



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

Wednesday, August 19, 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 – Ms. Shaffer Bish

3. SWEARING-IN OF POLICE CHIEF GARY STONE – Mayor Amrhein

4. PROCLAMATION FOR AARON RUGGLES – Mayor Amrhein

5. COMMUNICATIONS

5.1 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.

5.2 Written Communication (on file in Clerk of Council's office)

5.2.1 On July 20, 2026, the agenda for the July 27, 2026 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting was received and posted.

5.2.2 On July 30, 2026, a letter was received in the Clerk's office, registering a complaint about the restrictions that the City's noise ordinance places on residents. The letter was shared with Council.

5.2.3 On August 6, 2026, the agenda and packet for the August 11, 2026 Board of Health meeting was received and posted.

5.2.4 On August 10, 2026, the agenda for the August 17, 2026 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting was received and posted.

5.2.5 On August 10, 2026, the Clerk's office was notified that there would be no Planning Commission meeting on September 1, 2026, due to a lack of agenda items.

- 5.2.6** On August 10, 2026, the Clerk's office received notice from the Ohio Liquor Control Division that a request for a new liquor license was received from CVS Pharmacy, located at 500 S. Water Street. Chief Stone has no objections.

5.3 City Manager's Report

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 6.1** Approval of July regular Council meeting minutes
- 6.2** Approval of August Committee meeting minutes

7. 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.

- 7.1 DRAFT 2026-73** 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.
- 7.2 DRAFT 2026-74** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 557, "FAIR HOUSING PRACTICE", SECTION 557.05(e) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KENT TO AMEND THE QUORUM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 7.3 DRAFT 2026-75** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CERTIFICATION OF NON-PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR RESIDENTS RESULTING FROM THE 2025 ANNUAL CONCRETE REPAIR PROGRAMS OF UNPAID CONCRETE SIDEWALK REPAIR ACCOUNTS, TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR THE PLACEMENT OF THE CERTIFIED AMOUNT ON THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LIST AND DUPLICATE AGAINST THE PROPERTY FOR THE NON-PAYMENT OF SIDEWALK REPAIRS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 7.4 DRAFT 2026-76** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CERTIFICATION OF NON-PAYMENT OF WATER USE CHARGES, WASTEWATER USE CHARGES, STORM WATER UTILITY CHARGES AND RECYCLING/SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CHARGES TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR THE PLACEMENT OF THE CERTIFIED AMOUNT ON THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LIST AND DUPLICATE AGAINST THE PROPERTY FOR THE NON-PAYMENT OF SAID CHARGES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- 7.5 DRAFT 2026-77** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT MOWING BILLS, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE VIOLATIONS-CITATIONS, ZONING VIOLATIONS-CITATIONS, OTHER CODE ENFORCEMENT VIOLATIONS AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT VIOLATIONS-CITATIONS TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR THE PLACEMENT OF THE CERTIFIED AMOUNT ON THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LIST AND DUPLICATE AGAINST THE PROPERTY SERVED BY THE MOWING SERVICES, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE VIOLATION-CITATIONS, ZONING VIOLATIONS-CITATIONS, HEALTH DEPARTMENT VIOLATIONS-CITATIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 7.6 DRAFT 2026-78** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO AND THE KENT CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION REGARDING THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM, EXTENDING THIS AGREEMENT UNTIL JUNE 1, 2027, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
- 7.7 DRAFT 2026-79** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF TEMPORARY EASEMENTS, PERMANENT RIGHT OF WAY AND SHARED USE PATH EASEMENTS FROM THE DAVEY TREE EXPERT COMPANY TO COMPLETE THE NORTH MANTUA STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 7.8 DRAFT 2026-80** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE WATER TAP-IN FOR PAVLICK & REPPAS ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5085 STATE ROUTE 43, OUTSIDE THE CITY OF KENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

8. STANDING COMMITTEES AND LEGISLATION

- 8.1 Committee of the Whole – Chair Amrhein/Vice-Chair Clapper**
No business
- 8.2 Community Development Committee – Chair Shaffer Bish/Vice-Chair Wallach**
No business
- 8.3 Finance Committee – Chair Celko/Vice-Chair Tipton**
No business
- 8.4 Health & Safety Committee – Chair Hook/Vice-Chair Clapper**
No business
- 8.5 Land Use Committee – Chair Clapper/Vice-Chair Hook**
No business
- 8.6 Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee – Chair Wallach/Vice-Chair Tipton**
No business

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

12. MAYOR'S REPORT

13. ADJOURN