

**THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2018**

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. Gwen Rosenberg, 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. Tom Wilke, Economic Development Director; and Ms. Tara Grimm, CMC, Clerk of Council.

ABSENT: Ms. Heidi Shaffer (*arrived 7:35 p.m.*)

Mayor Fiala called upon Councilmember DeLeone for his opening remarks. Mr. DeLeone welcomed the new Law Director, Hope Jones, then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 21, 2018 made by Mr. DeLeone, seconded by Mr. Ferrara, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL WORK SESSION OF MARCH 7, 2018; made by Mr. DeLeone, seconded by Mr. Ferrara, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7-0-1 with Ms. Wallach abstaining.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Fiala called for audience comments. There was one visitor.

Mr. Christopher Myers of 220 E. Elm Street, Kent stated he feels the December meeting of the records commission was not a legal meeting because the citizen member was not present and that decisions made should be negated. He also expressed his displeasure with how the Clerk drafts meeting minutes and how his personal comments during the visitors portion of the meetings are reflected in the minutes that Council approves.

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

1. New Standing Rock Cemetery Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2018 received February 22, 2018.
2. Sustainability Commission Agenda for March 5, 2018 and Minutes from February 5, 2018 received March 1, 2018. A revised Agenda was received on March 5, 2018.
3. Health Board Meeting Agenda for March 13, 2018, Minutes from the February 13, 2018 Meeting and Statistical reports for February received March 9, 2018.
4. Board of Zoning Appeals Agenda and Staff Report for March 19, 2018 received March 12, 2018.
5. Parks and Recreation Board Packet for March 15, 2018 received March 12, 2018.

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

1. The 2017 NOPEC Annual Report was received on March 19, 2018.

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

1. Request Council's authorization to submit a grant application to the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation for funding for a washer/extractor unit that would be used to clean firefighter turnout gear, and authorize the allocation of the grant funds if they are approved. (Draft #2018-42)
2. Request Community Development Committee time to consider an update to the City's Zoning Code regarding the regulation of medical marijuana facilities in Kent.
3. Request Community Development Committee time to receive the staff recommendations for the 2018 Celebrate Kent awards distribution.
4. Request Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee time to renew/extend the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Kent State University for the installation and maintenance of public art on City utility boxes.
5. Request Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee time to authorize the award of the Citywide trash services contract.
6. Request Land Use Committee time to receive a report from the Health Department on a new project involving GIS mapping of public health indicators.
7. Request Land Use time to authorize the renewal/extension of the City's sublease with the Haymaker Farmer's Market.
8. Request Public Health & Safety Committee time to receive a report from Chief Tosko announcing a new CPR Community Health project that is being proposed for Kent by University Hospitals in partnership with the Kent Fire Department.
9. Request Finance Committee time for consideration of a 2018 Budget Appropriations Amendment.

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS #1 - #9 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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2018 made by Mr. DeLeone, seconded by Mr. Sidoti and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE ONE (1) RECOMMENDED ACTION made by Mr. DeLeone, seconded by Mr. Sidoti, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0.

Recommended Actions:

- 1) Authorize legislation to declare April as "Compassionate Action" month with an emergency clause.

Draft No. 2018-37: A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE CITY OF KENT AS A "COMPASSIONATE CITY" AND DECLARING APRIL 2018 AS "COMPASSIONATE CITY MONTH" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Grimm 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. 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. 2018-37 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-37: A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE CITY OF KENT AS A "COMPASSIONATE CITY" AND DECLARING APRIL 2018 AS "COMPASSIONATE CITY MONTH" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY PASSED as stated by Clerk Grimm.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2018 made by Mr. Kuhar, seconded by Mr. DeLeone and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0.

There were no actions to be approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2018 AND THE TWO (2) RECOMMENDED ACTIONS made by Mr. DeLeone, seconded by Mr. Ferrara and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0.

Recommended Actions:

- 1) Authorize the 2018 Proposed Appropriations Amendment as submitted with an emergency clause.
- 2) Amend the General Compensation Plan to remove the exception of the Law Director from the Salary Position List and add the Law Director to the Employee Position List that is eligible to receive compensation time.

Draft No. 2018-38: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-156, THE CURRENT APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, PASSED DECEMBER 13, 2017, AND AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2018-33, PASSED FEBRUARY 21, 2018, SO AS TO INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS IN FUND 001, GENERAL; AND FUND 202, SEWER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk 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. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, and Mr. Ferrara. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2018-38 made by Mr. Ferrara and seconded by Mr. Sidoti. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, and Mr. Kuhar. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2018 made by Mr. Amrhein, seconded by Mr. Sidoti and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0.

There were no recommended actions to be approved.

Draft No. 2018-42: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO APPLY FOR AN OHIO BWC GRANT FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT AND IF AWARDED, TO ACCEPT THE GRANT WHEREUPON COUNCIL WILL APPROPRIATE THE LOCAL FUNDING MATCH OF 5:1 (20%) TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF SUCH EQUIPMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk 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, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, and Ms. Rosenberg. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2018-42 made by Mr. Ferrara and seconded by Mr. Kuhar. 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.

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LAND USE COMMITTEE:

Minutes of the March 7, 2018 meeting were not finished being prepared by the time the Agenda was published due to the moving of the Mayor and Clerk of Council's offices. The minutes were drafted and eventually included in the packet, but only one member of Council had read the draft; therefore, the minutes will be considered for adoption at the April 18, 2018 Regular Council Meeting.

There were no actions to be approved.

Draft No. 2018-39: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATE AND US BICYCLE ROUTES AS REQUESTED BY ODOT, INCLUDING STATE BIKE ROUTE 70 THROUGH THE CITY OF KENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk 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, 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.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2018-39 made by Mr. Ferrara and seconded by Mr. Sidoti. 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.

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Draft No. 2018-40: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO THE EAST MAIN STREET AREA AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT AND KENT STATE UNIVERSITY TO SET THE FRAMEWORK TO BEGIN INVESTIGATING TRAFFIC CONCERNS ALONG THE EAST MAIN STREET CORRIDOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk 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. 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.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2018-40 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, and Mr. Amrhein. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

RESOLUTION No. 2018-40: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO THE EAST MAIN STREET AREA AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT AND KENT STATE UNIVERSITY TO SET THE FRAMEWORK TO BEGIN INVESTIGATING TRAFFIC CONCERNS ALONG THE EAST MAIN STREET CORRIDOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY PASSED as stated by Clerk Grimm.

STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2018 made by Mr. Sidoti, seconded by Mr. DeLeone and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE ONE (1) RECOMMENDED ACTION made by Mr. Sidoti, seconded by Mr. Ferrara, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0.

Recommended Action:

- 1) Authorize the submission of the funding application for transportation improvements in the n. Water St. Corridor with an emergency clause.

Draft No. 2018-41: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO APPLY FOR AN ODOT HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE NORTH WATER STREET AREA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Grimm per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Mr. Kuhar and seconded by Mr. Ferrara. 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.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2018-41 made by Mr. Kuhar and seconded by Mr. Ferrara. On Roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, and Mr. Ferrara. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 9-0.

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Kuhar stated that he had a conversation with John Osborne regarding the snowbrush sidewalk cleaning operator and how there has been a recent change in union rules that allow for part-time help for city tasks.

Mayor Fiala clarified if this was an actual Motion Mr. Kuhar was making.

Mr. Kuhar replied yes.

MOTION TO REFER TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE A REVIEW OF THE RECENT CHANGE IN UNION RULES AND HOW THEY AFFECT OUR SNOWBRUSH SIDEWALK CLEANING OPERATOR made by Mr. Kuhar, seconded by Mr. Ferrara.

Mr. Kuhar feels we should take advantage of this new change in rules.

Ms. Wallach asked if this change would make the operator a full-time employee.

Mr. Kuhar stated, no, part-time, we would just use his services in the city and not just the parks.

Mr. DeLeone asked Mr. Ruller if the parks pay half of the operator's wages.

Mr. Ruller did not believe so as there is a price agreed upon at the start of the season.

MOTION CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0

COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS:

Mr. Sidoti welcomed back Mr. Turner.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Fiala asked Council to turn to page 22 of the 2017 NOPEC Annual report they all received this evening where it shows a picture of he and our Public Service Director, Melanie Baker as posterchildren.

Mayor Fiala then deferred to Mr. Ruller who discussed a handout he will be presenting at the Bowman Breakfast. Side one is a "test your memory" of matching the photos of before downtown revitalization and see if people can remember where they were by matching the location letters on the map with the numbers on the photographs. This exercise validates completion of a lot of revitalization that has been asked for. Side 2 are articles on "How can Kent be a community of choice?" and "10 years later, how are we doing?" **(See Attachment #1).**

On a side note, Mr. Sidoti thanked Public Service Director Melanie Baker for organizing the bus tour for exploring 4 surrounding city halls. It was good to explore and see how spaces have been utilized so we, as Council, can make well informed decisions about what we want for our new city hall.

Ms. Shaffer pointed out that none of the cities they visited had City Managers.

Mr. Ruller also mentioned how we have made it into the Final 4 for the "Strongest Cities" competition Mr. Wicks eagerly entered us into. He spent some time doing a podcast for the competition.

Mr. Amrhein was shocked to see we beat out Niagara Falls.

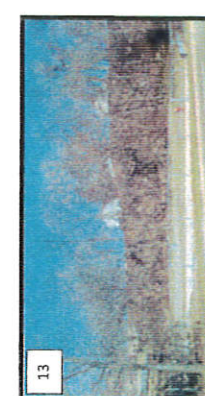
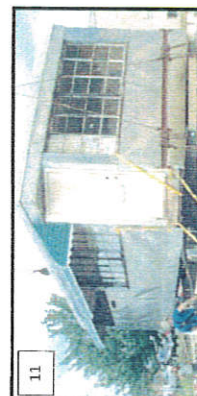
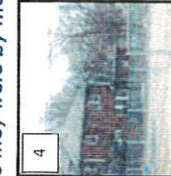
Ms. Rosenberg commented on our newly adopted Compassionate City Action Month legislation and complimented Mr. Ruller and the City on how we demonstrate compassion through all of our city maintained social media with professionalism and decorum. Posts are always positive and civil.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Fiala adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:53 p.m.


Tara Grimm, CMC
Clerk of Council


Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council

Test your memory. The photos on the perimeter are before the downtown revitalization. See if you can remember where they were by matching the numbers and the letters. Good luck.



How can Kent be a community of choice?



Nothing creates a sense of urgency like an economic meltdown – which is where Kent found itself with the arrival of the Great Recession in 2008.

With a downtown stuck in 2nd gear, uncertainty threatened, but in that moment the community discovered the power of partnerships to change the future.

Transformative projects start with transformative thinking. Kent changed the lens through which it viewed its economic competitiveness – recognizing that in the globally connected, innovation economy, business development is no longer limited to the domain of dark blue business suits – it shares a room with spiked green hair and looks for ways to cross pollinate people, ideas, and lifestyles.

As home to Kent State University, Kent was rich in the raw materials of the new economy. It just needed the kind of public space that would let it thrive.

To compete for the next generation of small businesses owners, entrepreneurs, and community leaders, a resident and student survey was developed in 2008 to gauge Kent's appeal.

This data was incorporated into the design of the City's downtown redevelopment program.

what we heard

Safe streets and neighborhoods.

A vibrant downtown.

Arts, cultural and entertainment options

Gathering places like cafes, outdoor markets, street fairs.

An affordable place to live.

A city with many different kinds of job opportunities.

A place that welcomes diversity.

A place to raise a family.

Accessible, walkable streets.

A good public school system for children.

A place for people with many different lifestyles.

Close to small service oriented businesses

A place that takes care of the environment.

"The best thing Kent could do to make it a more appealing place for me to live is ..."

More Downtown Arts, Entertainment, Restaurants, Shopping	More Jobs
➢ More artistic entertainment options and vibrant scene ➢ Increase the arts scene and downtown area ➢ Have more of a music scene ➢ Have more "day time" events downtown ➢ Bring in restaurants, bars, clubs, and trendy companies to the entire Kent area. Also, come up with some popular hangout/meeting areas, and have huge events that students will actually attend. ➢ More upscale community hangout - rec center, outdoor festival, and events, athletic events ➢ Add more shopping and restaurants ➢ Revitalize downtown	➢ Cheap public transportation and jobs ➢ Jobs, we need to start some internet startups here ➢ Attract a strong business base from Cleveland ➢ Extend job market/opportunities
Stronger Sense of Community	Better Housing and Facilities
➢ Gain a sense of community by keeping small and family businesses and not letting the impersonality of franchises and corporate feel take over and run the intimacy and community atmosphere	➢ Build more parks and better housing projects ➢ Newer or remodeled housing. ➢ Better more affordable housing for families.

10 Years later, how are we doing?



As new investment in downtown Kent approaches \$150 million over the last 10 years, the physical transformation is undeniable.

Downtown Kent has emerged as one of northeast Ohio's success stories, enabling Kent to come out of the Great Recession in its strongest financial position in decades and poised for growth.

The eclectic mix of music, arts, natural beauty, historic downtown, Kent State University, and an international business presence in a small town setting has redefined the Kent community signature.

It's that unique mix that sets Kent apart and has become Kent's competitive advantage.

The goal of the downtown redevelopment was to align City, University, and business assets in such a way that downtown Kent would be a catalyst for an economic revival, creating new jobs, inspiring new technologies, spawning entrepreneurship, and securing Kent's reputation as a place people are proud to call home.

Simply stated the downtown seeks to put Kent's assets to work for the local and regional community.

Downtown, how others see us...how we see ourselves.

Downtowns tell great stories – and downtown Kent is no exception. The downtown provides visitors with insights into who we are, where we've been and where we're going as a community. It's a point of pride – which is why the future of downtown Kent is so important.

In a world of strip malls and big box outlets, Kent's downtown stands apart with its unique expression of commerce, culture and community persona. More than any one store or restaurant, it's the cumulative downtown experience that makes Kent a destination.

Downtown Kent has places to remember, places where serendipitous things happen, places to tell stories about. Its scale is right sized for the Kent lifestyle and it succeeds because of all the great small places found within it.

Those small, personalized spots – whether they are a favorite local shop, alley, restaurant, bar or plaza – are the essence of downtown Kent, revealing a surprisingly rich social and cultural life on a scale that puts people first.

Select Recognitions

Voted #1 Economic Development Project in Ohio in 2013

Recipient of Prestigious International Town Gown Larry Abernathy Award

Northeast Ohio Community Impact Award

Spirit of Main Street Award

America in Bloom Award

Forbes Most Affordable College Towns List

Maximize Project of the Year Award

Outstanding Community Partnership Award

Ohio Excellence in Partnership Award

Voted Ohio's Best College Town 2015

Selected Most Underrated City in Ohio

Bravie Award Recipient for Bicycle Friendly Campus

Kent City Council Selected as Elected Officials of the Year for Inclusion and Compassion

Best Public-Private Partnership Award

Greater Ohio Sustainable Development Award

