



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

**Wednesday, May 20, 2026**

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**AGENDA**

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- 6:45PM SPECIAL MEETING WITH FRANKLIN TWP TRUSTEES**
- 7:00PM PUBLIC HEARING: Community Development Block Grant PY 2026 Action Plan**
- SPECIAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING will begin immediately after the Public Hearing**
- BOARD OF CONTROL will begin immediately after the Special Council Committee Meeting**
- REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING will begin immediately after Board of Control**
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**1. ROLL CALL**

**2. OPENING REMARKS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mr. Clapper**

**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 April 13, 2026, the Clerk's office received notice that the April 21<sup>st</sup> Planning Commission meeting had been cancelled due to lack of agenda items.
- 3.2.2 On April 21, 2026, the Clerk's office received notice that the May 5th Planning Commission meeting had been cancelled due to lack of agenda items. A meeting is planned for May 19, 2026.
- 3.2.3 On April 30, 2026, the April minutes and May agenda for the Standing Rock Cemetery Board of Trustees was received and posted online.
- 3.2.4 On May 5, 2026, an email from Joseph Crihfield was received in the Clerk's office. The email expressed displeasure with Kent State University installing Flock cameras. The email was shared with Council.

- 3.2.5 On May 7, 2026, a letter addressed to Council and the City Manager was received from Lee Brooker of Wilson Ave., expressing displeasure with gas-powered lawn equipment, and requesting a ban on their use in residential neighborhoods. Mr. Ruller responded to the letter and the letter and his response was shared with Council.
- 3.2.6 On May 11, 2026 the agenda for the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals was received in the Clerk's office.
- 3.2.7 On May 12, 2026, the agenda and staff report for the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Planning Commission was received in the Clerk's office.

### 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 April Regular Council Meeting minutes
- 4.2 Approval of May Council Committee Meeting minutes
- 4.3 Approval of May Special Committee Meeting minutes
- 4.4 **DRAFT 2026-42** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR, UPON THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, TO PAY CERTAIN PURCHASE ORDERS MADE THAT EXCEED \$3000.00; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.5 **DRAFT 2026-43** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE TO DISPOSE OF SURPLUS COMPUTER EQUIPMENT ON THE BASIS THAT THEY ARE NO LONGER NEEDED OR IN SERVICE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.6 **DRAFT 2026-44** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL 2026 RECOMMENDATION, TO CONTINUE THE ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT WITH THE DAVEY TREE EXPERT COMPANY AND THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENTS WITH KMPH REAL ESTATE (MAZDA) AND KLABEN PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC FOR TWO DIFFERENT PROJECTS PROVIDING FOR-REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION, AS SPECIFIED IN THE SEPARATE AGREEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- 4.7 **DRAFT 2026-45** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE BY ONLINE AUCTION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY LOCATED AT 500 MIDDLEBURY ROAD THAT THE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT NO LONGER HAS ANY LONG-TERM PLANS TO USE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.8 **DRAFT 2026-46** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 915, 921, 1193, 1199 AND 1203 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.9 **DRAFT 2026-47** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KENT HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00 FROM THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.10 **DRAFT 2026-48** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 353.02 “PARKING REGULATION AUTHORIZATION” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KENT TO CHANGE THE LANGUAGE ON NEEDHAM AVENUE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.11 **DRAFT 2026-49** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SR59 ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT, PARTA AND FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP WHICH WAS EXECUTED ON OCTOBER 5, 2023 TO EXPAND THE ROLE OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) AS A PROJECT PARTNER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.12 **DRAFT 2026-50** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ASSISTANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 UNDER TITLE I OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED, INCLUDING THE PY2026 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND FILING OF THE PY2026 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN, INCLUDING RELATED CERTIFICATIONS, AND UPON AWARDING OF THE GRANT, AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.13 **DRAFT 2026-51** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT AND OHIO EPA FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY (WRF) INFLUENT HEADWORKS BUILDING PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

## 5. STANDING COMMITTEES AND LEGISLATION

- 5.1 **Committee of the Whole – Chair Amrhein/Vice-Chair Clapper**  
No business

- 5.2 **Community Development Committee – Chair Shaffer Bish/Vice-Chair Wallach**  
No business
- 5.3 **Finance Committee – Chair Celko/Vice-Chair Tipton**  
No business
- 5.4 **Health & Safety Committee – Chair Hook/Vice-Chair Clapper**  
No business
- 5.5 **Land Use Committee – Chair Clapper/Vice-Chair Hook**  
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. ADJOURN**

**Council workshop immediately following regular Council meeting.**