



Kent City Council
Special Joint Meeting
with Franklin Township Trustees
319 S. Water Street • Kent, Ohio 44240 • Council Chambers

May 6, 2026 • 6:45pm

AGENDA

6:45pm

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

1. **DISCUSSION** – Agreement between the City and Township regarding annual obligation of money paid to the cemetery.

2. **SET TAX RATE FOR SUPPORT OF STANDING ROCK CEMETERY**

DRAFT 2026-39 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP AND THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 759.34 DETERMINING THAT THE RATE OF TAXES TO BE LEVIED UPON ALL THE TAXABLE PROPERTY OF SAID MUNICIPALITY AND SAID TOWNSHIP FOR CEMETERY PURPOSES FOR THE TAX YEAR OF 2026 SHALL BE AND HEREBY IS FIXED IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO .60 MILLS FOR THE CITY OF KENT AND .60 MILLS FOR FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

3. **APPOINT FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE TO SERVE ON STANDING ROCK CEMETERY BOARD FOR TERM 1/1/27 TO 12/31/29**

DRAFT 2026-40 A JOINT RESOLUTION APPOINTING _____, A FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE, TO THE STANDING ROCK CEMETERY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 759.36, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2029, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

4. **APPROVE COST OF LIVING INCREASES TO HOURLY WAGE RATES**

DRAFT 2026-41 A JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING SALARY AND HOURLY PAY RAISES TO THE PERSONNEL OF THE STANDING ROCK CEMETERY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

5. **ADJOURN**

Any person who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication or a modification of policies and procedures to participate in any City or City Council public meeting or event should contact the Clerk of Council at 330-678-8007. Any request for auxiliary aid or other accommodation should be made as soon as possible, but no later than forty-eight hours prior to the event.

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 39

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, and the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Ohio, meeting jointly, a majority of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 759.34, the rate of taxes to be levied for cemetery purposes for the tax year 2026 shall be and hereby is fixed in an amount equal to .60 mills for the City of Kent, and .60 mills for Franklin Township.

SECTION 2. That the Clerk of Council shall send a certified copy of this Joint Resolution to the Auditor of Portage County that the necessary levy be made and collected according to law.

SECTION 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Joint 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 4. That this Joint Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest date allowed by law.

Motion to adopt this Joint Resolution made by: _____
Seconded by: _____

Roll call vote as follows:

Ms. Celko	_____	Ms. Wallach	_____
Mr. Clapper	_____	Ms. Wesley	_____
Mr. Dreger	_____	Mr. Tipton	_____
Mr. Hook	_____	Ms. Kapusta	_____
Ms. Shaffer Bish	_____	Mr. Russell	_____
Mr. Turner	_____	Mr. Swan	_____

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 JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2026-40

A JOINT RESOLUTION APPOINTING _____, A FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE, TO THE STANDING ROCK CEMETERY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 759.36, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2029, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, and the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Ohio, meeting jointly, at least a majority of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That _____, a Franklin Township Trustee, is appointed to the Standing Rock Cemetery Board of Trustees effective January 1, 2027 and ending December 31, 2029.

SECTION 2. That the appointment provided for in Section 1 above is made in accordance with the authority contained in Ohio Revised Code Section 759.36.

SECTION 3. That any ordinance or resolution in conflict herewith is hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Joint 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 5. That this Joint Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest date allowed by law.

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JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 41

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio and the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Ohio, meeting jointly, at least a majority of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That the salary and hourly pay rates of the Standing Rock Cemetery are as set forth below:

HOURLY RATES - EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026 THROUGH MAY 31, 2027

CLASS III	\$22.50/HR
REGULAR FULL-TIME CLASS III	\$22.50/HR
REGULAR FULL-TIME CLASS II	\$19.00/HR
	\$16.50/HR
REGULAR FULL-TIME CLASS I	\$15.50/HR
CLERK-TREASURER	\$22.50/HR
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	\$16.00/HR
TEMPORARY (Seasonal Employees-Returning)	\$15.00/HR
NEW HIRES (Seasonal New Hires)	\$14.00/HR

SECTION 2. That any resolution or part thereof in conflict herewith is hereby repealed.

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