

**THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2017**

Mayor Fiala called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole of Kent City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: MR. JACK AMRHEIN, MR. MICHAEL DeLEONE, MR. GARRETT FERRARA, MR. JOHN KUJAR. MS. MELISSA LONG, MS. HEIDI SHAFFER, MR. ROBIN TURNER, AND MS. TRACY WALLACH.

ALSO PRESENT: MR. JERRY T. FIALA, MAYOR AND PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL; MR. DAVE RULLER, CITY MANAGER; MR. JIM SILVER, LAW DIRECTOR; MS. BRIDGET SUSEL, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT; MS. MELISSA BAKER, PUBLIC SERVICE DIRECTOR; MR. DAVID COFFEE, FINANCE DIRECTOR; MR. JIM BOWLING, CITY ENGINEER; FIRE CHIEF JOHN TOSKO; AND MS. TARA GRIMM, CMC, CLERK OF COUNCIL.

ABSENT: MR. ROGER SIDOTI

There were 2 items on the Agenda.

1. Interviews for Boards, Commissions & Committees.

Mayor Fiala referred to Clerk Grimm who stated Council will be interviewing 8 of the 10 applicants this evening, as well as reviewing 3 applications currently on file that are not required to be re-interviewed. 2 applicants were unable to make it this evening. Clerk Grimm explained there are several vacant positions needing to be filled and those applying for multiple positions will be interviewed once:

- **ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD** One (1) vacancy. Three (3) year term commencing 10/15/18 through 12/31/2021.
 1. Kevin Koogler – Currently serves, seeking re-appointment, came to be interviewed even though it was not necessary.
 2. Tim Sahr – Interviewed in July; did not need to be re-interviewed.
- **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS** One (1) vacancy. Three (3) year term commencing on 8/20/2017 through 12/31/2020.
 1. Tim Sahr - Interviewed in July; did not need to be re-interviewed.
 2. Platt Safford
 3. Linda Umbayake
 4. Peter Kiersted
- **DESIGN AND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE** One (1) vacancy. Three (3) year term commencing immediately through 12/31/2020.
 1. William Dunick – Did not show for his interview.
 2. Peter Kiersted
- **FAIR HOUSING BOARD** TWO (2) vacancies. Three (3) year term commencing immediately through 12/31/2020 **AND** One (1) UNEXPIRED TERM commencing immediately thru 12/31/19.
 1. Sheldon Wigdor – Interviewed in April; did not need to be re-interviewed.
 2. Platt Safford
 3. Linda Umbayake – Emailed stating she was unable to attend due to illness.
 4. Janet Dauber

5. Peter Kiersted

- **INCOME TAX BOARD OF REVIEW** One (1) vacancy. Two (2) year term commencing immediately through 12/31/2019
 1. Peter Dorff – Unable to attend interview
 2. Peter Kiersted
- **SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION** One (1) vacancy. One (1) three-year term commencing immediately through 12/31/2020.
 1. Miriam Jackson
 2. Peter Kiersted
 3. Mark Weisman
- **PLANNING COMMISSION** No Vacancies are available because they were filled on emergency basis, however Ms. Shaw met the application deadline, and would like to be considered in the future as an alternate or to fill a vacated term.
 1. Judy Shaw

Each of the interviewees were asked a variety of questions pertaining to the Board(s) they had applied for by several members of Council. Each Councilperson took their own notes on the candidates.

Mayor Fiala explained that Council will not be voting on candidates this evening. Voting and appointment will take place at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting on Wednesday, October 18, 2017.

2. City Hall Update.

Mr. Ruller referred to Ms. Baker to update Council on City Hall. Her Memo to the City Manager dated September 26, 2017 provided an overview of the "where we are" with City Hall and the Administration Building.

Ms. Baker explained how the City received 7 Request for Qualifications of interested architectural firms for the project of designing and building the City of Kent's new city hall and administration building. The review committee met on July 25, 2017 to review the 7 proposals and narrowed the group down to 4 firms to interview and she followed up by calling references for each firm. On Wednesday September 20, 2017 the review committee met with each of the 4 firms. Each firm gave a brief presentation of their history, introduced their management teams that would be assigned to the City's project, shared some of their past designs and then explained how they would approach our project and what elements of design they felt were important to the City of Kent. The review committee was able to narrow the group of 4 down to 2 top candidates. Ms. Baker stated she is currently working with the number one candidate of Brandstetter Carroll, Inc. to review the City's scope of work, the expectations we have for the project, and negotiate a cost that is reasonable to move forward with the design of our New City Hall and Administration Building. Brandstetter Carroll, Inc. specializes in municipal buildings and have completed over 18 municipal projects. The each have over 20 years of experience individually, and 10-15 years collectively. She anticipates entering into a contract with Brandstetter Carroll, Inc. by mid-October and immediately begin the work of looking at our needs assessment report, verifying the spaces to be located in the new building, meeting with Council, Administration, and other stake holders, including but not limited to the residents, business owners, and KSU, to determine the appropriate space allocations, building placement on the site and the overall look and image anticipated for "The City of Kent's City Hall and Administration Building 2020." Ms. Baker will continue to engage administration and Council by sending updates in the process and our anticipated schedule of activities.

Ms. Wallach questioned if the firm was aware of our restricted budget.

Ms. Baker assured Ms. Wallach and Council that the Mayor made it perfectly clear to the firms that we have a \$2.1 million budget.

Mr. Ruller added how the estimate that came from DS Architects and Jeff Myers when they prepared our needs assessment, was \$3-5 million. With the City's borrowing capabilities and supplemental funds, we will be able to budget once we receive numbers from Brandstetter Carroll, Inc.

Mr. Turner asked if we were going to keep the funding in-house and wondered how we are going to be able to build out with \$2.1 million and how the future impacts will be on growth in that space.

Ms. Baker stated a number still has to be come up with; it is premature to answer that at this time. They are also dealing with space limitations and elevation differences. We may be able to build upwards in the future.

Ms. Shaffer inquired about the experience of the landscapers that will be a part of this project.

Ms. Baker stated the firm will be contracting with other construction and landscaping firms whose work is extremely spectacular and is comfortable with the choice.

Ms. Long interjected that she was a part of the interviews as a liaison to the Parks Board and was quite impressed by this firm. They are 1st class.

Mr. Ferrara questioned if we have given the firm a design message.

Ms. Baker replied we have not given them anything yet; but they went out of their way prior to the interviews, analyzed the city, and put together a list of concerns they felt would be important: gateway to the City, part of the Hike and Bike Trail, integration, safety, special items, et.al.

Mr. Ruller also assured Council that these concerns are a critical part of their scope of work and how the Mayor made perfectly clear both bookends of the issues – best possible City Hall with the funding we have.

Mr. Ferrara would like to see more and better input from Council and not just be arbiters of the money.

Ms. Baker informed Council that the firm is willing to meet with us as many times as we want; there is no limit as Brandstetter Carroll, Inc. feel it is an important part of the project.

Mr. Ferrara felt that the Administration has enough experience, City Hall should be the "crowning piece" and Council should have a lot more involvement than they did with the police station.

Ms. Shaffer asked if Council could have copies of the presentation the firm gave at their interview.

Both Ms. Baker and Mayor Fiala reminded Council that the "presentation" was ideas only, not concepts.

Ms. Shaffer asked about demolition of old police building and was reminded it was already paid for. She reminded Council they originally did not want to go to the voters and to work within the budget we have.

Mr. Ruller discussed the financial logistics of the dysfunction of the old city hall and the cost of the needed temporary renovations of the old building vs. selling it and using the funds to build a new one.

Mr. Amrhein reminded Council that the old building was supposed to be "temporary" and the work never happened which was why the building was so dysfunctional.

Mayor Fiala declared that "this has to be built right and no more piece meal." Since he has been on Council for the past 24 years, we have been in 3 different locations. The residents need a place where they can go for city business and not look for us in the "meat department of the old Sparkle Market."

Ms. Wallach firmly stated she will not support the building of a new City Hall if the cost is over \$3 million.

Mr. Ruller respected Ms. Wallach's stand and reiterated how the \$2.1 million is a starting point for a new building, where we could have invested \$1.9 million into the old building for continued dysfunction.

Hearing no further business before this Committee, Mayor Fiala adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.



Tara Grimm, CMC
Clerk of Council

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

- 1) **NONE**

**THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2017**

Chair John Kuhar called the meeting of the Community Development Committee of the Kent City Council to order at 7:52 p.m.

PRESENT: MR. JACK AMRHEIN, MR. MICHAEL DeLEONE, MR. GARRETT FERRARA, MR. JOHN KUHAR, MS. MELISSA LONG, MS. HEIDI SHAFFER, MR. ROBIN TURNER, AND MS. TRACY WALLACH.

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ABSENT: MR. ROGER SIDOTI.

There were 2 items on the Agenda.

1. Authorize an Easement Agreement for City Sewer at the Devon Place University Hospital Facility.

Mr. Ruller stated how we need approval on this easement and how there is a lot of background information on this request. He then referred to Mr. Bowling.

Mr. Bowling explained that this easement is being offered by the Portage County Commissioners who own the land leased by University Hospital so the City can maintain the sanitary sewer. When a corridor was added between the two UH buildings, the existing sanitary sewer pipe had to be relocated causing the need for the additional easement.

There were no further comments from the audience or Council.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE NEW EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH PORTAGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR CITY SEWER MAINTENANCE BY THE CITY AT THE DEVON PLACE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL FACILITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY made by Mr. Amrhein seconded by Ms. Shaffer, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0.

2. Authorize a "Conditional Right of Access Agreement" with Thomas and Betts Corp. as part of the North Ditch Interim Remedial Action Plan.

Mr. Ruller referred to Ms. Susel who referred to her memo to the City Manager dated September 26, 2017 and explained how the City originally entered into a "Right of Property Access Agreement" with Thomas & Betts Corporation in October 2016 that allowed the Corporation's environmental consultant, HZW, to complete needed remediation and restoration activities in a location known as the "North Ditch Area," which is a small tributary on City park land leading to the Cuyahoga River and located adjacent to the Kramer Ball Field Complex. The activities were part of an Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) approved Interim Remedial Action Plan (IRAP) established in order to address a petroleum release from the 800 Mogadore Road site. The Access Agreement expired on March 1, 2017, but during the implementation of the IRAP, a second petroleum release location was identified just south of the North Ditch area. Thomas & Betts is requesting the City enter into a second "Right of Property Access Agreement" in order to allow HZW to conduct additional sampling in this secondary location, identified by the Ohio EPA as the "Camp Seep," and to grant additional time for the monitoring of the completed restoration activities in the North Ditch area. She is asking for Council authorization, with emergency, for its execution in order to proceed with the needed sampling and monitoring activities and so trees can be replaced that did not survive.

Ms. Wallach asked how the North Ditch looks.

Ms. Susel stated it is much improved and is being monitored. She informed Council Thomas & Betts has been bought out by another firm and she is extremely pleased with the new company and their sharing of information. They have taken over the remediation and would not be surprised to see a large scale remediation on the whole private site, allowing for a full comprehensive clean-up.

There were no further comments from the audience or Council.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE A "CONDITIONAL RIGHT OF ACCESS AGREEMENT" AS PART OF THE NORTH DITCH INTERIM REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY made by Mr. Amrhein seconded by Ms. Shaffer and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0.

Hearing no further business before this Committee, Mayor Fiala adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.



Tara Grimm, CMC
Clerk of Council

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

- 1) **AUTHORIZE THE NEW EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH PORTAGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR CITY SEWER MAINTENANCE BY THE CITY AT THE DEVON PLACE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL FACILITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
- 2) **MOTION TO AUTHORIZE A "CONDITIONAL RIGHT OF ACCESS AGREEMENT" AS PART OF THE NORTH DITCH INTERIM REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO
FINANCE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2017**

After a 5 minute break, Chair Michael DeLeone called the meeting of the Finance Committee of Kent City Council to order at 8:32 p.m.

PRESENT: MR. JACK AMRHEIN, MR. MICHAEL DeLEONE, MR. GARRET FERRARA, MR. JOHN KUCHAR, MS. MELISSA LONG, MS. HEIDI SHAFFER, MR. ROBIN TURNER, AND MS. TRACY WALLACH.

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ABSENT: MR. ROGER SIDOTI

There was 1 item on the Agenda.

1. Capital Projects Summary.

Mr. Ruller referred to Mr. Bowling who provided a PowerPoint Presentation containing an overview of the progress of the 2017 Capital Improvement Projects. **(See Attachment #1)**

Council had a few questions and comments intermittently throughout the presentation.

Ms. Wallach questioned why we used chip and seal on Mogadore Road when discussing Slide #6.

Mr. Bowling responded that it is the best way to maintain the road until we can completely resurface.

Ms. Shaffer was excited to have Mr. Bowling highlight sidewalk repairs in Slide #6 & 7.

Mr. Bowling promised Ms. Shaffer he will be doing an entire presentation on sidewalks in the near future and spoke about the possibility of using our Central Maintenance department in the repairing of some of the sidewalks.

During the presentation of Slide #8, Mr. Ferrara asked if the signal time will be adjusted for longer crossing of SR 59 since the pedestrian signal and part of the guardrail are being moved.

Mr. Bowling replied "yes".

Mayor Fiala asked if the new crossing signals were solar powered.

Mr. Bowling responded yes, however they use solar to recharge the batteries inside.

While discussing Slide #14, Mayor Fiala questioned where the Canoe Livery was moving to.

Mr. Bowling pointed to the shaded "U" shaped area at the bottom of the map.

During the presentation of Slides #'s 16-19, Mr. Ferrara asked if there were ways that the pedestrian right of way can be made mandatory for traffic to stop like is done in the downtown area.

Mr. Bowling explained how the further away from the downtown those types of signs are installed, the easier they are stolen as they are not permanent or secured.

Ms. Wallach offered some ideas on securing the signs to the pavement so they can be removed for plowing, but not stolen.

Mr. Bowling assured Ms. Wallach they have been looking into methods for quite a while now.

Mr. Bowling discussed the graph on Slide # 26 and how they have come to the conclusion that there has been zero percent traffic growth in the SR 261 corridor.

Mr. Kuhar asked if traffic will change if the missile base is approved in Ravenna.

Mr. Bowling felt it will not have a significant impact. He then summed up his presentation with highlighting the key endeavors for 2018 on Slide #27.

At 9:41, after hearing no further business before this Committee, Council moved into Executive Session.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORC §121.22 (G)(3) & (4): (3) "CONFERENCES WITH AN ATTORNEY FOR THE PUBLIC BODY CONCERNING DISPUTES INVOLVING THE PUBLIC BODY THAT ARE THE SUBJECT OF PENDING OR IMMINENT COURT ACTION; AND (4) PREPARING FOR, CONDUCTING, OR REVIEWING NEGOTIATIONS OR BARGAINING SESSIONS WITH PUBLIC EMPLOYEES CONCERNING THEIR COMPENSATION OR OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT" was made by Mr. Amrhein, seconded by Mr. Ferrara and carried by a voice vote of 8-0.

At 10:33 p.m., Council came out of Executive Session and reconvened the meeting in open forum.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE NEW LABOR CONTRACT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS (IAFF), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was made by Mr. Ferrara, seconded by Mr. DeLeone and carried by a voice vote of 8-0.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE COURTS DECISION IN KENT INVESTORS' V. KENT CITY PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE CITY OF KENT AND TO NOT APPEAL THE DECISION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was made by Mr. Ferrara, seconded by Mr. DeLeone and carried by a voice vote of 7-1.

Chair DeLeone adjourned the meeting at 10:36 p.m.



Tara Grimm, CMC
Clerk of Council

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

- 1) **APPROVE THE NEW LABOR CONTRACT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS (IAFF), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
- 2) **ACCEPT THE COURTS DECISION IN KENT INVESTORS LLC V. KENT CITY PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE CITY OF KENT AND TO NOT APPEAL THE DECISION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

2017 Capital Construction Projects



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River Street Sanitary Sewer

- Failing Sewer Replacement
 - River St from SR 59 to Main St
- Construction Cost: \$400k
- Construction Start – September, 2017
- Anticipated Completion – November, 2017
- Issues
 - Deep Sewer
 - Bedrock
 - Maintaining traffic



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W Main St/ Spaulding Signal

- Signal Replacement/Upgrade
- Construction Cost: \$140k
- Construction Start – June, 2017
- Anticipated Completion – November, 2017
- Issues
 - Signal Pole Purchase Lead Time
 - Hurricane Assistance



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Allen Drive Bridge

- Constructed:
 - October, 2016 to Spring, 2017
- Ohio's Bridge Partnership Program
- Issues
 - ODOT Managed
 - Coord. with Residents

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TRANSPORTATION

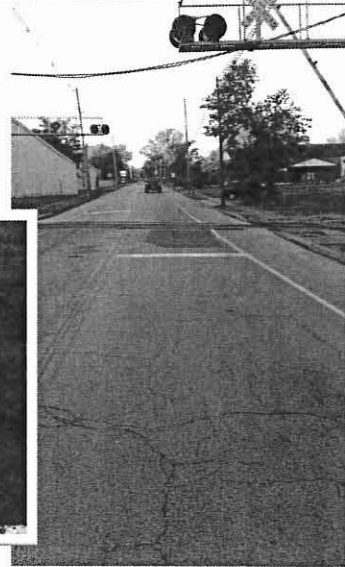
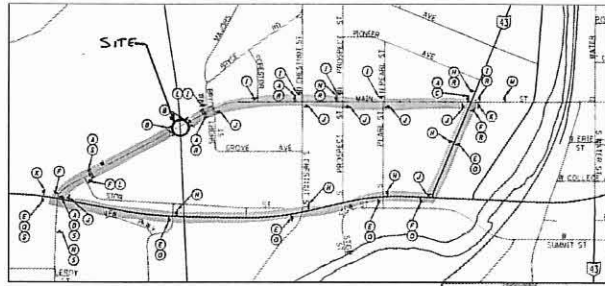
- Construction Cost: \$1.8 million
- Constructed:
 - April, 2017 to October, 2017
- Deck Repair, Grind and Overlay
- Beam Painting
- Issues
 - Lane Closures?
 - Full Closure



SR 261 Bridges

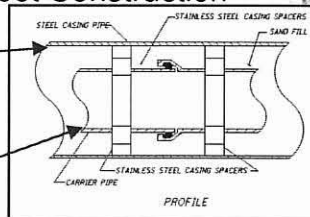
West Main Street – Emergency Water Repair

- New Water Main
 - W. Main St under W&LE RR
- Construction Start – October, 2017
- Anticipated Completion – November, 2017
- Construction Cost: \$150k
- Issues
 - Railroad Coordination
 - Closure of West Main Street
 - River Street Construction



Casing

Water Main

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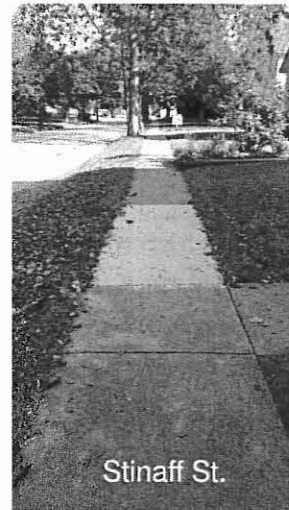
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Annual Street & Sidewalk Program

- Sidewalk and Pavement Resurfacing
 - Currie Hall Pkwy (3,172 sf)
 - Linden Street (3,528 sf)
- Sidewalk Repairs
 - Stinaff Street (3,472 sf)
- Pavement Repairs /Seal Coat Treatments (12 Streets)
 - Janet Dr - West St
 - High St - Alley #24
 - E Hall St - Dodge St
 - Maple St - Stow St
 - Cedar St - Mogadore Rd
 - Pine St - W Elm St



Linden Rd.



Stinaff St.

Currie Hall
Pkwy

Annual Street & Sidewalk Program

- Crack Seal – In Progress
- Construction Cost: +/- \$600k
- Completion: November, 2017
- **Additional Concrete (Sidewalks) Repairs – Spring 2018**



Pine Street



Linden Rd



Cedar Street



Currie Hall Pkwy



Janet Drive

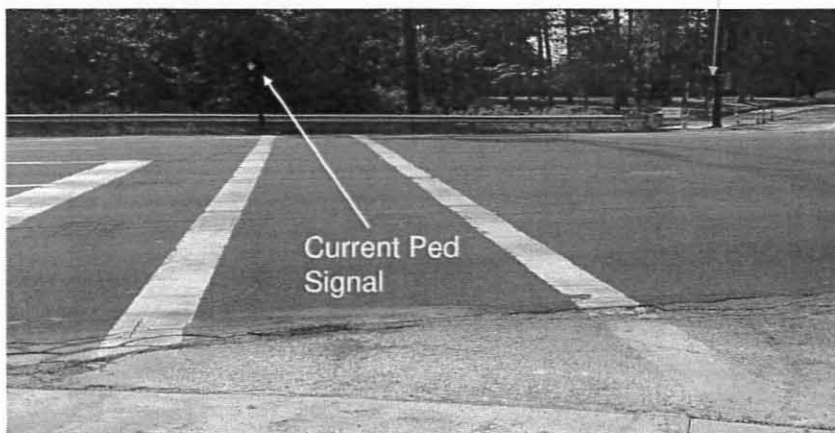
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S Chestnut/ Middlebury Rd

- Chestnut (SR 59 to Main St.)
- Middlebury (Janet to SR 59)
- Street Rehabilitation
 - Curb and Drive Repairs
 - **New & Repaired Sidewalk (9,900 sf)**
 - Pavement Replacement (Chestnut)
 - Mill and Resurface (Middlebury)

New Ped
Signal



Current Ped
Signal

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S Chestnut/ Middlebury Rd

- Construction Start - August, 2017
- Anticipated Completion - November, 2017
- Construction Cost - \$610k
 - OPWC Funded (67% up to \$400k)
- Issues
 - Complete Pavement Replacement
 - Sanitary Replacement
 - Lead services replacement (CM Crews)

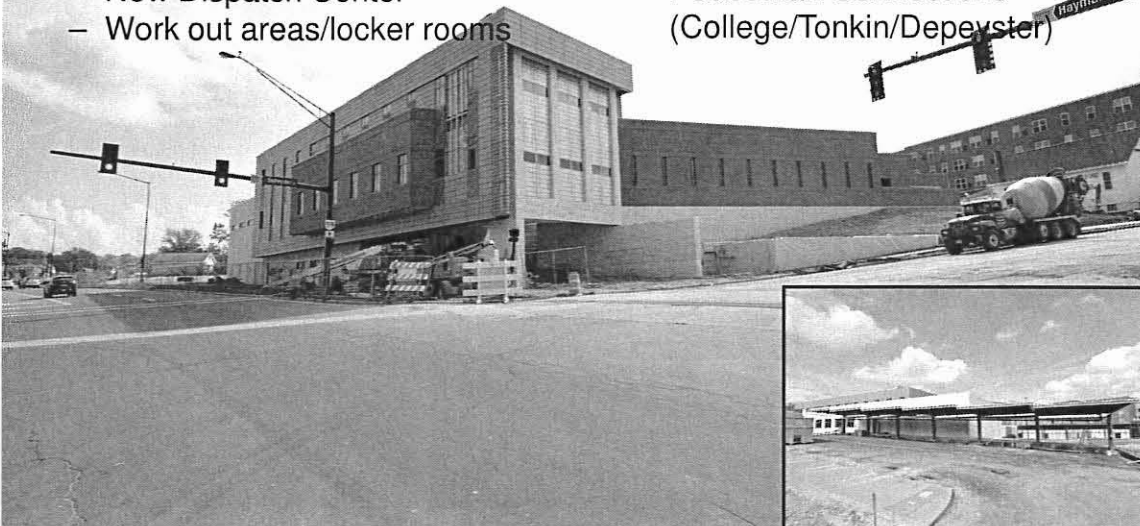


2" Thick Existing Pavement



New Police Building

- New LEED Silver Facility
 - 12 Day Jail Facility
 - Offices
 - Training Center/Public Space
 - Evidence Storage
 - New Dispatch Center
 - Work out areas/locker rooms
- Site
 - Additional Overflow Parking (21 Spots)
 - Covered Parking
 - Storm water wetland
 - Pedestrian Connections (College/Tonkin/Depewster)



New Police Building

- Construction Start – August 4, 2016
- Anticipated Completion - November, 2017
- Construction Cost - +/- \$11 million
- Issues
 - Other Project Coordination (Tonkin & Bike Trail)
 - Small Site



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Tonkin Street

- Connection from Summit Street to College
- Provides access to the New Police Building
- Waterline replacement on Depeyster
- Features
 - R/W – 35 feet
 - Pedestrian Connectivity
 - New Utilities
- Construction Start – July, 2017
- Anticipated Completion – October, 2017



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Tonkin Street

- Construction Cost - \$650k
- Issues
 - New Police Building coordination
 - Utility Relocations
 - Narrow R/W
 - Maintaining access to properties



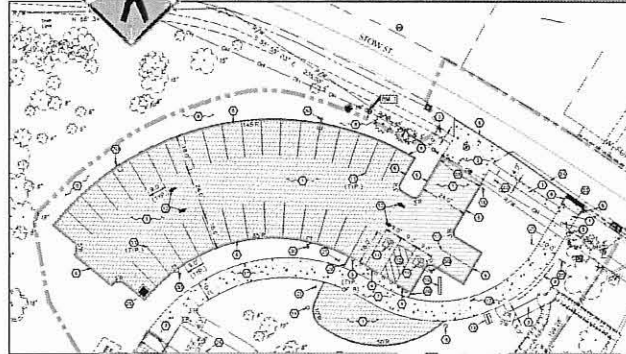
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Portage Bike and Hike Trail – SR 59

- Connection from Esplanade to Tannery Park
- Features
 - Off-street from Esplanade to Franklin
 - On-street from Franklin to Tannery
 - Improved parking lot at Tannery Park
 - More parking spots **18 to 36**
 - Trail by-passes parking lot
 - Green Design - Pervious Pavement
 - Brick Cross Walks
 - Legal cross walk at Tannery Park
 - Softening of L/A at Wal-Greens

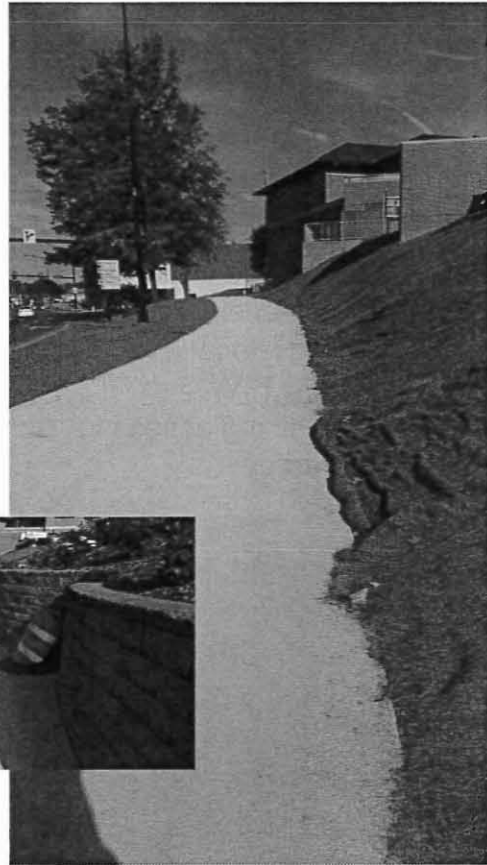


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Portage Bike and Hike Trail – SR 59

- Construction Start - August, 2017
- Anticipated Completion - November, 2017
- Construction Cost - \$1 million
 - AMATS Funded (\$700k)
- Issues
 - New Police Building Coordination
 - New Administration Building Coordination
 - MOT for Cross Walk Construction on SR 43
 - Steep Slopes
 - Snow Plowing



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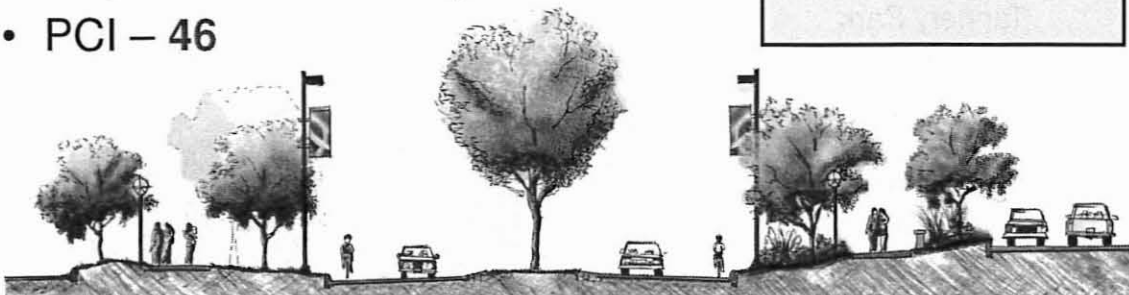
Summit Street Improvements



- Limits: Lincoln to Loop Road
- Construction Start: November, 2015
- Construction Cost: \$14.2 million
 - HSP, TAP, CM/AQ, OPWC, KSU Funded (+/- 90%)
- Project Awarded: July, 2015
- PCI – 46

Needs

1. Most Congested Road in Portage & Summit Counties
2. 23% of all Pedestrian crashes in Kent (2010-2012)
3. 5 of the top 15 crash intersections in Kent



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Summit Street Improvements

- 2017 Construction
 - Western Section
 - Lincoln to Fraternity Circle
 - New Signals
 - Lincoln
 - Morris/Janik
 - Added turn lanes
 - Sideroads Completed
 - Lincoln
 - Morris
 - Relocation of Campus Center Drive



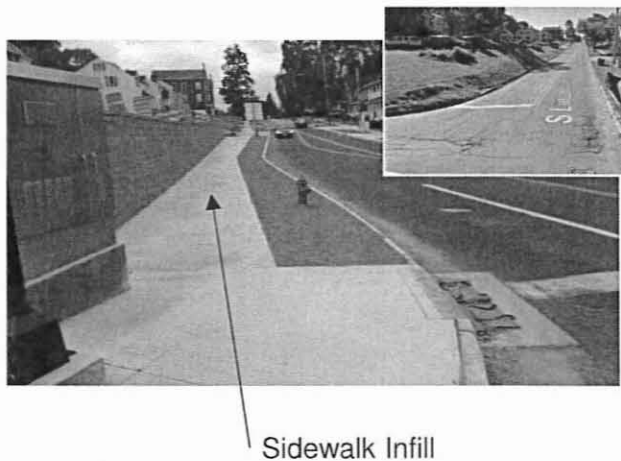
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Summit Street Improvements

- KSU Collaboration
- Budget.....
- Issues:
 - MOT...Peds and Vehicles
 - Public Communication
 - Limited work zones
 - Coord. with ISB Construction
 - Utility Relocations
 - Unknown utility issues

ATTACHMENT #1

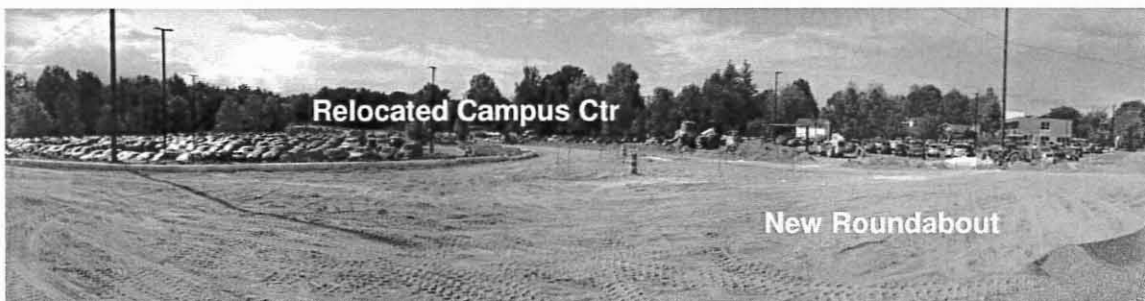
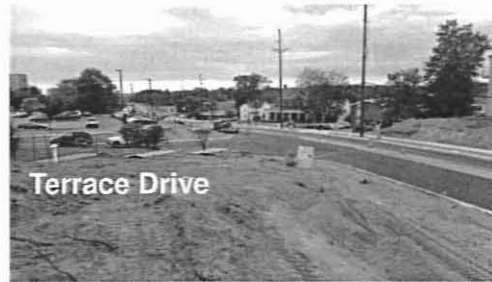


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Summit Street Improvements

- 2018 Construction
 - Finish Roundabout
 - Brick Cross Walks
 - Summit
 - Campus Ctr to Fraternity Circle
 - Storm Water Management
 - Punch List Items
- Anticipated Completion: **Summer, 2018**

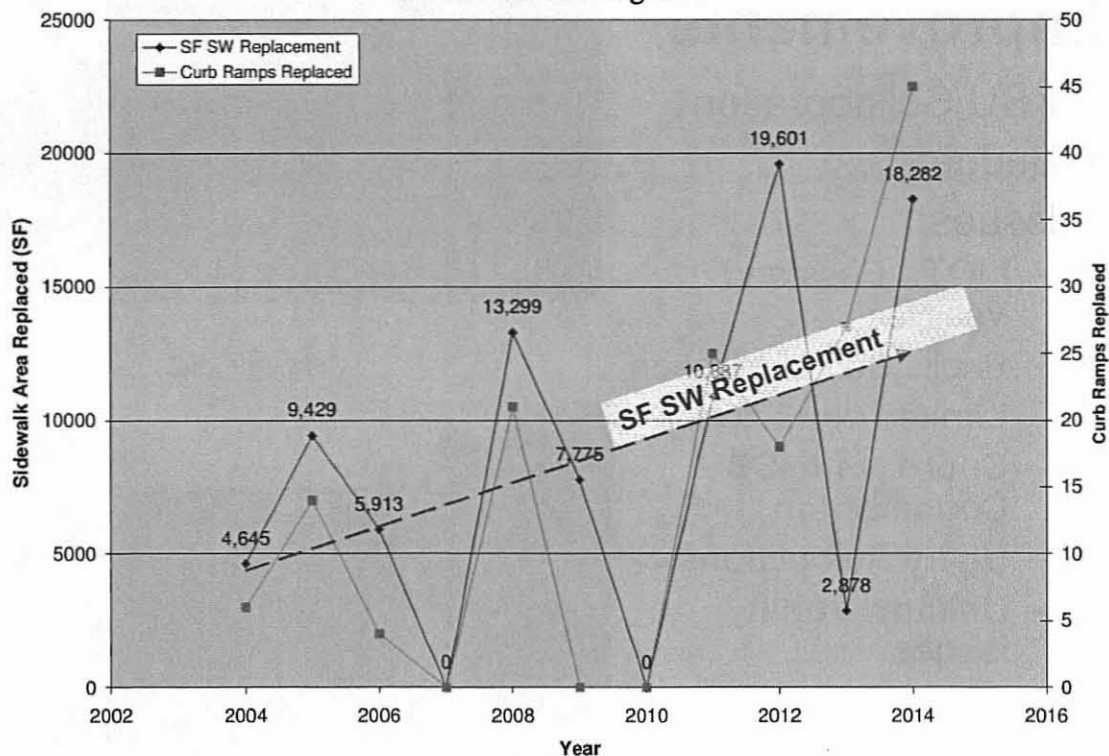


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Sidewalk Focus – 2015 Update

Street & SW Program

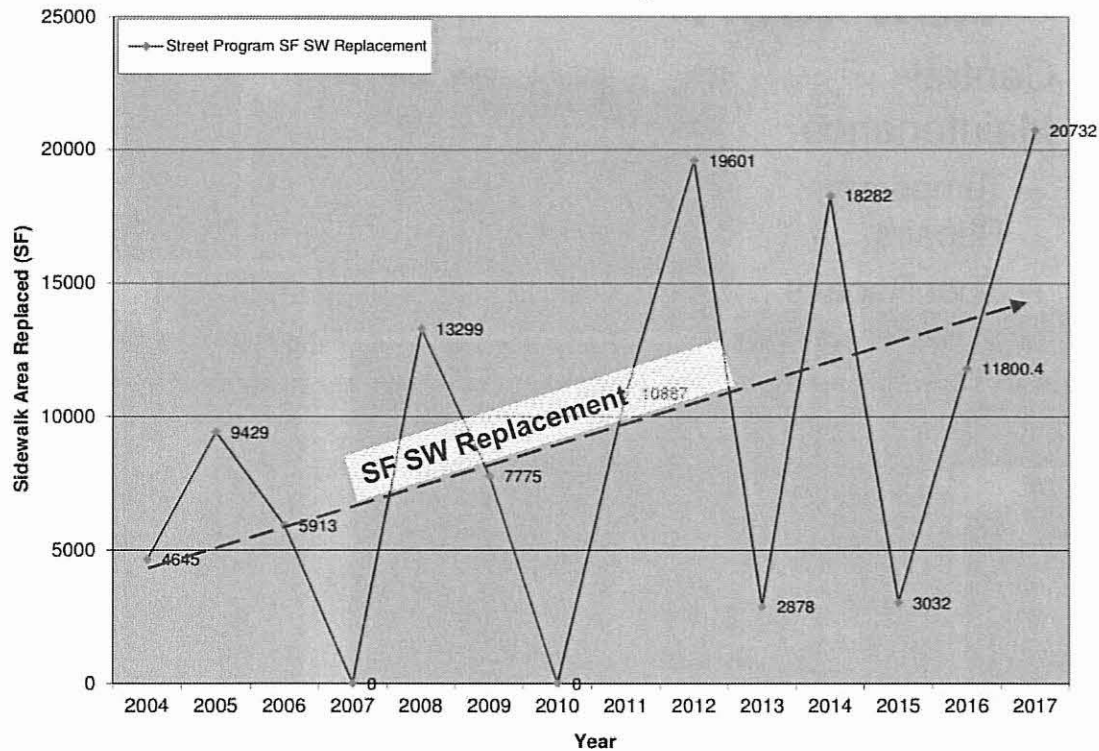


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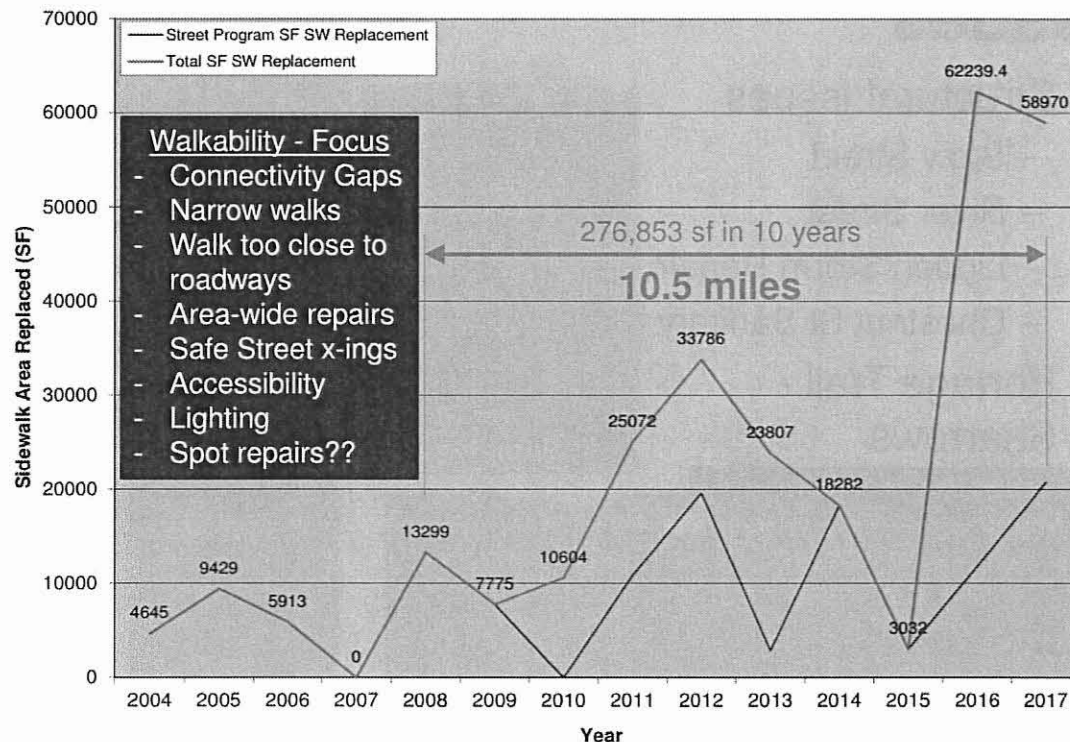


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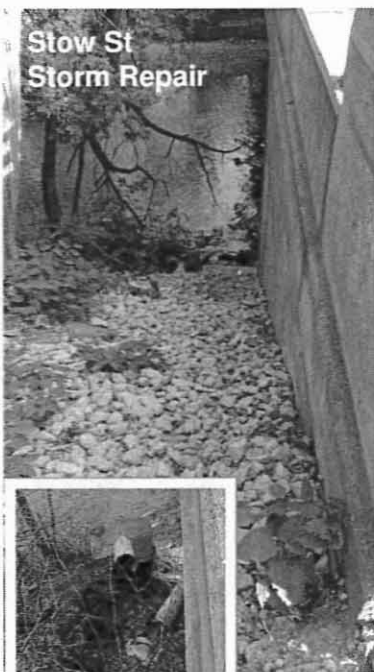
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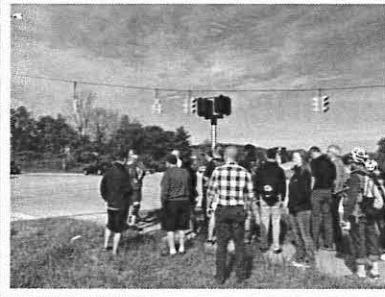
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- Citizens Advisory Committee
 - 3 Meetings & 1 Field Visit
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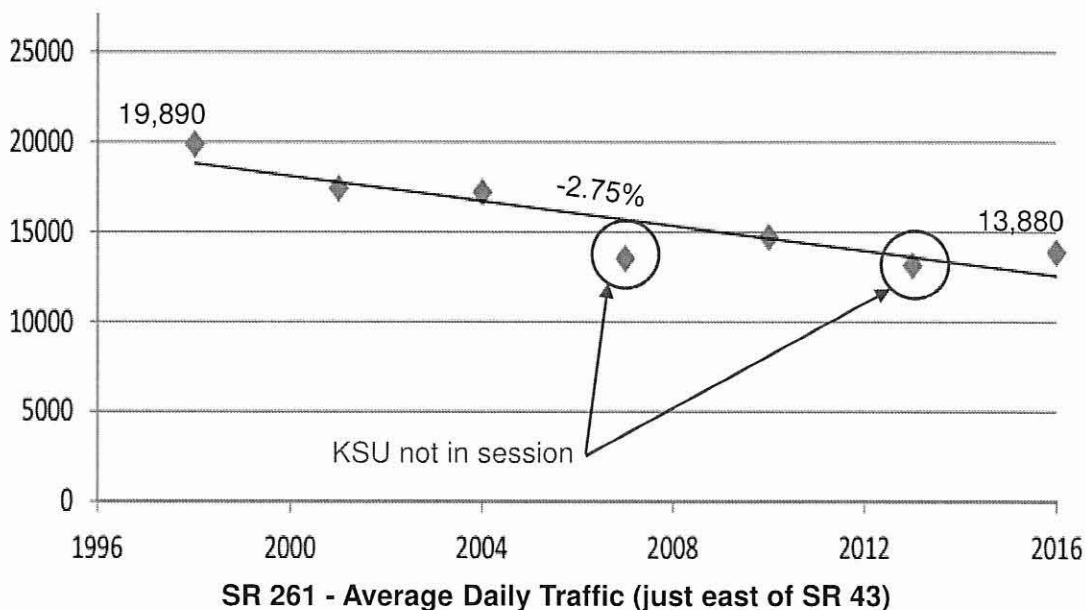


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Key Endeavors - 2018

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HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE
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After hearing no further business, Chair Ferrara adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.



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**THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2017**

Chair John Kuhar called the meeting of the Community Development Committee of the Kent City Council to order at 7:52 p.m.

PRESENT: MR. JACK AMRHEIN, MR. MICHAEL DeLEONE, MR. GARRETT FERRARA, MR. JOHN KUHAR, MS. MELISSA LONG, MS. HEIDI SHAFFER, MR. ROBIN TURNER, AND MS. TRACY WALLACH.

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ABSENT: MR. ROGER SIDOTI.

There were 2 items on the Agenda.

1. Authorize an Easement Agreement for City Sewer at the Devon Place University Hospital Facility.

Mr. Ruller stated how we need approval on this easement and how there is a lot of background information on this request. He then referred to Mr. Bowling.

Mr. Bowling explained that this easement is being offered by the Portage County Commissioners who own the land leased by University Hospital so the City can maintain the sanitary sewer. When a corridor was added between the two UH buildings, the existing sanitary sewer pipe had to be relocated causing the need for the additional easement.

There were no further comments from the audience or Council.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE NEW EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH PORTAGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR CITY SEWER MAINTENANCE BY THE CITY AT THE DEVON PLACE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL FACILITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY made by Mr. Amrhein seconded by Ms. Shaffer, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0.

2. Authorize a "Conditional Right of Access Agreement" with Thomas and Betts Corp. as part of the North Ditch Interim Remedial Action Plan.

Mr. Ruller referred to Ms. Susel who referred to her memo to the City Manager dated September 26, 2017 and explained how the City originally entered into a "Right of Property Access Agreement" with Thomas & Betts Corporation in October 2016 that allowed the Corporation's environmental consultant, HZW, to complete needed remediation and restoration activities in a location known as the "North Ditch Area," which is a small tributary on City park land leading to the Cuyahoga River and located adjacent to the Kramer Ball Field Complex. The activities were part of an Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) approved Interim Remedial Action Plan (IRAP) established in order to address a petroleum release from the 800 Mogadore Road site. The Access Agreement expired on March 1, 2017, but during the implementation of the IRAP, a second petroleum release location was identified just south of the North Ditch area. Thomas & Betts is requesting the City enter into a second "Right of Property Access Agreement" in order to allow HZW to conduct additional sampling in this secondary location, identified by the Ohio EPA as the "Camp Seep," and to grant additional time for the monitoring of the completed restoration activities in the North Ditch area. She is asking for Council authorization, with emergency, for its execution in order to proceed with the needed sampling and monitoring activities and so trees can be replaced that did not survive.

Ms. Wallach asked how the North Ditch looks.

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- 3) **AUTHORIZE THE 3RD READING OF RESOLUTION DRAFT NO. 17-83 ON OCTOBER 18, 2017 AS AMENDED ON OCTOBER 4, 2017 WITH AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE.**
- 4) **AUTHORIZE THE MOU WITH PORTAGE COUNTY FOR THE SHARED USE OF THE PORTAGE CO. COURT BUILDING'S PARKING LOT WITH AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE.**