



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

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

AGENDA

6:55PM BOARD OF CONTROL

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING will begin immediately after Board of Control

1. ROLL CALL

2. OPENING REMARKS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mr. Dreger

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 **Presentation of Military Order of the Purple Heart Organization Plaque**
Matt Kelly, Portage County Auditor
- 3.3 **Written Communication** (on file in Clerk of Council's office)
 - 3.3.1 On May 28, 2026, an email was received from Kevin Koogle, regarding noise violations from live music at the Zephyr. Mr. Koogle was provided a link to Kent's noise ordinance and the email was shared with Council.
 - 3.3.2 On June 1, the Clerk's office was notified that there will be no Planning Committee meetings in June.
- 3.4 **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 May Regular Council Meeting minutes
- 4.2 Approval of May Special Council Meeting minutes
- 4.3 Approval of June Council Committee Meeting minutes
- 4.4 **DRAFT 2026-52** 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 2026-53** A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF APPROVING THE PASSAGE OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 187.01, 187.03, 187.04 AND 187.27 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO, TO EXTEND AND EXPAND THE PURPOSE AND USE OF A PORTION OF THE CITY'S CURRENT INCOME TAX, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2027, TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS OF THE CITY, INCLUDING POLICE, FIRE AND SERVICE DEPARTMENT STAFFING NEEDS AND QUALITY OF LIFE PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS AS DETERMINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY, AND PAYING DEBT SERVICE CHARGES ON SECURITIES RELATED TO THAT PURPOSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.6 **DRAFT 2026-55** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2025-127 APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH PINGREE 2000 REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS, LLC AND CLERAC, LLC (aka ENTERPRISE HOLDINGS, LLC) TO UPDATE REVISIONS TO ITS INITIAL EMPLOYEE RELOCATION PLANS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.7 **DRAFT 2026-56** AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCES 1995-103, 1999-64, AND 2009-38 AND ADOPTING NEW BY-LAWS AND RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE SUSTAINABILTY COMMISSION THAT IDENTIFIES THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION'S FOCUS AREAS FOR SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS AND ALLOWS THE SUSTAINABILTY COMMISSION TO AMEND ITS OWN BY-LAWS AND RULES OF PROCEDURE IN THE FUTURE WITHOUT REQUIRING COUNCIL REVIEW AND AUTHORIZATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.8 **DRAFT 2026-57** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A THIRD AMENDMENT TO A LEASE OF LAND FOR PRIVATE REDEVELOPMENT WITH COLLEGE TOWN KENT, LLC TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF CALCULATION FOR THE ANNUAL PARKING LOT MAINTENANCE FEE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.9 **DRAFT 2026-58** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2025-111, THE CURRENT APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, PASSED DECEMBER 17, 2025; SO AS TO ADJUST APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS AND ADVANCES FROM THE VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE CITY OF KENT TO INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- 4.10 **DRAFT 2026-59** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF KENT'S ZONING CODE TO MODIFY EXISTING DEFINITIONS, ADD NEW DEFINITIONS, AND INCLUDE SPECIFICATIONS TO DRIVEWAY REGULATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4.11 **DRAFT 2026-60** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPROVE A NEW SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION FROM JOE ROBINSON TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026, AND THE FULL-LENGTH CLOSURE OF EAST ERIE STREET BEGINNING AT HAYMAKER PARKWAY AND EXTENDING WEST TO SOUTH WATER STREET (INCLUDING THE CROSSING AT SOUTH DEPEYSTER STREET) 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**
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- 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 to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official and legal consultation with law director

11. RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

12. ADJOURN