THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2019

At 7:31 p.m., Mayor Jerry T. Fiala called the **Regular Meeting of Kent City Council** to order after the two public hearings and work session on the new city hall. Roll call was taken.

PRESENT: Mr. Jack Amrhein; Mr. Michael DeLeone; Mr. Garret Ferrara; Mr. John Kuhar; Ms. Gwen Rosenberg; Ms. Heidi Shaffer; Mr. Roger Sidoti; Mr. Robin Turner; and Ms. Tracy Wallach.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Jerry T. Fiala, Mayor and President of Council; Mr. Dave Ruller, City Manager; Ms. Hope Jones, Law Director; Ms. Bridget Susel, Community Development Director; Mr. Jim Bowling, City Engineer; Ms. Melanie Baker, Public Service Director; Mr. John Idone, Parks & Recreation Director; and David Coffee, Budget & Finance Director; and Ms. Dawn Bishop, Interim Clerk of Council.

ABSENT: None

Mayor Fiala called upon Councilmember Turner for his opening remarks. Mr. Turner wanted to welcome Boy Scout Chase Williams. Chase Williams then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING and THE SPECIAL WORK SESSION of January 16, 2019, made by Mr. Amrhein, seconded by Mr. Ferrara, CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0-1 with Ms. Wallach abstaining.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Fiala read a statement to the audience: *"While the law does not require Council to provide time for public comment, we have historically invited the public to make comments and we appreciate their input. This is the time where residents and others can comment on matters that concern them. However, we will not engage in debate, and as President of Council, I reserve the right to end any public communication that is disruptive, embarrassment, harassment or otherwise objective. We ask that when you come to the microphone that you speak into the microphone clearly, give your name and address and limit comments to three (3) minutes of discussion."* He then asked the Clerk if anyone was signed in. There was one (1) visitor who signed in with the Clerk.

Mr. Austin Bashore of 1067 S. Lincoln Street, Kent introduced himself as a student at Kent State University and a leader of the campus Green Party chapter, a member of the Ohio Green, Green Party US, and the Green Party of South Korea. He spoke on the "disastrous policy of allowing brine on our roads here in Kent to de-ice. Also to urge you to help oppose Senate Bill 165 and to push Kent to stop using aquasalina brine. The senate bill, which allows contaminates from fracking disasters, to be put on our roads and which will leak in our waterways. This allows poisonous chemicals into our waterways because brine has radium in it. There is no safe version of radium we can drink, despite what section of the Ohio Senate Bill suggests. I urge all of our council members to help oppose this and make Portage County a center of green, renewable energies. We also must work to close down all nonrenewable energy facilities, including nuclear energy, in the state. To allow toxins and activities that include deicing our roads is a big threat to our local ecological communities. The chloride component and the chloride-based deicers in the rock does not easily precipitate into the soil and will actually mimic drought conditions, because of the high saline content in the soil around the roads. With even this, brine from oil companies and natural gas companies is an exponentially greater threat. Brine has a high salt concentration which is up to ten times that of salt water. Chloride levels in and around toxic spills area again show drought symptoms. Sodium is a natural disbursement and can cause soils to swell and disperse. Not only that but the salt levels are above threshold limits. This binds in the soil which help create soil structure and the brine impairs the abilities of plants to soak up nutrients. High salt concentrations are not healthy and if they are not healthy for the plants, they are not healthy for us. Uranium and other types of components in the brine should not be in our drinking waters." Mr. Bashore finished with that he was not some "crazy conspiracy theorist about this" and Cleveland 19 News even did a report on this saying Northeast Ohio is "using radium from fracking industries to deice our roadways. And to put it frankly, if we care about our future and the health of Portage County and our children's future, we should oppose this. I urge you all to reject this asinine bill and to help prevent this in Portage County as it clearly values corporate profits over our lives. We should put people, planet, and peace over profit and defeat this disastrous policy that should have never been introduced in the first place."

Ms. Wallach asked for the name of the bill again, and Mr. Bashore said Ohio Senate Bill 165.

Written Communications were reported by Ms. Jones and placed on file in the Clerk's office as follows:

1. Sustainability Commission Meeting Agenda for February 4, 2019 and the Minutes of January 7, 2019 received on January 31, 2019.
2. Standing Rock Cemetery Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2019 received January 24, 2019.
3. Liquor License Transfer Request from Lamont Enterprises to River Merchant located 911 N. Mantua ST & Patio received January 28, 2019. Chief Lee had no objections.
4. Civil Service Meeting Agenda for January 28, 2019 received January 24, 2019.
5. Portage County Solid Waste Management District Policy Committee Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2018 received on February 6, 2019.
6. Planning Commission Agenda for February 19, 2019 received February 12, 2019.

MOTION TO HAVE THE CLERK OF COUNCIL RETURN THE LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER REQUEST TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL WITH NO OBJECTION made by Mr. Kuhar, seconded by Mr. DeLeone. Motion CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0.

Oral Communications received after the Agenda was published were placed on file in the Clerk's office as follows:

1. Parks & Recreation Board packet for February 21, 2019 with a new start time of 5pm received February 18, 2019.

City Manager's Report was called for by Mayor Fiala.

1. Request Council's authorization to amend the City's General Compensation Plan to reflect the agreed upon position changes between the City and AFSCME. (Draft #2019-14, 2019-15)
2. Request Council's authorization to submit a grant application to NOPEC for $2000 in support of the Kent Heritage Festival. (Draft #2019-18)
3. Request Council's authorization to grant an easement to the owners of West River Place as part of the Hike & Bike Trail improvement project. (Draft #2019-20)
4. Request Council's authorization to reappoint Tom Wilke as the City's representative to the Kent-Brimfield and Kent-Franklin JEDD Boards. (Draft 2019-21, 2019-22)
5. Request time prior to the start of the March 20th Regular Council meeting to allow Chief Lee to swear in three promotional advancements in the Police Department.
6. Request Committee of the Whole time to update the Council pending list.

7. Request Finance Committee time for Council's consideration of an agreement with Quality IP for IT Services for City operations.
8. Request Community Development Committee time to consider authorization of the City's 2019 CHIP Grant application.
9. Request Community Development Committee time to consider proposed updates to the County Solid Waste Plan.
10. Request Community Development Committee time to consider a proposed new agreement between the City/Wick Poetry Center/KSU for a Cuyahoga River celebration project.
11. Request Community Development Committee time to consider a new street closure request from the Kent Jaycee's for a proposed new Craft Beer Festival.
12. Request Community Development Committee time to consider a TREX liquor license transfer request for 257 N Water Street.
13. Request Community Development Committee time to consider a TREX liquor license transfer request for 911 N Mantua Street.
14. Request Streets, Sidewalks, and Utilities Committee time to consider an amendment to the East Main Street Neighborhood Study Agreement.

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS #1 - 14 OF THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT made by Mr. Amrhein, seconded by Mr. Ferrara. Motion CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0.

STANDING COMMITTEES/ LEGISLATION

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

There were no minutes to be approved and no recommended actions needing approval.

Draft No. 2019-14: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GENERAL COMPENSATION PLAN FOR ALL UNCLASSIFIED AND VARIOUS CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF KENT, EXCEPT THE CITY MANAGER, FROM JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020 AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2017-155, AND AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2018-141, SO AS TO ADD THE POSITION OF PAYROLL ADMINISTRATOR AND REMOVE THE SECRETARY TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Ms. Jones per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Mr. Ferrara and seconded by Mr. DeLeone. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, and Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2019-14 made by Mr. Ferrara and seconded by Mr. DeLeone. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, and Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

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Draft No. 2019-15: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2018-140 (THE POSITION ALLOCATION ORDINANCE) SO AS TO REVISE THE POSITION TITLE OF SENIOR ACCOUNT CLERK TO PAYROLL ADMINISTRATOR WITH UPDATES TO THE POSITION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Ms. Jones per Mayor Fiala's request.

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MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2019-15 made by Mr. Ferrara and seconded by Mr. DeLeone. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, and Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:
MOTION TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF January 9, 2019 made by Mr. Kuhar, seconded by Mr. Ferrara, CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0-1 with Ms. Wallach abstaining.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF February 6, 2019 made by Mr. Kuhar, seconded by Mr. Ferrara, CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0-1 with Ms. Wallach abstaining.

MOTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS made by Mr. Kuhar, seconded by Mr. Ferrara, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0.

Recommended Action:

1. Approve the dedication of a portion of West Main Street at Klaben with an emergency clause

Draft No. 2019-19: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING, FOR DEDICATION PURPOSES, TO THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO, THE STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 1106-1116 WEST MAIN STREET (KLABEN CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE,) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Ms. Jones per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Mr. Ferrara and seconded by Mr. Kuhar. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2019-19 made by Mr. Ferrara and seconded by Mr. DeLeone. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-19: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING, FOR DEDICATION PURPOSES, TO THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO, THE STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 1106-1116 WEST MAIN STREET (KLABEN CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE,) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY PASSED as stated by Ms. Jones.

Draft No. 2019-20: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2019-12, TO GRANT AN ACCESS EASEMENT TO WEST RIVER PLACE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Ms. Jones per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Mr. Ferrara and seconded by Mr. DeLeone. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2019-20 made by Mr. Ferrara and seconded by Mr. Sidoti. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-20: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2019-12, TO GRANT AN ACCESS EASEMENT TO WEST RIVER PLACE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY PASSED as stated by Ms. Jones.

Draft No. 2019-21: AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE CITY OF KENT MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF TOM WILKE TO THE FRANKLIN-KENT JEDD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Ms. Jones per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Mr. Ferrara and seconded by Mr. Sidoti. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2019-21 made by Mr. Ferrara and seconded by Mr. Kuhar. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-21: AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE CITY OF KENT MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF TOM WILKE TO THE FRANKLIN-KENT JEDD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY PASSED as stated by Ms. Jones.

Draft No. 2019-22: AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE CITY OF KENT MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF TOM WILKE TO THE BRIMFIELD-KENT JEDD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Ms. Jones per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Mr. Ferrara and seconded by Mr. Kuhar. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2019-22 made by Mr. Ferrara and seconded by Mr. Sidoti. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-22: AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE CITY OF KENT MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF TOM WILKE TO THE BRIMFIELD-KENT JEDD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY PASSED as stated by Ms. Jones.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF January 9, 2019 and February 6, 2019 made by Mr. DeLeone, seconded by Mr. Ferrara, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0-1 with Ms. Wallach abstaining.

MOTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEM #1 made by Mr. DeLeone, seconded by Mr. Ferrara, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0.

Recommended Action:

1. Approve the dedication of a portion of West Main Street at Klaben with an emergency clause

Draft No. 2019-16: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2018-142, THE CURRENT APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, TO ADJUST APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS AND ADVANCES FROM THE VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE CITY OF KENT TO INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE

CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Ms. Jones per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Mr. Ferrara and seconded by Mr. Sidoti. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, and Ms. Shaffer. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2019-16 made by Mr. Ferrara and seconded by Mr. DeLeone. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, and Mr. Sidoti. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-16: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2018-142, THE CURRENT APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, TO ADJUST APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS AND ADVANCES FROM THE VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE CITY OF KENT TO INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY PASSED as stated by Ms. Jones.

Draft No. 2019-17: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING KENT PARKS & RECREATION TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A 2019 RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM (RTP) GRANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Ms. Jones per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Mr. Ferrara and seconded by Mr. DeLeone. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, and Mr. Turner. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2019-17 made by Mr. Ferrara and seconded by Mr. DeLeone. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, and Ms. Wallach. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-17: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING KENT PARKS & RECREATION TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A 2019 RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM (RTP) GRANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY PASSED as stated by Ms. Jones.

Draft No. 2019-18: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2019 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT(S) FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Ms. Jones per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Mr. Ferrara and seconded by Mr. DeLeone. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, and Mr. Amrhein. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2019-18 made by Mr. Ferrara and seconded by Mr. Kuhar. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, and Mr. DeLeone. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

ORDINANCE NO 2019-18: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2019 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT(S) FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY PASSED as stated by Ms. Jones.

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF January 9, 2019 made by Mr. Amrhein, seconded by Mr. DeLeone, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0-1 with Ms. Wallach abstaining.

No actions to be approved.

***LAND USE COMMITTEE*:**
There were no meeting minutes or actions to be approved.

STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE:
MOTION TO APPROVE THE STREETS, SIDEWALKS, AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES of January 9, 2019 and February 6, 2019 made by Mr. Sidoti, seconded by Mr. Ferrara, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0-1 with Ms. Wallach abstaining.

No actions to be approved.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:
Ms. Wallach had three items.

Ms Wallach asked if city-wide WiFi had gone anywhere; like what the City of Fairlawn had.

Mr. Ruller said that that provided a service into people's homes and they had visited Hudson and Fairlawn just to do initial study work is about a quarter of a million dollars. The city did not proceed, there is just not the funding at this time. He said with all the 5G coming in though, remembering the council had passed ordinances allowing those mini dishes all over town, he thinks all of that should take care of the high speed need without the city's investment.

Ms. Wallach wanted to follow up on an ordinance passed last year outlining discrimination against LGBQ community and wanted to know if there were any complaints of anything.

Mr. Ruller said there hadn't.

Ms. Wallach said plowing on 43 was going very well but wanted to put into committee plowing on East Main because there is a lot of foot traffic there.

Mr. Ruller said that is already standard procedure and Mr. Idone agreed it was already being done.

Ms. Wallach said it didn't look like it at the last snow.

Mr. Ruller said it was such a heavy snow that it had actually gotten covered back up, then it froze, and then there's nothing Mr. Idone's crews can do once it freezes.

Ms. Wallach said that she knows empty houses come with a price tag and wanted to know what the progress was on demolishing the two city owned vacant properties of the house next to the fire station and the old police department.

Mr. Ruller said the more information we have on the new city hall will affect the demo of the old police department. When preparing for grading, etc.

Ms. Baker said part of the October 2018 approval of the demo of the house next to the fire station was contingent on the occupants being given until December 31, 2018 to vacate. There was still an extensive amount of property in the house, former occupants were given a thirty day notice to remove everything, and now the house has been boarded up. There is still a substantial amount of property in the house and vehicles in the garage. They are now at the point where they have to deem the vehicles scrap and get rid of them.

Mr. Kuhar had one item.

MOTION TO HAVE THE STREETS, SIDWEALKS, UTILITIES COMMITTEE LOOK AT SIDEWALK BRUSH FRANKLIN AVENUE FROM SUMMIT TO CHERRY made by Mr. Kuhar, seconded by Ms. Wallach, CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0.

Mr. Turner had one item.

Mr. Turner asked where are we on One Kent

Mr. Ruller said he's still waiting on council to give him any names of people to help get a core group together. That's the next step that needs done. Harrison Wicks and he had a conference call last week with a group that was going to mentor, met with an Ohio based coach that is excited about coming to Kent and be a part of that project. They were given advice and getting it started is always the hardest part. One Kent is very much about the hidden voices and getting to the people who don't typically participate in civic engagement. There's a couple things coming in the next three or four months that they are continuing to work towards.

Ms. Shaffer had one item.

She was concerned too about what Mr. Bashore spoke about with the aquasalina brine issue. She said it is in Ohio House Bill 393, which would be part of the Senate Bill that Mr. Bashore was referring to. The Senate Bill is mostly dealing with everything concerning gas and oil drilling. Her concern wasn't so much that this city would do such a thing but that if this bill passes, it's very possible that the State would use fracking waste product brine.

MOTION TO DRAFT A RESOLUTION TO SEND TO THE STATE HOUSE VOICING COUNCIL'S CONCERNS with HB 393 made by Ms. Shaffer, seconded by Ms. Wallach.

Ms. Wallach agrees she is concerned about this on our roads.

Ms. Rosenberg has had residents express concerns about this fracking byproduct being marketed as a deicer agent.

Mr. Fiala said from his understanding we don't use this in Kent.

Mr. Ruller said correct, Kent makes their own brine mix.

Ms. Rosenberg said it is still on residents' minds and this would be a good opportunity to clarify to our residents and express Council's concern at the state level.

MOTION CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0.

Mr. Sidoti had one item

Mr. Sidoti asked what the progress or update was on a Rootstown JEDD.

Mr. Ruller said it's been a couple months but at this time the current president of NEOMED is stepping down and there was some discussion of perhaps the next president would want to take it back up as they are the largest employer affected by a JEDD. It's not just up to them but the whole township and there was a group of local opposition that stepped up the last time it came about. There's differing opinions among the township trustees on whether that would succeed or not. The school district was mixed in there too, but now they are staying. With all of those factors, they've heard rumblings there may be renewed interest but nothing official.

Mr. Sidoti asked Ms. Susel if anybody has come forward regarding the chicken ordinance. Ms. Susel said no. There was then some talk that more may be heard in the spring.

COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS:

Ms. Rosenberg wanted to note that it has been a year since the Parkland Shooting and she is still waiting for a consensus of legislation from State and Federal Legislators regarding gun violence. She is disappointed in that but proud of this city and the Memorandum of Understanding with Kent City Schools that Kent is still participating in and the firefighters, police department, and school district is working together and that shows a commitment on the part of the City of Kent to work together to provide for the safety of our students and the people who work there.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Fiala had no comments.

At 8:07 p.m., after hearing no further business, Council moved into Executive Session.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORC §121.22 (G)(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"* made by Mr. Amrhein, seconded by Mr. Kuhar. On Roll call voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, and Ms. Wallach. Motion CARRIED 9-0.

The Mayor announced he was giving everyone 5 minutes to clear the room.

At 8:34 p.m., MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE THE REGULAR MEETING IN OPEN FORUM made by Mr. Amrhein, seconded by Mr. Sidoti and *CARRIED* by a voice vote of 9-0.

No action was taken.

At 8:34 p.m. MOTION TO ADJOURN made by Mr. Kuhar, seconded by Mr. Ferrara and *CARRIED* by a voice vote of 9-0.

Dawn Bishop
Interim Clerk of Council

Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council