



Architectural Review Board/Council Work Session

At Council's request, Amy has scheduled a Work Session between the members of the ARB and City Council to discuss concerns raised by property owners and businesses regarding the role of the ARB in applying the City's design guidelines.

Committee of the Whole

1. Consideration of Candidates for City Boards and Commissions (Amy)

Amy has asked for Committee time to allow Council to discuss candidates who have applied for City Board and Commission vacancies. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Interview and discuss the applicants for vacant City Board and Commission positions.

Council Actions

Review the applicants for vacant City Board and Commission positions.



2. Salary Review Committee Recommendations (Amy)

Amy has requested Committee time to allow the members of the Salary Review Committee to present their recommendations for salary changes that would allow City Council members to qualify for OPERS retirement benefits. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Receive the recommendation and direct staff accordingly.

Council Actions

Receive the recommendation and direct staff accordingly.



3. New City Hall Project Bid Update (Melanie)

Melanie has requested Committee time to provide an update on the bids received for the new City Hall project and to discuss the next steps to keep the demolition and new building construction moving forward. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Receive the update, no action is necessary.

Council Actions

Receive the update, no action is necessary.



4. Attendance at City Boards and Commission Meetings (Bridget)

At Council's request, Bridget has asked for Committee time to allow staff to present summary data on attendance at Community Development Board and Commission meetings so that Council can discuss the City's current policies regarding attendance for volunteer Boards and Commissions. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Receive the staff report and direct staff accordingly.

Council Actions

Receive the staff report and direct staff accordingly.



Committee of the Whole (continued)

5. City Ordinance Update (Hope)



Hope has requested Committee time to get Council's authorization to update the City Ordinance book to match the latest approved Ordinances.

Administration Recommendation

This is a procedural matter and I recommend Council authorize the updates to the City Ordinance book as presented.

Council Actions

Authorize the proposed updates to the City Ordinance book with the emergency clause.

Community Development Committee

1. Proposed Neighborhood Grant Program Changes (Bridget)



Bridget has requested Community Development Committee time to present alternatives for the City's neighborhood grant funding in response to Council's motion to move the item into Committee for further review. Bridget is proposing a blended approach to awarding the \$7,000 available in neighborhood grant funding that would allow for projects that support strengthening City neighborhoods and assist in property maintenance compliance for eligible recipients. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Receive the staff report, discuss, and direct the staff accordingly.

Council Actions

Receive the staff report, discuss, and direct the staff accordingly.

2. Proposed Right of Way License Agreement with Main Street Kent (Jim)



Jim has requested Community Development Committee time to present a request from Main Street Kent to obtain a right of way license agreement that would allow for the installation of a new public art piece at the corner of N. Water Street and Fairchild Avenue (immediately south of the bridge). (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

This City owned right of way is landscaped and seems an ideal location to expand the public art options in Kent with a new iconic "Kent" sign and I recommend Council's support.

Council Actions

Authorize the approval of a license agreement with Main Street Kent to allow for the installation of a new public art piece as presented, with the emergency clause.

Health & Safety Committee

1. City Noise Ordinance Review (Hope, Nick)



Hope has requested Health & Safety Committee time in order to respond to Council's questions about the City's noise Ordinance that were raised by a resident on Mogadore Drive after receiving a noise citation. Nick will also participate in the discussion since the Police Department is responsible for enforcing the City's noise Ordinance. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Receive the staff report, discuss, and direct the staff accordingly.

Council Actions

Receive the staff report, discuss and direct the staff accordingly.

Health & Safety Committee (continued)

2. COVID Update and Mask Discussion (Joan)



Joan has requested Health & Safety Committee time to provide an update on the status of COVID in Kent and to answer questions regarding best public health practices including vaccinations, social distancing and masking. As the cases of the Delta variant have caused local infection rates to rise, Joan and the City's Unified Command Team have been meeting to discuss the efficacy and legality of possible mandatory public health interventions if cases continue to rise. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Receive the staff report, discuss, and direct the staff accordingly.

Council Actions

Receive the staff report, discuss, and direct the staff accordingly.

Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee

1. East Main Street Transportation Improvement Project Update (Jim)



Jim has requested Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee time to present Council with the latest design recommendations for the East Main Street Transportation Improvement project. The recommendations are the culmination of 18 months of work with a Citizens Committee, Kent State University, and other project stakeholders. Jim is preparing to host a series of meetings to receive public input on the project design this Fall and he wanted to brief Council on the latest design and project schedule. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Receive the staff report, no action is necessary.

Council Actions

Receive the staff report, no action is necessary.

2. Proposed Parking Restriction Changes for Walnut Street (Jim)



Jim has requested Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee time to present the staff request to amend the parking restrictions on Walnut Street between Cherry and Harris streets. With the completion of street improvements on Walnut Street, the road is wide enough and striped to allow for on street parking which is currently prohibited on that section of Walnut Street. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Jim reports that the street is now designed to accommodate on street parking, so I recommend Council's support for the proposed change in parking.

Council Actions

Authorize the change in the City Parking Ordinance to allow for on street parking on Walnut Street as presented, with the emergency clause.

Information Items

There are no information items at this time.