



City of Kent

Special City Council Meeting with Franklin Township Trustees

319 S. Water Street, Kent, Ohio 44240

May 20, 2026

MINUTES

At 6:50pm, Mayor Jack Amrhein called the Special City Council meeting to order.

Present: Mr. Jeff Clapper; Mr. Eric Dreger; Mr. Chris Hook; Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish; Mr. Benjamin Tipton; Ms. Tracy Wallach; Ms. Sarah Wesley; Ms. Kellie Kapusta; Mr. Glenn Russell

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. Jim Bowling, City Engineer; Ms. Bridget Susel, Community Development Director; Mr. Jordan Snyder, IT Technician

Motion to excuse Ms. Celko, Mr. Turner and Mr. Swan was made by Ms. Shaffer Bish, seconded by Mr. Clapper, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

1. SET TAX RATE FOR SUPPORT OF STANDING ROCK CEMETERAY

- MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THREE READINGS OF DRAFT 2026-39 was made by Ms. Wallach; seconded by Mr. Clapper and passed by unanimous roll call vote: Mr. Clapper, yes; Mr. Dreger, yes; Mr. Hook, yes; Ms. Shaffer Bish, yes; Mr. Tipton, yes; Ms. Wallach, yes; Ms. Wesley, yes; Ms. Kapusta, yes; Mr. Russell, yes.
- MOTION TO SET TAX RATE AT .60 MILS FOR SUPPORT OF STANDING ROCK CEMETERY was made by Mr. Clapper, seconded by Ms. Shaffer Bish and passed by unanimous roll call vote: Mr. Clapper, yes; Mr. Dreger, yes; Mr. Hook, yes; Ms. Shaffer Bish, yes; Ms. Wallach, yes; Ms. Wesley, yes; Ms. Kapusta, yes; Mr. Russell, yes.

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.

2. APPOINTMENT OF FRANKLIN TWP TRUSTEE TO STANDING ROCK CEMETERY BOARD

- MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THREE READINGS OF DRAFT 2026-40 was made by Mr. Clapper; seconded by Mr. Hook and passed by unanimous roll call vote: Mr. Clapper, yes; Mr. Dreger, yes; Mr. Hook, yes; Ms. Shaffer Bish, yes; Mr. Tipton, yes; Ms. Wallach, yes; Ms. Wesley, yes; Ms. Kapusta, yes; Mr. Russell, yes.
- MOTION TO APPROVE DRAFT 2026-40 APPOINTING FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE GLENN RUSSELL TO SERVE ON STANDING ROCK CEMETERY BOARD FOR TERM 1/1/27 TO 12/31/29 was made by Mr. Hook, seconded by Ms. Shaffer Bish and carried by unanimous roll call vote: Mr. Clapper, yes; Mr. Dreger, yes; Mr. Hook, yes; Ms. Shaffer Bish, yes; Mr. Tipton, yes; Ms. Wallach, yes; Ms. Wesley, yes; Ms. Kapusta, yes; Mr. Russell, yes.

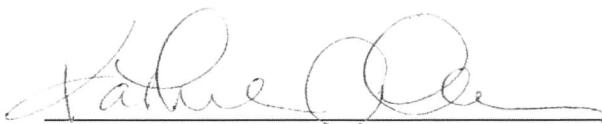
DRAFT 2026-40 A JOINT RESOLUTION APPOINTING GLENN RUSSELL, A FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE, TO THE STANDING ROCK CEMETERY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 759.36, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2029, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

3. APPROVE COST OF LIVING INCREASES TO SALARY AND HOURLY WAGE RATES

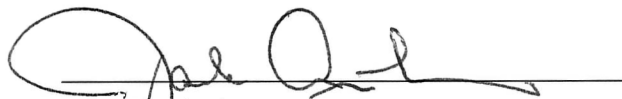
- MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THREE READINGS OF DRAFT 2026-41 was made by Mr. Clapper; seconded by Ms. Wallach and passed by unanimous roll call vote: Mr. Clapper, yes; Mr. Dreger, yes; Mr. Hook, yes; Ms. Shaffer Bish, yes; Mr. Tipton, yes; Ms. Wallach, yes; Ms. Wesley, yes; Ms. Kapusta, yes; Mr. Russell, yes.
- MOTION TO APPROVE DRAFT 2026-41 GRANTING COST OF LIVING INCREASES TO SALARY AND HOURLY WAGE RATES was made by Mr. Clapper, seconded by Ms. Shaffer Bish, and carried by unanimous roll call vote: Mr. Clapper, yes; Mr. Dreger, yes; Mr. Hook, yes; Ms. Shaffer Bish, yes; Mr. Tipton, yes; Ms. Wallach, yes; Ms. Wesley, yes; Ms. Kapusta, yes; Mr. Russell, yes.

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

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.



Kathleen Coleman
Clerk of Council



Jack Amrhein
Mayor and President of Council