



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

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

AGENDA

6:55PM BOARD OF CONTROL

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING will begin immediately after Board of Control

1. ROLL CALL

2. DEDICATION OF JERRY FIALA PHOTOGRAPH – Mayor Amrhein

3. OPENING REMARKS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mr. Tipton

4. COMMUNICATIONS

4.1 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.

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

4.2.1 On August 25, 2026, Shauna Roach emailed the Clerk's office with suggestions regarding the Kent Police Department kennel. She subsequently provided a proposal for a structured, volunteer enrichment and rescue partnership program. These emails were shared with Council, the Mayor, the City Manager, and the Police Department.

4.2.2 On August 27, 2026, the Clerk's office received notice that the September 1, 2026 Planning Commission meeting was cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

4.2.3 On September 1, 2026, the Clerk's office, as well as the Mayor, City Manager, and Council members, received an email from Ken Claypool suggesting an ordinance against feeding wildlife in the City. He indicated that he would like to speak at a Council meeting regarding the subject, and has also had discussions with Law Director Hope Jones. He also included in the email an ONDR flyer advising against feeding geese.

4.2.4 On September 8, 2026, the Clerk's office received the agenda for the September 15, 2026 Planning Commission meeting. The agenda was posted online and in the foyer of City Hall.

4.3 City Manager's Report

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 5.1 Approval of July Special meeting minutes
- 5.2 Approval of August Regular meeting minutes
- 5.3 Approval of September Committee meeting minutes

6. 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.

- 6.1 **DRAFT 2026-81** 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
- 6.2 **DRAFT 2026-82** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO REAPPOINT ERIC HELMSTEDTER TO SERVE AS THE CITY'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE DESTINATION KENT CONVENTION & VISITOR BUREAU (DKCVB) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
- 6.3 **DRAFT 2026-83** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER BE PERMANENTLY DESIGNATED AS "SUSTAINABILITY MONTH" IN THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 6.4 **DRAFT 2026-84** 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.
- 6.5 **DRAFT 2026-85** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR
- 6.6 **DRAFT 2026-86** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT AND KLABEN PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC (KPM) TO OCCUPY A SMALL PORTION OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY ADJACENT TO 1238 WEST MAIN STREET AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- 6.7 DRAFT 2026-87** 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 KENT CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION TO COMPLETE THE NORTH MANTUA STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 6.8 DRAFT 2026-88** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ALLOW THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) TO INCLUDE THE CITY OF KENT IN A NEW MUNICIPAL POWER PURCHASE COLLECTIVE FOR POWER NEEDS AT CITY GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

7. 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

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

To consider the purchase of property for public purposes, the sale of property at competitive bidding, or the sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit-for-use property in accordance with section [505.10](#) of the Revised Code.

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