THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO
HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE
WED., APRIL 6, 2016

This meeting of the Health & Safety Committee of Kent City Council was called to order at 7:59 p.m. on Wed., April 6, 2016, by Jack Amrhein, Chair.

PRESENT: **MR. AMRHEIN, MR. DeLEONE, MR. FERRARA, MR. KUHAR, MS. LONG, MS. SHAFFER, MR. SIDOTI, AND MR. TURNER**

ALSO PRESENT: **J. FIALA, MAYOR & PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL; D. RULLER, CITY MANAGER; J. SILVER, LAW DIRECTOR; M. LEE, POLICE CHIEF, AND L. JORDAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

ABSENT: **MS. WALLACH**

Chair Amrhein explained the first item was a review of the 2015 Police Department report.

Dave Ruller, City Manager, explained as he read through the annual report, given some of the incidents that made headlines, it was interesting to see the trends being favorable despite some tragic incidents. He said he wanted the Chief to reaffirm that, as it is an important message. He said it is important to remember that serious crime did decline in the last year, and Kent is a safe community because of people like Chief Lee. He said traffic accidents are up, keeping Mr. Bowling, City Engineer, busy, adding it is job security. Mr. Ruller said part of it reflects the popularity of the downtown, with more people visiting Kent.

Michelle Lee, Police Chief, said from her perspective, they had a really good year. She said they did not have issues during the spring parties or in the fall. She said they had adequate staffing, and even added one more staff person. She said they had a lot of issues occur, such as the arson of the ROTC vehicles and the police cruiser, aggravated burglaries and bar fights with gun shots fired. Chief Lee said many incidents received recognition on the local, state, and national level, and in spite of that, they had a pretty safe year.

Chief Lee said Page 2 displays some awards they received. She said Page 3 shows a cell phone technology grant they got with Kent State. She said the equipment was $1500 each, and allowed them to access technology to extract information. Chief Lee said cell phones are always part of the crime, and previously they had to send them to the BCI and wait for the report. She said they now do it themselves.

Chief Lee said on Page 8, they will see that party registration has really taken off. She said when it was initiated three years ago, they had four or five registered parties. She said they are now up to 101. Chief Lee said they have not made any arrests or issued citations at those parties. She said the registration is not just for the KSU students, adding it is a citywide program that is working well

Chief Lee said on Page 16, they will see a new partnership with Kent State for additional training. She said it is the unconscious bias training, used to look at some biases everyone has, what to do with it, and how to react at it. Chief Lee said she and Mr. Ruller attended the session, and are going to open it up to other city departments. She said in 2016, all non-sworn officers will receive it. She said the sworn officers will receive mandated training through the State for a similar program.

Chief Lee said their accident trends were listed on Page 20. She said Mr. Ruller already mentioned the accidents are up, adding the non injury are up while injury accidents are down. She said there was a considerable increase, and suggested there are more cars on the road.

Chief Lee said Page 21 deals with the major ten crimes. She said burglary is up from 103 to 127, while everything else has declined. She said assaults were down from 316 to 266. She said it seems to be a national trend.

Ms. Shaffer asked if the burglary stats are related to drug use, and Chief Lee said it is hard to say. She said aggravated burglaries are the same as home invasions. She said they are bolder, but she cannot say they are drug related. Chief Lee noted she would not be surprised, however.

Chief Lee said Page 22 shows the ten-year crime index. She said assaults are down from 2015 and the last ten years. She said it is a way of keeping track of what is happening, and lends them historical perspective. Chief Lee said they started keeping stats in 2015 on human trafficking crimes. She said other crimes are down.

Chief Lee said traffic accidents are up overall since 2006, adding there is more distraction and more vehicles on the road. She said Page 25 will show there are a lot of speeding tickets. She said Assured Clear Distance came in as #1, and that correlates to the increased accidents. She said the second was speed, with Driving Under Suspension as #3.

Chief Lee said Page 30 displays the types of calls they respond to, adding #1 deals with warrants, followed by community policing and disorderly conduct. She said it is pretty usual for the City, with nothing out of the ordinary.

Ms. Shaffer asked how they characterize community policing, and Chief Lee said that all day shift officers are required to do one or two community policing activities daily. She said this may be a walk around the school, walk around downtown, or a walk into a bank. She said CDBG monies are available for extra patrol. Chief Lee said any time they make a presentation or attend a special event, it all counts as community policing.

Chief Lee said Page 33 reflects their parking tickets. She said from 2014 to 2015, they more than doubled monies, and also doubled manpower. She said they added Marla Dunn in 2015. Chief Lee said the metered parking contributes to the number of parking tickets as well. Chief Lee said the receipts showed a considerable amount of difference.

Mr. Ferrara asked if she expected a decline because people are used to it, and Chief Lee said Dana Frazier retired, adding he was a pretty aggressive compliance officer. She said they will hire someone else. She said it is not just based on the meters, adding there are a lot of factors and she does not have a good guess.

Mayor Fiala said they started with the meters in June, and asked about their revenue. Ms. Susel said they will bring that to Council, both cash and credit card, adding it goes into a reserve. She said they will be bringing that forward in June. Mayor Fiala asked if it was enough to pay for the meters, and Ms. Susel said they are already paid for.

Ms. Shaffer asked what "on street selling" was, and Chief Lee said it was an incorrect statistic. She said she discovered about one week ago that the last two pages are not even from Kent Ohio. She said the program monitors Kent and two other cities, so those two pages are not about Kent. She said she would provide them with the correct information.

Mr. DeLeone asked what on street selling was, and Chief Lee said it is either a car for sale or street vending.

Mr. Turner asked Chief Lee if she identified the highest volume crime areas, and whether there was any thought about opening a substation. He said the police could have a residence on a more full time basis. Chief Lee said that was done at Silver Meadows. She said they do not need a substation, as Kent is not that big and they are mobile. Chief Lee said unless there is a specific need, they do not need a secondary station. She said the Fire Department cannot get around trains and rivers, but there has not been a need for a second police station.

She said with response to Mr. Turner's question about crime, it is the downtown area because of the business generated. She said they have a lot of minor, petty crimes as well as disorderly and assaults.

Chief Lee said there is an increase, but she cannot say it is the highest part of town.

Mr. Turner asked with respect to community policing, whether having police continually in an area, walking around getting to know people, identifying themselves is not reasonably effective, and if so how much. Chief Lee said that is what it is supposed to do. She said they are not sure that walking around prevents crime, adding it is hard to gauge how much their presence helps. Mr. Turner said they can look at it historically, based on what used to happen and what is going on. He said if they see a decrease, they can assume a decrease of crime. Mr. Turner said they do have past records of what is going on. He asked if they had that ability, so as to identify areas of significant impacts of crime. He said they can keep someone in those areas for a quick response.

Chief Lee said her only comment is that it is a national trend. She said she cannot say a decrease is because of community policing. Chief Lee said it is difficult, and she does not know the answer. She said she would like to think things they are doing is having a direct impact, but she does not have hard facts.

Chief Lee said with the advances in technology, they are more accessible and getting there faster. She said people are hearing more through social media, and that has a direct impact. Chief Lee said that before cell phones, people had to wait to call until they got home, and now help is at their fingertips. She said there is a direct correlation. Chief Lee said she hopes community policing is playing a part, adding it has been on the rise since the early 1990s. Chief Lee said they are getting back with the community, making connections, and making a difference.

Mayor Fiala said he used to walk with the police in Silver Meadows, adding the children would recognize the police and talk to them. He said it is a good thing. Mayor Fiala said when they have their block party, the children huddle around the police that stop by. He said the children know the police are there to help them.

Chief Lee said there is a culture change in the department. She said in the late 1980s, they had a lot of ex-military who were hired because they were big in stature. She said they found it is not effective, as the biggest ones are not always the best one. Chief Lee said she has seen a different approach in the last thirty years. She said there is a different concept, and a different way of policing.

Mr. Sidoti said what Mr. Turner is alluding to worked in the schools. He said he had high visibility, adding he would not say he was the best, but he was big and visible. Mr. Sidoti said he never knew if the students were good or that he was visible. He said he always hired visible assistants also.

Mr. Sidoti said they opened their doors to the police, and there was a change in the attitude. He said a relationship existed, and they knew the police were there to help and protect. He said the police learned, also, that not all young people were problematic. He said the problem is the resources and allocation. Mr. Sidoti said community policing is really positive, and seems to work. He said visibility works.

Mr. Kuhar said, with all due respect, a perfect picture of a police man was a big marine without the jock attitude. He said when there are bar fights and multiple problems with big people, they want someone that can handle the situation without mace or electrodes. Chief Lee said she found the more intimidating someone was, the more challenged some felt. She said alcohol is not always the factor. She said a study found that males do not take direction as well from a larger cop than a smaller cop. She said some are threatened by the physical size. Chief Lee said communication is the most important thing. She said she has had a few attempts of assault, while others have had multiple issues. She said it is how they talk to people, their presence, and how they work with them. Mr. Kuhar commented that an out of control female does not listen to anybody.

Mayor Fiala asked everyone to turn to page 7, adding it would be nice to see his colleagues in the picture the following years. He said if they attended the academy, they would understand what the police do, know about community policing and traffic stops. He said it is too late to get in this year, but would be nice to see them in the picture.

Mayor Fiala said it is puzzling why they had eight-two four legged fur balls with no scanner. Chief Lee said the current academy is collecting money to donate a chip scanner for lost dogs. Mayor Fiala said they are $350, and he cannot believe they do not have one. Chief Lee said they have one, but Mr. Frazier never used it. She said as chip technology is more prevalent, it would be nice to have. Mayor Fiala said the class is taking up donations, but Council could make a motion to purchase one. The Clerk noted, at this time, that a chip scanner purchase was not on the agenda.

Hearing no further audience comment, Chair Amrhein said that this was for informational purposes, and no action was needed.

Chair Amrhein explained the final item on the agenda dealt with Adrian Drive parking.

Mr. Ruller said this was an issue that was referred by Council to look at the parking. He said there was a request to change it, adding it was evaluated internally. Mr. Ruller said they settled on parking on the side without fire hydrants, adding that is the change recommended. Mr. Ruller said the residents wanted more, but said this would be satisfactory.

Chief Lee explained the residents submitted a petition for on street parking. She said there are fire hydrants on the east side, so they are recommending parking on the west side only. She said there would be on-street parking except for the intersections of Phillips, Nathan, etc. Chief Lee said there are mailboxes on the same side as the recommended parking, adding this could be an issue. She said they had complaints previously about people blocking the mailboxes. Chief Lee explained that if the mail trucks cannot get to the mail boxes, they do not deliver the mail.

Mr. Kuhar asked if they could approve parking on the west side except in front of the mailboxes. He noted there are some properties in Brady Lake with similar problems. Mr. Ruller said they asked Chief Tosko who lives out there, and he said that few people park on the street. Mr. Ruller said this seemed to be a particular homeowner vs. homeowner issue. He said there may be a shortcoming in terms of the mail boxes, but in the big picture, he did not sense it would be a problem. Mr. Ruller said the parking has not been much of an issue other than a few neighbors not getting along.

Mr. Kuhar asked if they could include in the motion that they do not block the mailboxes, and Mr. Ruller suggested they see how it goes. Chief Lee said it would be hard to enforce, as they would need to determine how many feet etc., as it is not defined currently. She said it would be problematic.

Ms. Long suggested the red line continues down to Fairchild. She said the street narrows, and if someone parks on either side, it is down to one lane.

Mr. Ferrara said he felt it was a people issue, adding people need to communicate with their neighbors. He said the City cannot regulate that issue, and they have more important things to do than settle disputes between the neighbors. Mr. Ferrara said he hoped it gives them a good solution, and suggested if they have further problems, they may take away the parking on both sides. He said it becomes a case of communication.

Chief Lee said they have tried, adding that they thought things had settled down. She said they have had a lot of involvement, adding it is an issue of neighbors at odds with each other. She explained the one videotaped the other one parking, and that further infuriate the situation. Chief Lee said they went through the process and submitted a petition. She said there is a problem with a family having multiple cars. Chief Lee said they live on Adrian, but were parking on Nathan in front of a mailbox.

Mr. DeLeone asked if there were regulations about how far to park from an intersection, and Chief Lee said they can adjust the ordinance.

Mr. Kuhar asked, with respect to Ms. Long's concerns, if they would install signs indicated no parking near the intersections, and Chief Lee said it seemed appropriate.

Ms. Shaffer asked if they considered two hour parking, and Chief Lee said they have not considered that. Ms. Shaffer asked if the majority of the people wanted to utilize the street, and Chief Lee said they collected enough signatures.

Hearing no audience comment, Chair Amrhein returned to the committee at this time.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE NO PARKING ON THE EAST SIDE ADRIAN DRIVE OR NEAR THE INTERSECTIONS, WITH THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE.
Motion made by Mr. Ferrara, seconded by Mr. Kuhar, and carried by a voice vote of 7-0-1, with Mr. Amrhein abstaining.

Hearing no further business before this Committee, Chair Amrhein adjourned this meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Linda M. Jordan, Clerk of Council

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

1) **2015 POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT REVIEWED; NO ACTION NECESSARY**
2) **TO AUTHORIZE NO PARKING ON THE EAST SIDE OF ADRIAN DRIVE OR NEAR THE INTERSECTIONS WITH THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE.**

THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO
STREETS, SIDEWALKS, & UTILITIES COMMITTEE
WED., APRIL 6, 2016

This meeting of the Streets, Sidewalks, and Utilities Committee of Kent City Council was called to order at 8:40 p.m. on Wed., April 6, 2016, by Roger Sidoti, Chair.

PRESENT: **MR. AMRHEIN, MR. DeLEONE, MR. FERRARA, MR. KUHAR, MS. LONG, MS. SHAFFER, MR. SIDOTI, AND MR. TURNER**

ALSO PRESENT: **J. FIALA, MAYOR & PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL; D. RULLER, CITY MANAGER; J. SILVER, LAW DIRECTOR; J. BOWLING, CITY ENGINEER; AND L. JORDAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

ABSENT: **MS. WALLACH**

Chair Sidoti explained the only item on the agenda dealt with the SR59/Depeyster Street intersection analysis.

Dave Ruller, City Manager said this item was previously referred to the Administration. He said Jim **Bowling, City Engineer,** sent him an email for information purposes, but did not anticipate committee time. Mr. Ruller said this is part of the old campus link area, adding it is a known congestion problem area. He said they need to continue working on this area, adding it will probably get worse with more development. Mr. Ruller said there has been a fair amount of study in this area, and he will ask Mr. Bowling to address this area.

Mr. Bowling said they looked at adding a designated right turn movement at Depeyster Street, northbound at SR 59, and also looked at changing the striping. He said an additional lane would be detriment to the new police facility, and would be costly. Mr. Bowling said they looked at changing the striping from a left turn only lane to a left turn/through lane with a designated right term lane. He said they reviewed the traffic volumes, congestion, and the geometry of the intersection.

Mr. Bowling said their study shows more people turning left than turning right. He said during the p.m. peak times, 63% more vehicles turn left. Mr. Bowling said that one car can back up a car from turning right during the red phase. He said if they switched it, one car can back up 127 cars from going straight or left during the red and green phases. Mr. Bowling said there is more potential for cars to backup during peak and non peak times.

Mr. Bowling said they studied the congestion, and acknowledged a minor congestion increase. He said that most of the traffic is on Haymaker, with minimal traffic on Depeyster Street. Mr. Bowling said they also looked at the intersection geometrics, which is his biggest concern. He explained the lanes do not line up exactly across the street, as the left northbound lane encroaches on the southbound through lane. He said if they move the straight through lane to the west, the movements would be coming together and would have to transition. He said this is a safety issue.

Mr. Bowling said that due to the fact that more traffic turns left, it would create more congestion to change the intersection. He said he did not recommend changing the striping for an exclusive right turn lane for safety issues.

Ms. Shaffer asked about the striping, adding that so many of her constituents think this is a giant mistake. She said one side could go straight or take a left. Ms. Shaffer said the two sides do not mirror each other, adding she did not know how to explain it to them as he just explained it.

Mr. Bowling said as they are heading north, more people turn left than turn right or go straight. Ms. Shaffer said that is during peak times, and Mr. Bowling said it would also be in conjunction with the completion of Flats 345 and the police station. Mr. Bowling said that heading south, more people turn

right. He said they give a dedicated lane to the movement with the most volume. Ms. Shaffer said that is during peak times. She said that is the only time there is an issue. Ms. Shaffer said she sat behind someone going straight, adding that is the longest light. Ms. Shaffer said people complain because no one was in either direction and they are sitting.

Mr. Bowling said the signal at that intersection is not warranted, as there is not enough traffic volume to warrant a signal. He said that would mean it would be a stop sign. Mr. Bowling said there is a signal because of the fire station. He explained the signal is part of one of seven interconnected signals designed and timed to let cars go straight on SR 59 without getting stopped. Mr. Bowling said it is the same cycle length at every intersection, adding it is set by the intersection with the most traffic, which is the Haymaker/SR 43 intersection. Mr. Bowling said the intersection with the least traffic is the Depeyster intersection. Mr. Bowling said there is additional delay on the side roads to allow SR 59 to not back up.

Mr. Bowling said another issue is that cars exit during peak hours quicker from Depeyster. Mr. Bowling said if the signal is set to detect cars coming on Depeyster, it stays green longer. He said if there is only one car, it changes quickly, creating a longer gap. Mr. Bowling said if they did a traffic analysis, they would find a better level of service during the peak hours. He said, again, there is not enough traffic to warrant the signal. He said the traffic on Haymaker at SR 43 sets the time and dictates when cars exit Depeyster, which is the reason they wait. He said there is nothing they can do to fix it, adding they have tried to find ways to correct it. Mr. Bowling said they do not want to back up traffic on SR 59. He said the cycle length goes from about 1.5 to 2 minutes, which is the most a car would wait.

Ms. Shaffer said they cannot restripe because the intersections do not line up, and Mr. Bowling said they would not restripe it because more traffic is turning left. He said if they restriped it, more people would have to wait. He said the through movements would be opposing each other, causing a concern for accidents. Mr. Bowling said they would trade one frustration for another. He said the through movement can go on green, but may have to wait if someone is turning. He said there are more people turning left.

Ms. Shaffer asked how she gets that information to the countless constituents that keep asking her, and Mr. Bowling suggested she could sent them to him. Ms. Shaffer said she is tired of answering the question. She suggested the newspaper may report about it.

Mr. DeLeone said he just does not go that way. He said there are just some places he will not go.

There was no public comment at this time.

Hearing no further business before this Committee, Chair Sidoti adjourned this meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Linda M. Jordan, Clerk of Council

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

1) RECEIVED REPORT ON SR59/DEPEYSTER STREET INTERSECTION ANALYSIS; NO ACTION NEEDED

THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO
FINANCE COMMITTEE
WED., APRIL 6, 2016

This meeting of the Finance Committee of Kent City Council was called to order at 7:07 p.m. on Wed., April 6, 2016, by Michael DeLeone, Chair.

PRESENT: **MR. AMRHEIN, MR. DeLEONE, MR. FERRARA, MR. KUHAR, MS. LONG, MS. SHAFFER, MR. SIDOTI, AND MR. TURNER**

ALSO PRESENT: **J. FIALA, MAYOR & PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL; D. RULLER, CITY MANAGER; J. SILVER, LAW DIRECTOR; J. IDONE, PARKS & REC. DIRECTOR; D. COFFEE, DIR. OF BUD. & FINANCE; J. BOWLING, CITY ENGINEER; AND L. JORDAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

ABSENT: **MS. WALLACH**

Chair DeLeone said the first item for discussion was the Service Department fee adjustments.

Dave Ruller, City Manager, said that Service Director Gene Roberts did a detailed job reviewing the Service Department fees. He said Mr. Roberts reminded him that one of the objectives of the City's fees, as they are related to the Service Department, is to be net neutral. Mr. Ruller said Mr. Roberts reviewed the equipment in detail, and noted where fees have not been updated since 2007, nine years earlier. Mr. Ruller said the material costs have gone up, and Mr. Roberts has quoted the recommended price increases to make it net neutral. He said the numbers they see are the City's costs for material. Mr. Ruller asked for their authorization, so they can keep the fund whole. **Jim Bowling, City Engineer,** when asked, said he had nothing to add except this was long overdue.

Mr. Kuhar asked if the fee increases net them out with no consideration for future increases, and Mr. Ruller said he did not look to see how the ordinance was written. He said they can review them more often. Mr. Kuhar asked if the cost were the current ones, and Mr. Ruller said that was correct.

Chair DeLeone called for audience comment at this time. Hearing no audience comment, Chair DeLeone returned to the Committee.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT FEE ADJUSTMENTS WITH THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE.
Motion made by Mr. Ferrara, seconded by Mr. Sidoti, and carried by a voice vote of 7-0-1 with Mr. DeLeone abstaining.

Chair DeLeone said the next issue dealt with leases for the Parks and Recreation Department, including the Betkowski house, the Canoe Livery, and Fitness Center.

Mr. Ruller said explained that **John Idone, Parks and Recreation Director,** was present. He said the Canoe Livery Lease is a renewal, and they are recommending Crooked River Adventures, the existing vendor. Mr. Ruller said they are all familiar with the Fitness Center on West Main Street, and that is also up for renewal. Mr. Ruller said the Betkowski house on Longcoy Avenue was recently purchased. He said the current tenant wants to remain until the end of the school year.

Mr. Ferrara asked if there was any liability to the city with the lease of the Betkowski house, and **Jim Silver, Law Director,** indicated there was no liability.

Chair DeLeone called for audience comment at this time. Hearing no audience comment, Chair DeLeone returned to the Committee.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE LEASES FOR THE BETKOWSKI PROPERTY, CANOE LIVERY, AND FITNESS CENTER, WITH THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE.
Motion made by Mr. Ferrara, seconded by Mr. Amrhein, and carried by a voice vote of 7-0-1 with Mr. DeLeone abstaining.

Chair DeLeone said the next issue dealt with the proposed amendments to the 2016 Appropriations.

DAVE COFFEE, DIRECTOR OF BUDGET & FINANCE, requested authorization of the amendments to the appropriations as listed in his March 29 memo to the City Manager. He said he would be happy to answer their questions.

Chair DeLeone called for audience comment at this time. Hearing no audience comment, Chair DeLeone returned to the Committee.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE 2016 APPROPRIATIONS.
Motion made by Mr. Ferrara, seconded by Mr. Amrhein, and carried by a voice vote of 7-0-1 with Mr. DeLeone abstaining.

Chair DeLeone explained the final item on their agenda dealt with the AMATS Connecting Communities Planning Grant.

Mr. Ruller said **Jim Bowling, City Engineer,** told them there were grant funds available, and they discussed whether it was worth the time to pursue them. He said they decided if there was a chance to get money, it was worth their time.

Mr. Ruller said Mr. Bowling studied the criteria for the grant, and came up with three different types of projects. He said they would all score competitively, although one is better than the other two. He said they need to be sure these are projects that Council would be interested in. Mr. Ruller said all of the projects are in the range of five to ten years, adding this would be the initial funding. He said Mr. Bowling would review the projects, and wants to see if they are more favorable to one over the other two. Mr. Ruller said they did not want to miss an opportunity.

Mr. Bowling said the funding is for planning level studies, with no commitment to move forward to either design or construction of a project. He said they would get extra points pursuing design or construction funds in the future if they do get one of the grants. He said at that point, if they move forward, there will be a level of commitment.

Mr. Bowling said the applications are due by May 27. He said they will be returning in May for approval an ordinance.

Mr. Bowling said one project is the Water Street Corridor. He said there have been numerous questions, recommendations, and perceived problems on how to make it safer and more bike and pedestrian friendly. Mr. Bowling said this grant focuses heavily on making places and doing complete streets, not just about moving traffic. He said he will discuss the needs, adding they have no solutions at this time.

Mr. Bowling said this would be Water Street, from Haymaker to Fairchild Avenue. He said AMATS does an accident analysis citywide, and this is the highest rated accident roadway length, although there were only twelve accidents. Mr. Kuhar asked if there were more accidents than East Main Street, and Mr. Bowling said it is not just based on volume, but also includes severity, length, and how much traffic. He said the proportionate traffic ranked higher than East Main Street, which ranked third.

Mr. Bowling said this has always been ranked high, adding from 2002-2004, it was the first ranked arterial with fourteen accidents. He said it has always been an area of concern. Mr. Bowling said they heard concerns about speeding, so they used their speed trailer in 2014. Mr. Bowling said that 15% were driving over 30 mph. He said this makes it difficult to add cross walks and bike lanes in locations with faster traffic.

Mr. Bowling said they know there are very little obvious pedestrian crossings from Main Street to Fairchild Ave. He said that by law, there is an undefined crosswalk at every intersection. He said they would need to look at certain things, like bump outs and restricted parking, to put in a safe crosswalk. Mr. Bowling said the road is really wide, adding that probably contributes to the speed.

Mr. Bowling said AMATS did a mid-block study, and recommended pedestrian crossings at Burbick Way and Locke Lane. He said this would assist with pedestrian, traffic, and bike safety.

Mr. Bowling said the next project was the SR 261 corridor, which is another safety problem. He said the intersections of SR 261 and SR 43 as well as SR 261 and Franklin are ranked third and fourth by AMATS for accidents. He said a City study ranked the SR 261 and Mogadore as well as SR 261 and Campus Center as higher accident issues. Mr. Bowling said the intersections are ranked high because accidents are more severe. He said the faster speeds causes the higher rank. He said the traffic volume is the same as Fairchild Avenue which is a speed limit of 35 mph and two lanes.

Mr. Bowling said SR 261 was built as a connection from downtown Akron's inner belt to connect to SR 435, proposed to go between SR 43 and SR 44. He said that route is not going to happen. Mr. Bowling said they are looking at reducing the speeds, and want to see if they can get rid of the limited access. He questioned whether they can make it a two-lane road, and take the extra width for bike connectivity to the trails. Mr. Bowling said if they were able to get rid of the limited access, they can open up the area for land use and economic development. He said none of that has been studied. Mr. Bowling said the first project would be about five years, adding this one would be longer in nature.

Mr. Kuhar asked Mr. Bowling if he would agree that every street in Kent has at least 15% of the traffic going over the speed limit, and Mr. Bowling said he would not agree. He said the first thing they do when people complain is put out the speed trailer. He said University Drive was one issue, adding the cars were going the speed limit. Mr. Bowling said the wider streets tend to have more cars speeding. He said a residential street with on street parking slows down the cars.

Mr. Sidoti said there is no easy way to cross SR 261. He said they have a lot of mobile older people who would like to walk and access the shopping available. He asked if that would be included, and Mr. Bowling said it would help. He said they already have pedestrian buttons, but it is a scary crossing. Mr. Sidoti suggested an overhead pedestrian bridge, and Mr. Bowling indicated that was possible at this level of planning. He said a more likely vision is a two lane road, without a lot of pavement or people driving as fast. Mr. Sidoti asked if they would narrow the roadway, and Mr. Bowling said the concept is to eliminate one whole set of lanes from Cherry to Summit Street, as they are not needed. He said it would reduce their future maintenance costs in the future, as they currently have more pavement, more signals, and two bridges. Mr. Bowling said that SR 261 is partly done by the State and they would have to work with the State about vacating the limited access. He said the State would still contribute to the cost of paving. Mr. Bowling said they would have to see if it would be a benefit. He said they have already had discussions with the State and others to see if this was an option, adding that it was an option.

Ms. Shaffer asked if it is possible this would be a connector to the bike trail, and Mr. Bowling said that was correct. Ms. Shaffer said one of their stated goals was to establish the connections so people did not have to drive to the trails. Mr. Bowling said the pavement is already out there.

Ms. Long asked if it was from Mogadore to Cherry Street, and Mr. Bowling said it was from Middlebury to Cherry, past SR 43, Camps Center and Summit Street. He said they need to take it all the way into the township. Mr. Bowling said the speed limit in Tallmadge is 35 mph. Ms. Long said the SR 261/SR43 intersection is two lanes with turning lanes, adding it is congested. She asked Mr. Bowling if he was talking about reducing that size, and Mr. Bowling said they would look at the turning lanes needed. He said they currently have significant need at SR 261 and SR 43. He said SR 261 is inefficient as a split phase, adding east and westbound traffic is not allowed to turn without a green arrow. Mr. Bowling said that Fairchild Ave at SR 43 has the same traffic as SR 43 and SR 261. Ms. Long asked Mr. Bowling if the projects were listed in priority, and he said they were not, as Council sets the priority.

Ms. Shaffer said it is a fascinating avenue for strategic planning. She said she had not thought how that could be a residential neighborhood with commercial development. She said they could have more neighborhood development, as they do not have a lot of space for housing. Ms. Shaffer said this could fit with their housing study as they move forward. She suggested it is something they would need a grant for, as it is so new. Mr. Bowling said they would work with the Community Development Department and others on the grant. He said if they change the nature of SR 261, they need to look at everything around it.

Mr. Kuhar said he grew up in this town. He said South Water Street was a nice pedestrian street with two lanes. He said it was widened because traffic got intense. Mr. Kuhar said SR 43 south backed up, and it was widened, with better traffic flow. Mr. Kuhar said he drives to Florida every year, adding it gets worse every year. He said there were so many people on the road this year, that whenever it narrowed to one lane, there was a one hour backup in traffic. Mr. Kuhar said it is nice to have two lane streets with sidewalks, but questioned what happens if they need to open the road again. Mr. Bowling said that is the purpose of the study. He suggested they go west on SR 261 to Tallmadge, where there are two lanes, with no backup. Mr. DeLeone commented they have a traffic circle. He said the analysis is controlled at the intersection. He said it was not the two lanes, but instead, was the bottleneck of four streets.

Mr. Bowling said the third option is the area bordered by SR 59, Water Street, Summit Street and Lincoln Street. He said it is being brought up as an option because of the pressure they feel as that area is primed for development. He said they would like to get ahead of it. Mr. Bowling said that Lincoln Street and Summit Street both get congested. He said they know that the police station will be built, and they need a city administration building. He said they would like that building close to the police and fire stations, and it will be right in the middle of this area. He said the University has significant land on Main Street.

Mr. Bowling said they would like to be able to steer the discussion, and suggested getting rid of curb cuts with a focus on access management so there would not be backups. He said they want to be sure their neighborhoods are walkable or bikeable to get to campus and downtown. He said they are trying to solve a potential problem. Mr. Bowling said they would also have to work with their partners. He said this would allow a different set of dollars to help with the planning stage. He said the grant also has to do with land use planning, as well as being bikeable and walkable, creating a sense of place.

Mr. Kuhar asked about the borders, and Mr. Bowling said it is Main Street, SR 59, Lincoln Street, Summit Street, and SR 43. He said it would be the existing police station to Rockwell Hall. Mr. Kuhar asked if it included the 1000 block of Main Street, and Mr. Bowling said it did not include that area. He said it only included Main Street from Willow Street to Lincoln Street.

Ms. Shaffer asked the timing of the grant, and asked when they would get the grant and when the planning would start. Mr. Bowling said the planning grants are due by May 27. He said that AMATS would be the contract agency with the consultant, adding it would take one year at the planning level. He said it would be up to the City whether they choose to move forward. Mr. Bowling said the next logical step would be a safety study, so they could pursue highway safety funds from the State. Mr. Bowling said the State gives $110 million annually to do safety projects, adding it is the only funding that has been increasing.

Ms. Shaffer asked if the funding would be for a consultant, and Mr. Bowling said it would be for a planning study. He said they would hire a consultant, adding they would scope it out with AMATS to meet the proposed needs. Ms. Shaffer asked if this could be done with citizen involvement, and Mr. Bowling said that was correct. He said AMATS has $100,000 to give out, adding the maximum is $50,000. He said the more a municipality contributes, the more points they get, maximizing the funds received.

Ms. Long asked Mr. Bowling if his department has looked at the third area as a roundabout, and Mr. Bowling said it is more of a neighborhood. He said it is the old Campus Link area, and this would steer what may develop in the midst of the area.

Mr. Sidoti said he envisions a unique character linking the campus to the downtown. He asked if it would be a mixed use, and Mr. Bowling said that was correct. He said they could look at more residential housing, strengthen the bikeability and the walkability, but they still want people to use the car.

Mr. Sidoti said the second piece is pedestrians trying to cross East Main Street. He asked if that would be included or if it is just a small section, and Mr. Bowling said it is just a small section. He said it would affect the access management, between Willow and Lincoln Street. Mr. Bowling said East Main Street did not jump out because of the needs they have heard and what the grant wants to do.

Ms. Shaffer asked if this included the extension of the bike trail from the Esplanade in front of Police Department, across Water Street, and through Walgreens property. Mr. Bowling said it would be an existing condition as it would be under construction.

Chair DeLeone called for audience comment at this time. Hearing no audience comment, Chair DeLeone returned to the Committee.

Mr. Ruller said it would help if they gave the administration a sense of priorities, and asked if there was one more than the two others they liked.

Ms. Shaffer said the Water Street corridor has imminent need, and she did not want to wait for a planning study. She said they need to look at that on their own. Ms. Shaffer said a consultant could give them different opinions, but it just seems to push the issues too far away. Mr. Bowling said they already have a consultant looking at Water Street currently for more imminent, quicker fixes. He said it would include moving curbs, restriping, changing parking, etc.

Ms. Shaffer said SR 261 has a lot of potential and is fascinating. She said the third one is a mystery, as they do not know the impact. She said it could influence the course of development. Ms. Shaffer said it is hard to pick, but for her, the planning should be toward SR 261. She suggested they may do that on their own, with a strategic planning process, before discussing it with any consultants.

Mayor Fiala said if they were to put these in order, and questioned with Water Street if they were going to produce more parking or take some away. He noted that Wright Heating already lost some parking. Mr. Bowling said when they look at the list of needs for Water Street that is part of it. He said they are being pressured to add parking and to put in crosswalks. Mr. Bowling said if they stripe a crosswalk at Portage Street, they would lose four parking spots. He said they need to look at it all together, adding he would hate to do it wrong and have problems afterward. Mayor Fiala said he did not like taking any more away.

Mr. Kuhar asked if Water Street would go all the way to SR 261, and Mr. Bowling said it would be between Fairchild and Haymaker. Mr. Kuhar said that eliminated his question, adding he was interested in that proposal.

Mr. Ferrara asked if they had to specify one when they applied, and Mr. Bowling said they need to know which one to summit. He said they would only get one if they get any. Mr. Ferrara asked where things stand with the mill, adding they do not know what they are going to do with the mill. Mr. Bowling said they are studying transportation and land use planning together. He said the long curb eliminates all of the parking, and said if they eliminate it, they could put in diagonal parking. Mr. Bowling said it would be something to consider if they close.

Mr. Ferrara asked if the grant looks at land use for the mill, and Mr. Bowling said it could look at the variable where they interface. He said he has had discussions with AMATS, and would work with them hand in hand to make it the best fit. He said it may be the cart before the horse, but if they can restrict the size of the driveway, they could add fifteen more parking spaces. Mr. Ferrara said he saw Mr. Bowling's point. He said on the Water/Summit Street/Lincoln Street, it would be important for pedestrian traffic safety. He said that concern on Willow Street has been brought to them by the University. He said those two are the most important.

Mr. Sidoti asked Mr. Bowling if he had a sense as to the most fundable, from a philosophical standpoint, and Mr. Bowling said for this grant, they would all fit well. He said the Water Street and Main Street locations would be the top two. Mr. Bowling said the most impacting would be SR 261, adding safety funds could pay for the design and construction. He said they could get 80% of both, and this could be the most impact in the long term.

Mr. Kuhar said he had a vision in his head of SR 261 having a center traffic lane, with service roads on either side. Mr. Bowling said that was going the wrong way, as it would provide more traffic than needed. He said they have too much facility for the current traffic, adding that causes the severity of the accidents. Mr. Kuhar said if they develop both sides of SR 261, people can travel the service roads with thru traffic in the center lanes. Mr. Bowling said if they generated that much traffic, they could consider access management at specified locations to provide for better safety purposes.

Mr. Bowling said that area has about 9000 cars per day, while Summit Street was designed for 17,000. He said Fairchild has between 11,000 to 12,000, so SR 261 is not in the ballpark, or even close to it. He said it seems odd to spend your career to make things bigger to move traffic, and then to say it is too big. Mr. Bowling said this road is the only road in Kent that is eligible for a reasonable road diet.

Mr. Sidoti said, in fairness, the 435 project was scrapped. He said if it was viable, SR 261 could have been four lanes completely. He said in reality, the design is for something that did not happen, and now this is the future. Mr. Sidoti said he had no problem reducing it to two lanes.

Mayor Fiala said the SR 261 corridor's payback would be economic development, which seems like it is the biggest payback. Mr. .Bowling said the other two have strong paybacks also. He said people on North Water Street are waiting to develop. Mr. Bowling said if they impact the street, they may make it better for them to develop. He said in the Main Street area, part of the development is the connection between the University and the downtown area. He said they would be enhancing that area.

Mr. Amrhein said he cannot help but realize they area all three great choices. He said they cannot go wrong with any of them, adding it will be difficult to come to any consensus. Mr. Amrhein said they are all good, and he would vote for any of them.

Mr. Ruller said they would take a motion, if they had one. He said they could pick it. Ms. Shaffer said she would like that, and would also like to know why they chose a particular project. She suggested a weighted chart to give those indications. Ms. Shaffer said she is looking at things like economic development, value, fundability, and imminent safety issues. She said they need to do all three, so they need to look for more grants.

Mr. Bowling said they may have the program again next year, adding it sounds like they want to keep it going. He said he did not see them getting it for several years in a row. Mr. Bowling said they could submit two, possibly, but then AMATS may ask them to pick just one.

Mr. Sidoti said this is for planning dollars. He said nothing precludes them from throwing in some more money or going for other federal grants. He said they could buy the consulting, and apply for those grants. Mr. Bowling agreed. He said they are already working on Water Street. He said the one for Main Street is imminent, adding if they wait, development may run ahead of them. Mr. Bowling said SR 261 is more long term, and they can chip away at it slowly.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATION TO RETURN WITH THEIR CHOICE OF A PROJECT FOR THE AMATS CONNECTING COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT.
Motion made by Ms. Shaffer, seconded by Mr. Amrhein, and carried by a voice vote of 7-0-1, with Mr. DeLeone abstaining.

Hearing no further business before this Committee, Chair DeLeone adjourned this meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Linda M. Jordan, Clerk of Council

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

1) **TO AUTHORIZE SERVICE DEPARTMENT'S FEE ADJUSTMENTS WITH THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE.**
2) **TO AUTHORIZE THE LEASES FOR THE BETKOWSKI PROPERTY, CANOE LIVERY, AND FITNESS CENTER, WITH THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE.**
3) **TO AUTHORIZE AMENDMENTS TO THE 2016 APPROPRIATIONS**
4) **TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATION TO RETURN WITH THEIR CHOICE OF A PROJECT FOR THE AMATS CONNECTING COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT.**

THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO
LAND USE COMMITTEE
WED., APRIL 6, 2016

This meeting of the Land Use Committee of Kent City Council was called to order at 8:50 p.m. on Wed., April 6, 2016, by Garret Ferrara, Chair.

PRESENT: **MR. AMRHEIN, MR. DeLEONE, MR. FERRARA, MR. KUHAR, MS. LONG, MS. SHAFFER, MR. SIDOTI, AND MR. TURNER**

ALSO PRESENT: **J. FIALA, MAYOR & PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL; D. RULLER, CITY MANAGER; J. SILVER, LAW DIRECTOR; B. SUSEL, DIR. OF COMM. DEV.; AND L. JORDAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

ABSENT: **MS. WALLACH**

Chair Ferrara explained the only item on their agenda dealt with rental licensing.

DAVE RULLER, CITY MANAGER, said Council approved this in August, and **BRIDGET SUSEL, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** has been working with legal counsel and the Health Commissioner on the Code. She said that they need to approve the language for the Code.

Ms. Susel said they want to be sure they are able to support the rental licensing program, she said some will be handled by the Health Department and smaller units will be covered through the Community Development Department. Ms. Susel said they wanted to be sure they had consistency in terminology as well as the process for implementation. Ms. Susel said that different departments had different definitions, and they are now using the same play book. She said they dealt with the terminology, and insured compliance with all health, building, and zoning code requirements. She said they did have an opportunity to look at Title 7, making other adjustments to language that could cause issues with safety, as well as changes to the maintenance, fire and safety codes.

Ms. Susel said they also applied the civil offense and appeals process that was recently covered with §501.13. She said they will also maintain enforcement mechanisms used by the Health Department as well as some of the higher level enforcement for the more egregious violations.

Ms. Susel said they wanted to make sure the ordinance included the necessary terminology to comply with the Oct. 2015 court ruling in Portsmouth, Ohio dealing with what was considered warrantless searches. She said they were not telling the tenants and/or property owners that they had the ability to deny entry to an inspector. She said in those cases the City could seek an administrative warrant to allow access. Ms. Susel said the City's language is correct. She said there have been some conversations with landlords who feel it is in violation, but that is not the case.

Ms. Susel said they do have a few minor typo changes that they need to make in the draft. She said the first page contained Chapter 1375, Appeals, adding that section had previously been deleted. Ms. Susel said the authority is no longer given to the Fair Housing Board. Ms. Susel said it would be the same process for appeals as is allowed for the General Offenses Code.

Ms. Susel said they used the word "infraction" instead of offense in four different locations. She said they are trying to get away from that wording, so the four sections would be changed to "offense". Ms. Susel said **Eric Fink, Assistant Law Director,** wanted to reword part of §1371.01(b), and also making that section a requirement.

Mr. Kuhar said he is not totally opposed to licensing, adding he feels it is a money grab. Mr. Kuhar said they have exterior maintenance codes that protect other people in the neighborhood from those issues. He said the State of Ohio has provided more than enough remedies within a rental. Mr. Kuhar said he has been in contact with the constitutional attorneys who worked on the case in Portsmouth. Mr. Kuhar

said they told him that to threaten a person with the Health Department condemning a property violates the law.

Mr. Kuhar asked Ms. Susel if he said he would buy a license, but wanted no one in the house, what she would say, and Ms. Susel said they still want to inspect it. Mr. Kuhar asked if she would still issue the license, and Ms. Susel said a house is not licensed until all requirements are met, either through voluntarily letting them in or with an administrative warrant. Mr. Kuhar asked what would be the probable cause for the warrant, and Ms. Susel said the administrative warrant's threshold is much lower than a criminal warrant, adding an inspection to assure compliance with the health, building, and zoning codes is enough to meet the criteria for an administrative warrant.

Mr. Kuhar said he would want most of the things in the Code in his dwelling. Mr. Kuhar asked what would be the case when a well maintained rental property of twenty years has a minor problem according to the code and does not qualify. Ms. Susel said they take reasonableness into consideration and apply it throughout their duties.

Ms. Susel said the issue becoming problematic are the zoning code violations. She said single family homes are not constructed for five unrelated people. She said the way a family functions is totally different to how five unrelated people function. Ms. Susel said sections R2 and R3 of the zoning code prohibit rooming houses, adding they see a number of them weekly reported to the office. Ms. Susel said they do not have the tools to address the issues appropriately, adding there are problems with illegal conversions.

Mr. Kuhar said he knows what a vision of a rooming house is, adding that under the recent changes to the Code, it is like the City wants to go into the future with everything else, but stay in the 1900 level when recognizing a family unit. He said they almost violate federal fair housing laws with discrimination against gays or people who do not want to live a conventional lifestyle and be a family. He said if they keep allowing this, people will have to live in a blue house, drive a blue car, and have blue kids because they are trying to regulate everything that people do, taking away their freedom.

Chair Ferrara reminded Mr. Kuhar they are taking questions at this time.

Mr. Kuhar asked how the family unit is not discriminating against lifestyle choices, and Ms. Susel said they made changes in the zoning code in 2015 dealing with the definition of family. She said it is more clearly defined, in anticipation of the potential approval of the Supreme Court rulings on any civil union. She said those families are covered, as are foster families and those people needing caregivers. Ms. Susel said they do allow for non-traditional family structures. Ms. Susel said it is not 100%, but is better than before. She said it protects non-traditional families as well as those who want a family next to them. Ms., Susel said they have a lot of people who are playing loose and fast with the definition of a family. She said it needed to be addressed as well as their ability to get in and inspect. Ms. Susel said it is another tool to remove legal rooming houses. Mr. Kuhar said he agrees with the issues on illegal rooming houses, but not everything in the Code and the fact that they are forcing inspections.

Ms. Shaffer said it would be great to have a bullet point summary on how the program will work. Ms. Susel said they needed to get the structure established. She said there has been a lot of dialogue going forward. Ms. Susel said they have borrowed from other communities, adding some have done it well, while others have made mistakes. She said the next step, implementation, is harder. Ms. Susel said they recognize that while they kick this off in 2016, it will be at least three years before they identify all of the rentals.

Mr. Turner asked if she felt it would increase the volume, and if so, how they get that through the court system. He noted they had discussed a housing court at one time. Ms. Susel said they also discussed that, adding it would put a burden on the department. She said until they know the breadth and scope of the number of houses to be included, they do not want to make any decisions on hiring extra people, etc. She said at this point, they do not know how many are out there. She said they have some good guesses, but they could be off. Ms. Susel said once they know the lay of the land, and then will make

decisions. She said they really want legal rooming houses and rentals to provide safe and decent housing. She said some landlords are not crazy about this licensing, but others are glad as they are not getting tenants because of the illegal contributions.

Mr. Kuhar said one area untouched are the condo units off Summit Street, housing three to four students. He asked if they will be approached. Ms. Susel said they are aware of some, adding they know which tend to be student based and which are family oriented. Ms. Susel said they are also aware of certain situations, adding they have known zoning code violations in place since some were built. She said some may have to go back to the Planning Commission, as they cannot turn a blind eye to a zoning code violation. Ms. Susel said they need to bring them into compliance, either by adjusting or reducing the number of occupants. She said this will be a long, arduous process, but is needed to stabilize the quality of life in residential areas.

Mr. Kuhar said a rooming house is more than two unrelated people. He asked what they would call a condo where one resident is the son of an owner with four roommates, and Ms. Susel said it is an illegal rooming house. She said those will return to Planning Commission. Ms. Susel said if there are four bedrooms, and it has always had four unrelated people, the Planning Commission may decide to adjust it. She said if it is functioning illegally, with no parking, they would not be able to accommodate safe, decent housing. Ms. Susel said they will go case by case, adding that there are some in R1, R2, and R3 districts that need to comply with the zoning code.

Chair Ferrara called for audience comment at this time.

Hearing no audience comment, Chair Ferrara returned to Committee at this time.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE RENTAL LICENSING.
Motion made by Ms. Shaffer, seconded by Mr. Amrhein.

Ms. Shaffer said she is grateful they are moving forward with this legislation, as it is important to those who are homeowners. Ms. Shaffer said when she had her first meeting, as a Council person, with some students who wanted to talk to her, she thought it would be about the police. Ms. Shaffer said it was about their need for safe and decent housing. She said they did not feel empowered to change the situation on their own. Ms. Shaffer said the more they can do to move forward, the happier it makes her.

Mr. Kuhar said he was opposed for a number of reasons. He said he has one tenant in a one bedroom house for twenty years, who wants no one nosing around. He said he feels it would violate his rights to impose an inspection on him. Mr. Kuhar said there are situations where there are more than two unrelated people, but they are not a rooming house. He said it is just people living together. He questioned how they determine right from wrong, adding it is usually from the complaints. Mr. Kuhar said everything is going up for a landlord and the tenants, adding that Kent is becoming very expensive place to reside. He said they are just providing more student housing, and are unable to afford affordable housing. Mr. Kuhar said his rentals are affordable housing, adding he does not get $900 to $1200 per month. He said his properties are paid for, and if these things keep pressing on, he will have to raise his rents. He said he does not raise the rents unless he has to, which is why his tenants stay so long. Mr. Kuhar said like everything else, it is all about money. He said they have laws for health and safety of the neighborhoods, and just like Portsmouth, they spent too much money. Mr. Kuhar said things are too expensive, and the City is not making enough money so they decide to see what they can get from the landlords. Mr. Kuhar said he is a solid "no", and wished all the landlords would complain to them as they complain to him. He said no one listens to him.

Mr. Amrhein said he is very appreciative of this change. He said in his ward, a lot of illegal rooming houses are in family -oriented neighborhoods. He commented that Mr. Bauer does a great job. Mr. Amrhein said there are more and more every year. He said if there is money, it is being made by landlords illegally making money in neighborhoods where they are not supposed to have rooming houses.

Mr. Turner said the only aspect that concerned him before when he was on Council previously, was the

enforcement that identified owner occupied properties. He said he supports where people are making money off other people. He said they would be derelict in their duties by not addressing the issue. Mr. Turner said he is unsure where they will come out when they start dealing with the owner occupied houses. He said that is a real problem, adding a warrant would be appropriate. Mr. Turner said this legislation will stabilize neighborhoods and communities. He totally supported the motion.

The motion carried by a voice vote of 6-1-1, with Mr. Kuhar dissenting and Mr. Ferrara abstaining.

Hearing no further business before this Committee, Chair Ferrara adjourned this meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Linda M. Jordan, Clerk of Council

ACTION RECOMMENDED:
1) TO AUTHORIZE RENTAL LICENSING