, as well as server farms, cloud computing hubs and colocation centers.

SECTION 2: That Council of the City of Kent recommends a temporary moratorium not to exceed one year on the granting/issuing of any permits, as well as the receipt and processing of applications for permits, under the Kent Codified Ordinances for proposed Data Centers within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Kent.

SECTION 3: That this moratorium suspends and tolls any time periods, prescribed by law, within which any city department, any official or official body of the City of Kent, is required to take action, upon an application and/or site plan review approval process during the time this moratorium is in effect.

SECTION 4. That Council of the City of Kent hereby desires a moratorium in order to allow Council, and any of its committees, Planning Commission, and/or the City of Kent Community Development Department to review applicable Ohio statutes and undertake a review and/or study of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Kent, and perform further due diligence on Data Centers to determine how Data Centers with impact the City's infrastructure, utilities, environment, residents, and the long-term planning goals as well as the protect the public health, safety, and general welfare.

SECTION 5. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: _____
Date Jack Armhein
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: _____
Date

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen Coleman
Clerk of Council

I, KATHLEEN COLEMAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF ORDINANCE No. _____, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON _____, 20_____.

(SEAL)

KATHLEEN COLEMAN
CLERK OF COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 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.

WHEREAS, the Kent Fire Department would like to apply for a Joey D. Foundation Grant in the amount of \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, this grant will provide funding to purchase "personal bailout" equipment (e.g. ropes, descenders, training) that would help protect fire safety personnel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Kent City Council authorizes the Kent Fire Department to apply for a Joey D. Foundation Grant in the amount of \$25,000.

SECTION 2. That the Kent City Council hereby approves the City's acceptance of any such grant, if awarded to the City, with corresponding appropriations for its use.

SECTION 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: _____
Date

Jack Armhein
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: _____
Date

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen Coleman
Clerk of Council

I, KATHLEEN COLEMAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF *ORDINANCE No.* _____, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON _____, 20____.

(SEAL)

KATHLEEN COLEMAN
CLERK OF COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 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.

WHEREAS, the City of Kent Service Department would like to apply for a Transportation Improvement District (TID) grant for the North Mantua Street project from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). If awarded, the grant would be worth \$500,000; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to apply and accept said grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Kent City Council approves submission of the application for the Transportation Improvement District (TID) grant through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) in the amount of \$500,000, execution of the subsequent agreements, and authorized that the Administration provide all information, funds, and documentation required in said applications for submission.

SECTION 2. That Kent City Council hereby approves the City's acceptance of the grants, if awarded to the City, with corresponding appropriations for its use.

SECTION 3. That the Kent City Council hereby understands and agrees that participation in the program will require compliance with program guidelines and assurances.

SECTION 4. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: _____
Date

Jack Amrhein
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: _____
Date

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen Coleman
Clerk of Council

I, KATHLEEN COLEMAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF *ORDINANCE NO.* _____, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON _____, 20____.

(SEAL)

KATHLEEN COLEMAN
CLERK OF COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 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.

WHEREAS, the City of Kent, Ohio has experienced an increase in the number of single-family properties being converted into rental properties in areas of the City that historically had been predominantly owner-occupied; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kent desires to return some of these rental properties back into owner-occupied single family properties by implementing a new program that will offer \$10,000 in housing acquisition assistance as a deferred, forgivable loan to homebuyers who will be converting a licensed rental property into an owner-occupied property in compliance with all of the program requirements; and

WHEREAS, the program is proposed to be funded at \$50,000 and will be administered through the Community Development Department on a first come first serve basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County:

SECTION 1. That Kent City Council hereby authorizes 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.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: _____
Date

Jack Armhein
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: _____
Date

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen Coleman
Clerk of Council

I, KATHLEEN COLEMAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF ORDINANCE No. _____, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON _____, 20_____.

(SEAL)

KATHLEEN COLEMAN
CLERK OF COUNCIL

DRAFT

ORDINANCE NO. 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.

WHEREAS, the City of Kent entered into a Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) Agreement with KMPH Real Estate, LLC and MC Automotive, Inc. dated August 27, 2020 to provide a real property tax exemption to Mazda for its more than \$8 million investment in renovations at its dealership on West Main Street; and

WHEREAS, the real property exemption is for 50% of the assessed increase in the Portage County Auditor's valuation from the improvements beginning in January 2023 and continuing annually for twelve (12) year period; and

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2023 the State of Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) enacted new rules as a result of the passage of a Statehouse bill that eliminated an annual reporting fee requirement of \$500 that was paid annually by companies with CRA agreements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kent would like to amend the fee section of the CRA agreement to align with the City's other active CRA agreements and remove the annual fee of \$500.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, at least three-fourths (3/4) of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That Council does hereby amend the Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) Agreement by removing the annual fee of \$500.00 to align with the City's other active CRA Agreements.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediate after passage.

PASSED: _____
Date

Jack Armhein
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: _____
Date

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen Coleman
Clerk of Council

I, KATHLEEN COLEMAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF ORDINANCE No. _____, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON _____, 20_____.

(SEAL)

KATHLEEN COLEMAN
CLERK OF COUNCIL

DRAFT

RESOLUTION NO. 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.

WHEREAS, the City of Kent, Portage County Ohio, is vulnerable to natural and human caused hazards which may result in loss of life and property, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) requires state and local governments to develop and submit for approval a mitigation plan that outlines processes for identifying their respective natural hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kent acknowledges the requirements of Section 322 of DMA 2000 to have an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan as a prerequisite to receiving post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds; and

WHEREAS, the Portage County 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan has been developed by the Portage County Emergency Management Agency in cooperation with other county departments, local City officials, institutional stakeholders, and the citizens of Portage County; and

WHEREAS, a public involvement process consistent with the requirements of DMA 2000 was conducted to develop the Portage County 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Portage County 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan recommends mitigation activities that will reduce losses to life and property affected by both natural and human-caused hazards that face the County and its city and village governments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County:

SECTION 1. That Kent City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager, or his designee, to accept the updated Portage County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: _____
Date

Jack Armhein
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: _____
Date

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen Coleman
Clerk of Council

I, KATHLEEN COLEMAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF RESOLUTION No. _____, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON _____, 20_____.

(SEAL)

KATHLEEN COLEMAN
CLERK OF COUNCIL

DRAFT

AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION 2026-37

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE 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

WHEREAS, the State Capital Improvement Program and the Local Transportation Improvement Program both provide financial assistance to political subdivisions for capital improvements to public infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, the City of Kent, Ohio is planning to make capital improvements to POR-43-12.74, PID 121376, the North Mantua Street Project, and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure improvement herein above described is considered to be a priority need for the community and is a qualified project under the OPWC programs,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

Section 1: The City Manager is hereby authorized to apply to the OPWC for funds as described above.

Section 2: The City Manager is authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance.

PASSED: _____

EFFECTIVE: _____
Date

Jack Armhein
Mayor and President of Council

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen Coleman
Clerk of Council

I, KATHLEEN COLEMAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF ORDINANCE No. _____, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON _____, 20____.

(SEAL)

KATHLEEN COLEMAN
CLERK OF COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 2026-38

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING _____ TO THE COMMITTEE ON DESIGN AND PRESERVATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, at least a majority of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That _____ IS hereby appointed to the COMMITTEE ON DESIGN AND PRESERVATION

NAME

TERM

May 1, 2026 – April 30, 2029

SECTION 2. As stated in Section 150.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Kent, any person hereby appointed shall forfeit his or her term if he or she is absent from three (3) regular meetings of the Board or Commission to which he or she is appointed, unless one or more of these absences has been excused by the majority of members thereof.

SECTION 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meeting open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: _____
Date

Jack Amrhein
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: _____
Date

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen Coleman
Clerk of Council

I, KATHLEEN COLEMAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF *RESOLUTION No.* _____
ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON _____.

(SEAL)

KATHLEEN COLEMAN
CLERK OF COUNCIL