THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2016

At 7:30 p.m., Mayor Jerry T. Fiala called the **Regular Meeting of Kent City Council** to order. Roll call was taken.

PRESENT: Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Melissa Long, Ms. Heidi Shaffer, Mr. Roger Sidoti, and Mr. Robin Turner.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Jerry T. Fiala, Mayor and President of Council; Mr. Dave Ruller, City Manager; Mr. Jim Silver, Law Director; Ms. Bridget Susel, Community Development Director; Tom Wilke, Economic Development Director; Melanie Baker, Public Services Director; and Ms. Tara Grimm, CMC, Clerk of Council.

ABSENT: Ms. Tracy Wallach.

MOTION TO EXCUSE MS. WALLACH FROM TONIGHT'S MEETING was made by Mr. DeLeone, seconded by Mr. Sidoti, and carried by a voice vote of 8-0.

Mayor Fiala called upon Councilmember Long who led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave opening remarks. Ms. Long read from a prepared statement. ***(See Attachment #1).***

<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES:</u>
MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2016 made by Mr. Sidoti, seconded by Mr. Ferrara, and carried by a voice vote of 8-0.

<u>COMMUNICATIONS:</u>
Mayor Fiala called for audience comments. 1 visitor signed-in with Clerk to speak.

Mr. Marek Seaholts of 1323 Lake Roger Drive, Kent, introduced himself as a Scout from Troop 252 and is attending this evening's meeting as a requirement of earning his citizenship and community badge. His goal is to become an Eagle Scout.

Written Communications were reported by Ms. Grimm as follows:

1. Letter received December 7, 2016 from Dominion East Ohio regarding their use of an automatic adjustment mechanism known as the AMR Cost Recovery Charge.

2. Liquor license transfer request received on November 29, 2016 for Secret Cellar, LLC dba Secret Cellar located at 176 E. Main Street Basement. A Memo was received from Chief Lee regarding "No Objections" to the liquor license transfer.

MOTION TO RETURN LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER REQUEST WITH "NO OBJECTION" made by Mr. Amrhein, seconded by Mr. Kuhar. Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.

3. Liquor license transfer request received on December 8, 2016 for Kent Underground LLC, dba Franklin Hotel Bar from Secret Cellar, LLC dba Secret Cellar located at 176 E. Main Street Basement. A Memo was received from Chief Lee regarding "No Objections" to the liquor license transfer.

MOTION TO RETURN LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER REQUEST WITH "NO OBJECTION" made by Mr. Amrhein, seconded by Mr. Kuhar. Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.

4. Minutes from the November 8, 2016 Health Board meeting were received on December 8, 2016 and placed on file.

Oral Communications were reported by Ms. Grimm regarding correspondence received after the agenda was written:

1. Minutes for Planning Commissions Special Joint Meeting of September 24, 2016, and Regular Meetings of October 4, 2016 and November 1, 2016 were received on December 13, 2016 and placed on file.

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

1. Request Council's authorization to approve the proposed 2017 position allocation ordinance contained in the 2017 Approved Budget (Draft #16-112)

2. Request Council's authorization to approve a proposed 2016 budget appropriations amendment (Draft # 16-113)

3. Request Council's authorization to approve the proposed sewer rate (3%), water rate (8%) and solid waste rate increases (3%) that were included in the approved 2017 Capital and Operating Budget (Draft #'s 16-114, 16-117, and 16-118)

4. Request Council's authorization for the Kent Police and Fire Departments to submit a joint grant request, in an amount up to $100,000, which if approved would be used for the purchase of the State of Ohio's MARCS radio equipment.

5. Request Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities Committee time to consider a request from Main Street Kent to close portions of Erie Street for the 2017 Potterfest event.

6. Request Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities Committee time to consider a request from Firestone on Main Street for a license to occupy a portion of the City Right of Way for temporary parking of customer vehicles.

7. Request Community Development Committee time to consider proposed updates to the City's stormwater management regulations.

8. Request Community Development Committee time to consider proposed amendments to the City's Zoning Code (Sections 1103, 1122).

9. Request Council's authorization to "un-table" the vote to amend the Zoning Code language for the U-District and schedule the 3rd reading for the January Regular Council meeting.

10. Request Committee of the Whole time for a discussion of the proposed multi-cultural commission.

11. Request Committee of the Whole time for interviews of prospective candidates for a vacancy on the Planning Commission.

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS #1 - 11 OF THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT made by Mr. Amrhein, seconded by Mr. Ferrara.

Ms. Long requested Item #6 stand alone.

Ms. Shaffer stated Item #6 is only asking for approval to be discussed in the next Committee meeting regarding the temporary parking.

Ms. Long stated she does not have a problem discussing it, but would like to know what the license to occupy is for.

Mayor Fiala stated any further discussion will have to be done during committee time. Approving item #6 would allow it to be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS #1-5 and #7-11 OF THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT made by Mr. Amrhein, seconded by Mr. Ferrara. Motion carried by a voice vote of 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM #6 OF THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT made by Mr. Amrhein, seconded by Mr. DeLeone. Motion carried by a voice vote of 8-0.

STANDING COMMITTEES/ LEGISLATION

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2, 2016, AND THE THREE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS made by Mr. Kuhar, seconded by Mr. Ferrara, and carried by a voice vote of 8-0.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS APPROVED ABOVE:

1) Motion to approve and certify the EDA Revolving Loan Fund Report for FY2016 with an emergency clause.
2) Motion to Authorize the License to Occupy the Right of Way to Panini's with an emergency clause.
3) Motion to prepare Legislation for Parks and Recreations Hike and Bike Trail Easement

Draft No. 16-110: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN KENT PANINI'S, LLC, AND THE CITY OF KENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Ms. Grimm per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Mr. Amrhein and seconded by Mr. Shaffer. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Long, Ms. Shaffer Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, and Mr. Amrhein. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 8-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 16-110 made by Mr. Ferrara and seconded by Mr. DeLeone. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Long, Ms. Shaffer Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Mr. Amrhein, and Mr. DeLeone. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 8-0.

ORDINANCE No. 2016-105: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN KENT PANINI'S, LLC., AND THE CITY OF KENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY *PASSED* as stated by Ms. Grimm.

Draft No. 16-111: A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THAT THE CITY'S REVOLVING LOAN PLAN IS CONSISTENT WITH AND SUPPORTIVE OF THE AREA'S COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADJUSTMENT STRATEGY AND IS BEING OPERATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES CONTAINED IN THE REVOLVING LOAN PLAN AND THAT THE LOAN PORTFOLIO MEETS THE STANDARDS CONTAINED WITHIN SAID PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Ms. Grimm 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. Kuhar, Ms. Long, Ms. Shaffer Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, and Mr. Ferrara. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 8-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 16-111 made by Mr. Ferrara and seconded by Mr. Kuhar. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Ms. Long, Ms. Shaffer Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, and Mr. Kuhar. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 8-0.

RESOLUTION No. 2016-106: A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THAT THE CITY'S REVOLVING LOAN PLAN IS CONSISTENT WITH AND SUPPORTIVE OF THE AREA'S COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADJUSTMENT STRATEGY AND IS BEING OPERATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES CONTAINED IN THE REVOLVING LOAN PLAN AND THAT THE LOAN PORTFOLIO MEETS THE STANDARDS CONTAINED WITHIN SAID PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY *PASSED* as stated by Ms. Grimm.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2016 AND THE RECOMMENDED ACTION made by Mr. DeLeone, seconded by Mr. Ferrara, and carried by a voice vote of 8-0.

RECOMMENDED ACTION APPROVED ABOVE:

1) Motion to Approve the 2016 Budget Appropriations Amendment with an emergency clause and accelerated timeline.

Draft No. 16-112: AN ORDINANCE ALLOCATING THE NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO MAY BE EMPLOYED BY THE CITY FOR THE YEAR 2017 WITH RESPECT TO EACH POSITION, TITLE AND WORK CLASSIFICATION RECOGNIZED BY THE CITY, DESIGNATING THE TREATMENT OF SUCH POSITIONS AS FULL OR PART-TIME POSITIONS AND DESIGNATING THE FUND OR FUNDS FROM WHICH EACH SUCH POSITION SHALL BE PAID was read by title only by Ms. Grimm per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Ms. Shaffer and seconded by Mr. DeLeone. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, and Ms. Long. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 8-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 16-112 made by Mr. Ferrara and seconded by Ms. Shaffer. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Long, and Ms. Shaffer. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 8-0.

ORDINANCE No. 2016-107: AN ORDINANCE ALLOCATING THE NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO MAY BE EMPLOYED BY THE CITY FOR THE YEAR 2017 WITH RESPECT TO EACH POSITION, TITLE AND WORK CLASSIFICATION RECOGNIZED BY THE CITY, DESIGNATING THE TREATMENT OF SUCH POSITIONS AS FULL OR PART-TIME POSITIONS AND DESIGNATING THE FUND OR FUNDS FROM WHICH EACH SUCH POSITION SHALL BE PAID *PASSED* as stated by Ms. Grimm.

Draft No. 16-113: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2015-157, THE CURRENT APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, PASSED DECEMBER 2, 2015, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2016-15, PASSED FEB. 17, 2016; AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2016-24, PASSED MAR. 16, 2016; AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2016-35, PASSED APRIL 20, 2016; AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2016-52, PASSED JUNE 15, 2016; AND AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2016-88, PASSED SEPTEMBER 21, 2016, SO AS TO INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS IN FUND 001, GENERAL; FUND 101, WEST SIDE FIRE; FUND 102, STREET CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE & REPAIR (SCMR); FUND 106, PARKS AND RECREATION; FUND 126, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG); FUND 201, WATER; FUND 202, SEWER; FUND 204, UTILITY BILLING; FUND 205, SOLID WASTE; FUND 208, STORM WATER; FUND 302, MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX

INCREMENT EQUIVALENT (MPITIE); AND FUND 807, INTERNAL SERVICE (HEALTH INSURANCE); AND SO AS TO DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS IN FUND 301, CAPITAL; AND FUND 303, POLICE FACILITY; AND SO AS TO INCREASE OPERATING TRANSFERS FROM FUND 001, GENERAL TO FUND 106, PARKS AND RECREATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Ms. Grimm 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. Turner, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Long, Ms. Shaffer, and Mr. Sidoti. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 8-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 16-113 made by Mr. Kuhar and seconded by Mr. DeLeone. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Long, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, and Mr. Turner. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 8-0.

ORDINANCE No. 2016-108: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2015-157, THE CURRENT APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, PASSED DECEMBER 2, 2015, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2016-15, PASSED FEB. 17, 2016; AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2016-24, PASSED MAR. 16, 2016; AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2016-35, PASSED APRIL 20, 2016; AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2016-52, PASSED JUNE 15, 2016; AND AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2016-88, PASSED SEPTEMBER 21, 2016, SO AS TO INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS IN FUND 001, GENERAL; FUND 101, WEST SIDE FIRE; FUND 102, STREET CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE & REPAIR (SCMR); FUND 106, PARKS AND RECREATION; FUND 126, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG); FUND 201, WATER; FUND 202, SEWER; FUND 204, UTILITY BILLING; FUND 205, SOLID WASTE; FUND 208, STORM WATER; FUND 302, MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT (MPITIE); AND FUND 807, INTERNAL SERVICE (HEALTH INSURANCE); AND SO AS TO DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS IN FUND 301, CAPITAL; AND FUND 303, POLICE FACILITY; AND SO AS TO INCREASE OPERATING TRANSFERS FROM FUND 001, GENERAL TO FUND 106, PARKS AND RECREATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY *PASSED* as stated by Ms. Grimm.

Draft No. 16-114: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 915.72 OF THE KENT CODIFIED ORDINANCES, INCREASING THE SEWER RATES OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO BY THREE PERCENT (3%) BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST BILLING CYCLE IN JANUARY, 2017, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Ms. Grimm 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. Long, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, and Mr. Amrhein. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 8-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 16-114 made by Mr. Ferrara and seconded by Mr. DeLeone. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Long, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Mr. Amrhein, and Mr. DeLeone. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 8-0.

ORDINANCE No. 2016-109: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 915.72 OF THE KENT CODIFIED ORDINANCES, INCREASING THE SEWER RATES OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO BY THREE PERCENT (3%) BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST BILLING CYCLE IN JANUARY, 2017, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY *PASSED* as stated by Ms. Grimm.

Draft No. 16-117: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 913.05 OF THE KENT CODIFIED ORDINANCES, INCREASING THE WATER RATES OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO BY EIGHT PERCENT (8%) BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST BILLING CYCLE IN JANUARY, 2017, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Ms. Grimm 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. Long, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, and Mr. Ferrara. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 8-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 16-117 made by Mr. DeLeone and seconded by Mr. Shaffer. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Ms. Long, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, and Mr. Kuhar. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 8-0.

ORDINANCE No. 2016-110: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 913.05 OF THE KENT CODIFIED ORDINANCES, INCREASING THE WATER RATES OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO BY EIGHT PERCENT (8%) BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST BILLING CYCLE IN JANUARY, 2017, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY *PASSED* as stated by Ms. Grimm.

Draft No. 16-118: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 935.13 OF THE KENT CODIFIED ORDINANCES, INCREASING THE SOLID WASTE FEE RATES OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO BY THREE PERCENT (3%) BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST BILLING CYCLE IN JANUARY, 2017, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Ms. Grimm 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. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, and Ms. Long. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 8-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 16-118 made by Mr. DeLeone and seconded by Mr. Ferrara. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Long, and Ms. Shaffer. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 8-0.

ORDINANCE No. 2016-111: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 935.13 OF THE KENT CODIFIED ORDINANCES, INCREASING THE SOLID WASTE FEE RATES OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO BY THREE PERCENT (3%) BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST BILLING CYCLE IN JANUARY, 2017, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY *PASSED* as stated by Ms. Grimm.

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2016**,** THE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2016, AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED ACTION made by Mr. Amrhein, seconded by Mr. Ferrara, and carried by a voice vote of 8-0.

RECOMMENDED ACTION APPROVED ABOVE:

1) Motion to Authorize participation in the Fire Testing Equipment MOU between the Kent and Ravenna Township Fire Departments

Draft No. 16-115: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO A HOSE TESTING EQUIPMENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO AND RAVENNA TOWNSHIP TO JOINTLY PARTICIPATE IN ACQUIRING HOSE TESTING EQUIPMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIRE TRUCK HOSE TESTING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Ms. Grimm 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. Turner, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Long, Ms. Shaffer, and Mr. Sidoti. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 8-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 16-115 made by Mr. Ferrara and seconded by Mr. DeLeone. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Long, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, and Mr. Turner. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 8-0.

ORDINANCE No. 2016-112: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO A HOSE TESTING EQUIPMENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO AND RAVENNA TOWNSHIP TO JOINTLY PARTICIPATE IN ACQUIRING HOSE TESTING EQUIPMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIRE TRUCK HOSE TESTING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY *PASSED* as stated by Ms. Grimm.

Draft No. 16-116: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO SUBMIT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF KENT, AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY FOR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT SAFETY CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM GRANT TO BE USED TO PURCHASE NEW RADIO EQUIPMENT FOR THE SAFETY FORCES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $100,000, APPROPRIATING THE FUNDS THEREFOR; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Ms. Grimm 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. Long, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, and Mr. Amrhein. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 8-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 16-116 made by Mr. Ferrara and seconded by Mr. DeLeone. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Long, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Mr. Amrhein, and Mr. DeLeone. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 8-0.

ORDINANCE No. 2016-113: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO SUBMIT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF KENT, AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY FOR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT SAFETY CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM GRANT TO BE USED TO PURCHASE NEW RADIO EQUIPMENT FOR THE SAFETY FORCES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $100,000, APPROPRIATING THE FUNDS THEREFOR; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY *PASSED* as stated by Ms. Grimm.

LAND USE COMMITTEE had nothing to report.

STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE had nothing to report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Turner discussed snow removal on sidewalks.

Mayor Fiala reminded MR. Turner that residents are responsible for shoveling their own sidewalks.

Ms. Shaffer thanks our Public Service department for the great job on snow removal during this last storm. Only sidewalks are being plowed on State Routes 43 & 59.

Mr. Turner was referring to families and children walking in the streets by University Plaza. Since he was not on Council previously, there is probably an appreciable change. He would like to know what the strategy is for sidewalk snow removal.

Mayor Fiala stated the road Mr. Turner is referring to is a secondary road and secondary road sidewalks are not being plowed at this time. He asked Ms. Baker to provide Mr. Turner with a copy of the list of roads whose sidewalks are being plowed.

Ms. Shaffer agrees with Mr. Turner's concerns and stated Council should continue to note the places that are a safety issue. We need to get at least one winter season under our belts with the pilot program.

Mr. Kuhar added that Franklin Avenues sidewalks are another area of concern.

Mr. DeLeone reminded Council that they received signs last year to place in the front lawns of residents who need to shovel their sidewalks.

Ms. Long questioned where the blue recycling can is supposed to go at the curb when the snow is mounded up by the plows.

NEW BUSINESS: None

COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS:

Mr. Sidoti congratulated Scout Marek Seaholts and requested he come back to our next committee meeting to see where all the discussion takes place in our municipal government.

Mr. Kuhar commented on placing his blue recycling can on the side of the end of his driveway when it snows. He was happy to see bikes riding the sidewalks on Route 59 and Main Street as it shows the new sidewalk plowing equipment and pilot program is a success. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and safe, healthy holidays.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Fiala wished everyone Happy Holidays no matter their beliefs or celebratory style.

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Tara Grimm, CMC	Jerry T. Fiala
Clerk of Council	Mayor and President of Council