

**THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WED., MAY 18, 2016**

This regular meeting of Kent City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Wed., May 18, 2016 by Jerry T. Fiala, Mayor & President of Council

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

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

Mayor Fiala called upon Ms. Shaffer for her opening remarks at this time.

Ms. Shaffer commented that it is a beautiful spring day in Kent, Ohio. She said she is fortunate to live in the city, and to have a voice.

Following her opening remarks, Ms. Shaffer led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 20, 2016 AND THE JOINT MEETING WITH FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF MAY 4, 2016.**

Motion made by Ms. Shaffer, seconded by Mr. Ferrara, and carried by a voice vote of 9-0.

Mayor Fiala said they would now have an awards presentation by University Hospital. He introduced **Fire Chief Tosko**, at this time.

Chief Tosko said they are not in front of Council too often, adding it is usually for administration of the oath or promotions. He said they are present tonight because of the saving of two lives that, in the past, may not have been saved.

Chief Tosko explained they have developed a special relationship with University Hospital. He introduced **Dan Ellenberger, EMS Coordinator**, who is their "go to guy". He said that while Mr. Ellenberger is very busy, he gives the City a lot of his attention.

Chief Tosko said they recently had two cardiac saves. He said the two gentlemen, for all intent and purpose, were deceased, but due to the efforts of the paramedics and hospital staff, both gentlemen were present at this meeting.

At this time, Chief Tosko introduced Mr. Bill White and Mr. Wilford Auvil, the two gentlemen who had the cardiac issues. He said on March 2 at around 4:30 p.m., after a very busy day with a lot of calls, they received a call of a man down in the parking lot behind Woodsy's. Chief Tosko said he was just heading home, so he pulled into the lot along with the ambulance that had just returned from another call. Chief Tosko said they began CPR right away, adding they have CPR machines, known as the Lucas machines, that are very effective and frees up a person. He said the paramedics initiated advanced life support, started an IV, and administered cardiac drugs. He said Mr. White was taken to UH Portage (formerly Robinson Memorial), and from there he was transferred to UH Ahuja in Beachwood. Chief Tosko said Mr. White was released on March 11, approximately one week after he was admitted.

Chief Tosko said Mr. Auvil was working at Kent Mold when he had sudden cardiac arrest. He said CPR was initiated by Paul Ferder, a coworker. Chief Tosko said the staff at Kent Mold directed in the crew and had everything ready for them. He said this happened on Dec. 17, and he was transported with ALS measures, to UH Portage. He said Mr. Auvil also was transferred to Ahuja. He said he was also released about one week later.

Chief Tosko said they rarely get a cardiac save, let alone two within a three month period. He said these are the types of success stories they want to showcase.

Mr. Ellenberger said the EMS is the backbone of pre hospital medicine. He said that without great ALS, they cannot do their job at the hospital. Mr. Ellenberger told the Council they are so lucky to have the Kent Fire Department and their life support skills. He said if the Chief needs anything, they should listen closely. Mr. Ellenberger said that how they save lives is by pre hospital medicine. He said they have been working on protocols for the last ten years. Mr. Ellenberger said that UH care begins in the living room, at Kent Mold, or on the highway. He said that pre hospital care saves lives.

**Dr. Greg Stefano** introduced himself, adding he is a cardiologist at UH. He said the Fire Chief did not do the story justice, as it is all about the paramedics. He said his role and that of the nurses is over, adding the care is all up front. Dr. Stefano said that when cardiac arrest starts at home, the chances of leaving a hospital alive are less than 2%, and they had two great examples of those types of saves at this meeting. Dr. Stefano said the staff should be commended to the utmost degree as they did a remarkable job. He said they put it in the EMS hands, adding in the case of a lot of acute heart attack patients, they have pushed the care to the EMS out front.

Dr. Stefano said when someone is having a heart attack, the goal is to open up the artery in under ninety minutes. He said they do a lot of the work in Geauga County. Dr. Stefano said the paramedics send the EKG to their phones because they are so well trained. He said he always tells the ER doctors that the paramedics are better. He said they are very focused, and they have had remarkable outcomes due

to the training and the hard work of the EMS. He told Council they were very lucky to have them. Dr. Stefano said he can only image how many more saves there will be in the future.

Chief Tosko said it was the gray shift that responded to both calls. At this time, the shift was presented a plaque for saving the life of Mr. White. Individual plaques for all of the paramedics were presented also. Chief Tosko introduced all members of the shift who were present.

Chief Tosko said Paul Ferder stepped up to the plate when Mr. Auvil collapsed in front of him at Kent Mold. He said Mr. Ferder began CPR right away, and the rest of the staff assisted the crew. He presented Mr. Ferder with a commemorative silver coin and a plaque. He said the coin only goes to civilians for their life saving abilities. Chief Tosko also presented individual plaques to the shift from Mr. Auvil's event, along with their captain, Bill Myers.

Mayor Fiala thanked everyone for their attendance. He said the presentation was exciting and rewarding.

Mayor Fiala called for audience comment at this time. He reminded those wishing to speak to sign up with the Clerk and to limit their comments to three minutes.

**Rev. Aaron Meadows** said his church is located at 1456 E Summit Street. He said it was good to see them one more time. Rev. Meadows supported the amended motion made at the last time regarding the zoning change, adding it would be a workable solution. He told Council he appreciated their process.

Hearing no further audience comment, Mayor Fiala called upon the Clerk for the written correspondence at this time.

The Clerk reported the following:

- 1) An email was received from Council member Kuhar on April 27, 2016, with questions about the controlled burn on campus. This email was forwarded to the Mayor & all members of Council on April 29, 2016.
- 2) All members of Council received a memo from Mayor Fiala on May 4, 2016, outlining the process for appointing a Salary Review Committee, as specified in the Kent City Charter.

The Clerk reported the following items were received after the agenda was printed:

- 1) Minutes of the Standing Rock Cemetery Board meeting of April 14, 2016, were placed on file by Council's representative prior to the start of this meeting.
- 2) A letter was received from the Board of Elections, asking Council members to help recruit people to work at the polls for the presidential election. The letter was forwarded to the Mayor and all members of Council earlier in the evening.
- 3) Millenia Housing Development, Ltd. advised the city by certified mail that they would be the general partner of a residential rental development known as the Villages at Franklin Crossing, 1214 Anita Dr. and the development would be targeted to low income residents. They have submitted an application to utilize the multifamily funding programs of the Ohio Housing Finance Agency for development of said property. The letter was forwarded to the Mayor and all members of Council earlier in the evening.

Hearing no further written correspondence, Mayor Fiala called upon the City Manager for his report.

#### **MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS #1 THROUGH #10.**

Motion made by Mr. Amrhein, seconded by Mr. Ferrara, and carried by a voice vote of 9-0.

The following items were approved by the aforementioned motion:

- 1) Authorization of Draft No. 16-45, 2016 CDBG
- 2) Agenda time, better regulation of donation boxes
- 3) Agenda time, proposed update to Civil Service Rules and Regulations
- 4) Agenda time, staff report on anti-discrimination housing protections
- 5) Agenda time, land sale agreement between Kent Parks and Recreation and ABC Landscaping
- 6) Agenda time, review/authorize the sale of surplus items to be placed for online bidding.
- 7) Agenda time, 2016 budget appropriations amendment
- 8) Agenda time, OPWC pre-application grant funding requests
- 9) Agenda time, vacation of a portion of Tonkin Court right of way, and replatting.
- 10) Agenda time, Trex liquor license partial ownership change

#### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

##### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

#### **MOTION TO APPROVE THE WRITTEN REPORT OF MAY 4, 2016, AND THE THREE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS.**

Motion made by Mr. Kuhar, seconded by Mr. Ferrara, and carried by a voice vote of 9-0.

The following items were approved by the aforementioned motion:

- 1) TO AUTHORIZE THE CELEBRATE KENT GRANTS
- 2) TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC ART PROJECT MOU WITH THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE
- 3) TO AUTHORIZE THE MIDDLEBURY RD. BIKE PATH MOU WITH THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to read Draft No. 16-45 by title only at this time.

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ASSISTANCE FOR PROGRAM YEAR (PY) 2016 UNDER TITLE I OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED, INCLUDING THE PY2016 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND FILING OF THE PY2016 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN, INCLUDING RELATED CERTIFICATIONS, AND UPON AWARDING OF THE GRANT, AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS.**

Motion made by Mr. Ferrara, seconded by Mr. Kuhar.

Roll call was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Long, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, and Mr. Amrhein. The motion carried by a voice vote of 9-0.

**MOTION TO ADOPT THE DRAFT ORDINANCE.**

Motion made by Mr. Kuhar, seconded by Mr. Ferrara.

Roll call was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Long, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, and Mr. Amrhein. The motion carried by a voice vote of 9-0.

**2016-41: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ASSISTANCE FOR PROGRAM YEAR (PY) 2016 UNDER TITLE I OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED, INCLUDING THE PY2016 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND FILING OF THE PY2016 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN, INCLUDING RELATED CERTIFICATIONS, AND UPON AWARDING OF THE GRANT, AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

  
Linda M. Jordan, Clerk of Council

  
Jerry T. Fiala, Mayor & President of Council

The Mayor asked the Clerk to read Draft No. 16-46 by title only at this time.

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, SPECIFICALLY THE WICK POETRY CENTER, MAIN STREET KENT AND THE CITY OF KENT TO INTEGRATE PUBLIC ART INTO DOWNTOWN KENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS.**

Motion made by Mr. Ferrara, seconded by Mr. Kuhar.

Roll call was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Long, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, and Mr. DeLeone. The motion carried by a voice vote of 9-0.

**MOTION TO ADOPT THE DRAFT ORDINANCE.**

Motion made by Mr. Ferrara, seconded by Mr. Kuhar.

Roll call was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Long, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, and Mr. DeLeone. The motion carried by a voice vote of 9-0.

**2016-42: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, SPECIFICALLY THE WICK POETRY CENTER, MAIN STREET KENT AND THE CITY OF KENT TO INTEGRATE PUBLIC ART INTO DOWNTOWN KENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

  
Linda M. Jordan, Clerk of Council

  
Jerry T. Fiala, Mayor & President of Council

The Mayor asked the Clerk to read Draft No. 16-47 by title only at this time.

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO A BIKEWAY SYSTEM MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF TALLMADGE, OHIO, SUMMIT METRO PARKS AND THE CITY OF KENT PROVIDE A SAFER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES FOR BICYCLISTS ON OR NEAR MIDDLEBURY ROAD AND S.R. 261, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS.**

Motion made by Mr. Ferrara, seconded by Mr. DeLeone.

Roll call was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Long, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, and Mr. Ferrara. The motion carried by a voice vote of 9-0.

**MOTION TO ADOPT THE DRAFT ORDINANCE.**

Motion made by Mr. Ferrara, seconded by Mr. DeLeone.

Roll call was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Long, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, and Mr. Ferrara. The motion carried by a voice vote of 9-0.

**2016-43: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO A BIKEWAY SYSTEM MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF TALLMADGE, OHIO, SUMMIT METRO PARKS AND THE CITY OF KENT PROVIDE A SAFER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES FOR BICYCLISTS ON OR NEAR MIDDLEBURY ROAD AND S.R. 261, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

  
Linda M. Jordan, Clerk of Council

  
Jerry T. Fiala, Mayor & President of Council

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE WRITTEN REPORT OF MAY 4, 2016 AND THE TWO RECOMMENDED ACTIONS.**

Motion made by Mr. DeLeone, seconded by Mr. Sidoti, and carried by a voice vote of 9-0.

The following actions were approved by the aforementioned motion:

- 1) TO AUTHORIZE THE DRAFT CAPITAL ASSETS POLICY
- 2) UPDATE PRESENTED ON CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING; NO ACTION

**HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE WRITTEN REPORT OF MAY 4, 2016, WHERE THE COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT DATA WAS PRESENTED AND REQUIRED NO ACTION.**

Motion made by Mr. Amrhein, seconded by Mr. DeLeone, and carried by a voice vote of 9-0.

**LAND USE COMMITTEE**

**MOTION TO TABLE DRAFT NO. 16-25 FOR ONE YEAR.**

Motion made by Ms. Wallach, seconded by Ms. Shaffer.

Ms. Shaffer said many of them expressed concerns about the church project. She said she also has deep concerns about spot zoning, and the precedent that would be set. Ms. Shaffer said this would be the best way to attend to the issue, and it would allow the church to move forward with their project. She said they can revisit it in one year.

Ms. Long agreed with tabling the draft ordinance, but questioned the need for a time limit. She said the church is an integral part of the community, and they should be given the necessary time needed since they have already gone through the approval process with the Planning Commission previously. She disagreed that they should be given a time limit because of new zoning. Ms. Long suggested they just table the draft without a time limit.

Mr. Kuhar said one year was a long time limit. He said they cannot stop just because of one entity. Mr. Kuhar said he would support the original motion, although he felt six months would be more appropriate.

The motion carried by a voice vote of 8-1, with Ms. Long dissenting.

**STREETS, SIDEWALKS & UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE WRITTEN REPORT OF MAY 4, 2015 AND RECOMMENDED ACTIONS.**

Motion made by Mr. Sidoti, seconded by Mr. DeLeone, and carried by a voice vote of 9-0.

The following actions were approved by the aforementioned motion:

- 1) TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSENT LEGISLATION FOR THE ODOT MICROSURFACING WITH THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE
- 2) TO AUTHORIZE THE AMATS PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to read Draft No. 16-49 by title only at this time.

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT GIVING CONSENT TO THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RESURFACING OF SR 43 FROM THE SOUTHERN CORPORATION LIMIT TO SR 261 AND SR 261 FROM SUMMIT STREET TO THE NORTH CORPORATION LIMIT; PID NO. 102352; POR-MCRO-FY2018, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS.**

Motion made by Mr. Ferrara, seconded by Mr. Kuhar.

Roll call was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Ms. Long, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, and Mr. Kuhar. The motion carried by a voice vote of 9-0.

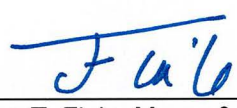
**MOTION TO ADOPT THE DRAFT ORDINANCE.**

Motion made by Mr. Kuhar, seconded by Mr. Ferrara.

Roll call was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Ms. Long, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, and Mr. Kuhar. The motion carried by a voice vote of 9-0.

**2016-44: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT GIVING CONSENT TO THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RESURFACING OF SR 43 FROM THE SOUTHERN CORPORATION LIMIT TO SR 261 AND SR 261 FROM SUMMIT STREET TO THE NORTH CORPORATION LIMIT; PID NO. 102352; POR-MCRO-FY2018, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

  
Linda M. Jordan, Clerk of Council

  
Jerry T. Fiala, Mayor & President of Council

The Mayor asked the Clerk to read Draft No. 16-50 by title only at this time.

**AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR \$44,400 FROM THE AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (AMATS) FOR A CONNECTING COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT TO DO A TRAFFIC, TRAFFIC SAFETY AND COMPLETE STREETS ANALYSIS OF THE SR 261 CORRIDOR FROM MIDDLEBURY ROAD TO SUMMIT STREET, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS.**

Motion made by Mr. Ferrara, seconded by Mr. Sidoti.

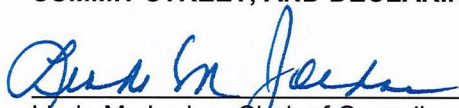
Roll call was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, and Ms. Long. The motion carried by a voice vote of 9-0.

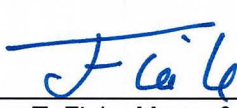
**MOTION TO ADOPT THE DRAFT ORDINANCE.**

Motion made by Mr. Ferrara, seconded by Mr. Sidoti.

Roll call was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, and Ms. Long. Mr. Kuhar dissented. The motion carried by a voice vote of 8-1.

**2016-45: AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR \$44,400 FROM THE AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (AMATS) FOR A CONNECTING COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT TO DO A TRAFFIC, TRAFFIC SAFETY AND COMPLETE STREETS ANALYSIS OF THE SR 261 CORRIDOR FROM MIDDLEBURY ROAD TO SUMMIT STREET, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

  
Linda M. Jordan, Clerk of Council

  
Jerry T. Fiala, Mayor & President of Council

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**      None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**              None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION TO DIRECT THE ADMINISTRATION TO HELP THEM DRAFT A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT JOINING THE CLEVELAND CITY COUNCIL, OPPOSING A FREEZE ON LEGISLATION THAT TENDS TO BLOCK THE GREEN ENERGY MOVEMENT, WHICH IS A RESTORATION OF OHIO RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARDS.**  
Motion made by Ms. Shaffer, seconded by Ms. Wallach.

Ms. Shaffer said in reading the article, she was unaware of the legislation. She said it is impacting the green energy job sector, which is a growing industry in Ohio and is taking them backwards. Ms. Shaffer said it is important to continue moving forward to improve their environment rather than staying in place or possibly falling behind other states. Ms. Shaffer said this impacts wind energy, which is something that northeastern Ohio has a need for.

Mr. Kuhar asked Ms. Shaffer to refresh them on what they are asking to do. Ms. Wallach asked the Clerk to restate the motion. The Clerk stated that the end of the motion was not audible to her. Ms. Shaffer said the motion would be to **DIRECT THE ADMINISTRATION TO HELP THEM DRAFT A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT, ALONG WITH CLEVELAND CITY COUNCIL, AND THAT SUPPORTS RESTORATION OF OHIO RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARDS.**

The motion carried by a voice vote of 9-0.

Mr. Kuhar said in his travels, he has come across something that he did not know existed, and planned to make a motion to participate in a similar program in Kent. Mr. Kuhar said a lot of cities that have parking meters waive parking fees for those with valid handicapped stickers. He said the time limits are not waived.

**MOTION TO REFER TO THE PARKING ACTION COMMITTEE REVIEW OF A POSSIBLE WAIVER OF FEES FROM PARKING METERS FOR THOSE HAVING VALID HANDICAPPED STICKERS.**

Motion made by Mr. Kuhar, seconded by Mr. Turner.

Mr. Kuhar said their handicapped spaces are few and far between, adding it is a courtesy to those having hardships if they help them out a little bit.

Ms. Wallach said that is not a financial hardship. She said that because one is handicapped, it does not mean they cannot pay a quarter to park. She asked why they should get a break, when no one else does. Ms. Wallach said she would not support the motion.

Ms. Shaffer agreed with Ms. Wallach. She said she would like to see data on the economic hardship for those having handicapped stickers. She suggested they may consider adding more handicapped parking. Ms. Shaffer said that seems to be the major hardship instead of the cost. She said she would not support the motion at this time.

Ms. Long said she is a member of Council and has a handicapped sticker. She said that people who are handicapped cannot get over the curb to put the money in the meter. She said they would have to go to a curb crossing, where it is level, to put money in the meter. Ms. Long said it gives a little to the handicapped, and makes a little effort. Ms. Long suggested they look at the people in town, and give them a break.

Mr. Amrhein asked if the motion was to refer this to the Parking Action Committee, and Mr. Kuhar said that was correct. Mr. Amrhein said he would support the motion, and see what the Parking Action Committee has to say.

Mr. Kuhar said their aged citizens hold a large number of the handicapped stickers. He said it is just another way of supporting their elders. Mr. Kuhar said it is hard enough getting old, but there are other issues if they are old and handicapped. He said that some little things can be done to appreciate people.

Mr. Sidoti said this was their typical dilemma, where they have two good things. He said they do not want to discriminate against the handicapped by treating them differently when they have fought so hard against that. Mr. Sidoti said on the other side of the coin, they are being sympathetic and want to add something more. He said the Parking Committee is the one who has given them direction regarding effective parking. He supported letting them wrestle with it, and questioned whether it would be supported by the majority of people who have handicapped stickers. He said many times, they only hear a small minority opinion. He asked if they wanted to be treated differently or if they wanted to be treated like everyone else.

Ms. Long said they need some education. She said she did not believe that they realize that being handicapped is not synonymous with the elderly. She said a handicapped person could be a thirteen year old child who lost their leg in a motor vehicle accident. She said handicapped is not only something physical to their age, but many times it is something that does not show. Ms. Long said one does not have to be sixty-five or older to partake in a disability. She said the Parking Action Committee needs to look at a lot of other variables than age.

Mr. Turner said the motion is to direct this to the Parking Committee, adding that is reasonable. He said the other issue is the issue of discrimination by giving a hand up. He said that most people who are handicapped would prefer that kind of discrimination. He asked if they felt people would be upset by not putting money in a meter, adding he did not think so. Mr. Turner supported the motion at this time.

Ms. Shaffer said a major reason for the parking meters was about parking management. Ms. Shaffer asked how they will control people for staying longer than two hours. Mayor Fiala said that was up to the Parking Action Committee.

Mr. Kuhar said he wished to clarify that he was not inferring that older meant handicapped. He said more things fall apart when they get older, and they do not want to use them. Mr. Kuhar said a lot of people have bad hearts, lungs, and limbs that have come along with old age. He knows someone nearly 90 who still rides their bicycle all over town.

The motion carried by a voice vote of 7-2, with Ms. Shaffer and Ms. Wallach dissenting.

Ms. Long said in the City Manager's report, there was something that was written that talked about the City. She said she understood that Suzanne Sternock, the City Manager's assistant wrote it, and asked

where it was being submitted. Mr. Ruller explained that he and the Mayor are part of a regional group. He said there is a trip to Washington D.C. as part of a national conference. Mr. Ruller said each city was asked to do a one page summary to be placed in a notebook and distributed to people attending the conference. He said they did it fairly quickly. Ms. Long said it was absolutely wonderful. She said she loved the one quote about people that says, "Kent is what happens when you mix 29,000 students with Bohemian baby boomers."

Mr. Kuhar said he needed to make one more comment on the parking meters. He said they were all on Council when they were approved, and the purpose was not to punish people by charging them. He said the purpose was to keep people from parking in front of the stores all day, which deprived businesses from getting new customers. Mr. Kuhar said the only people who will know about this would be the local people. He said they did not install parking meters to force cars in the parking deck, adding it was to rotate the people. Ms. Wallach asked Mr. Kuhar what his point was, and he said it was not just about the money.

Mr. DeLeone said it is evaluation time, and they will be getting their evaluation packets. Mayor Fiala asked if they would be using the new or old form, and Mr. DeLeone said it would be the old one as he has heard nothing about any other form. Mayor Fiala said he thought Mr. Sidoti was working on one, and Mr. Sidoti said Mr. DeLeone was in charge now. Ms. Wallach commented that Mr. Sidoti and Mr. Ferrara were supposed to be working on one.

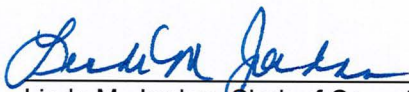
Ms. Wallach commended Dr. Green from Kent Display for the award he received. Mayor Fiala said they were present, and also gave him a proclamation. He noted that **Tom Wilke, Economic Development Director**, was also there. He said because Mr. Wilke left early, he won the raffle in his place.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Fiala reminded them this was National Police Week. He asked if they see an officer that they thank them.

Mayor Fiala said they had their fourth ribbon cutting at "Peace, Love, and Little Donuts" at 100 E. Erie Street.

Hearing no further business before this Council, Mayor Fiala adjourned this meeting at 8:15 p.m.



Linda M. Jordan, Clerk of Council



Jerry T. Fiala, Mayor & President of Council