



## Public Hearing

The City Clerk has scheduled a public hearing at the start of the meeting to receive public comment on the Proposed 2016 County Tax Budget.

## Special Council Meeting

The City Clerk has scheduled a Special Council meeting for Council to consider approval of the 2016 County Tax Budget.

## Work Session

The City Clerk has scheduled a Council Work Session to interview applicants for vacant positions on City Boards and Commissions.

## Health and Safety Committee

### 1. "Dog Days of Summer" Event Street Closure Request

Staff have requested Council Committee time to consider a street closure request in conjunction with a new downtown event – "The Dog Days of Summer." This new event is planned for Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The event organizers are requesting temporary closure of N. Water Street from Main Street to Columbus Street from noon to 6 pm for vendors, booths, activities and a dog parade. The event is being sponsored by the Madonio Family and the Animal Welfare Trust to raise funds for the Portage County Animal Protective League, Rose's Rescue, Happy Trails Farm Sanctuary and Paws in Motion (animal pet meals program). (attachment)

#### *Administration Recommendation*

The downtown events have proven to be popular with residents and downtown businesses and I recommend Council's support for the street closure request as presented.

#### *Council Action*

**Authorize the closure of North Water Street on Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> from noon to 6 pm as requested.**

## Community Development Committee

### 2. Proposed Charter Review Committee Recommendations

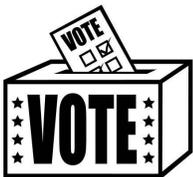
The City Clerk has scheduled a work session for the Charter Review Committee to present their recommendations for possible amendments to the City Charter that if approved would be listed on the November 2015 ballot. (attachment)

#### *Administration Recommendation*

Receive and discuss the Charter Review Committee recommendations.

#### *Council Action*

**Review the proposed Charter amendments and authorize forwarding Council's recommended amendments to the Board of Elections for listing on the November 2015 Ballot.**



## Community Development Committee

### 3. Police Station Update

Gene Roberts and Chief Lee have requested Committee time to update Council on the finalization of the new Police Station architectural plans. With the construction market heating-up and recent bid prices rising, the project architects have reduced some of the square footage of the last building design plan presented to Council and they have modified some exterior and interior design elements to keep the building's cost estimate. Staff asked the architect to review these revisions with City Council.

#### *Administration Recommendation*

Receive and discuss the architect's last building plan revisions.

#### *Council Action*

**Provide direction on preferred building design options.**



## Finance Committee

### 4. City Bonds, Notes Renewal

Dave Coffee has requested Committee time for Council's consideration of the City's debt team recommendations to renew/re-fund the City's outstanding debt. Dave is recommending to continue the City's short term debt strategy to take advantage of the competitive short term (1 year) note rates. Dave is also proposing to restructure the final elements of the downtown redevelopment debt which will result in a \$500,000 principle pay-down on our downtown bond. (attachment)

#### *Administration Recommendation*

I recommend Council's support for the proposed short term debt issuance.

#### *Council Action*

**Authorize the debt ordinances as presented.**



## Information Items

### 1. Monthly Permit and Zoning Reports

Bridget Susel has enclosed copies of the monthly zoning and permit violations reports for May 2015. Permit revenues were \$27,438 for the month of May with the most permits being issued for existing residential (22 permits). There were 92 code enforcement items in May, most of which were related to overgrown vegetation. (attachment)

### 2. Income Tax Report

Dave Coffee has provided a summary of income tax collections thru the end of May 2015. Overall the City income tax collections are up 9.17% (\$493,458) from May 2014. Kent State University's collections thru the end of May are up 3.68% (\$72,531). (attachment)

### 3. Kent Police Statistics

Chief Lee has provided a copy of the police statistics report for April 2015. In 2015 calls for service are up 20% (1,473 calls); traffic citations are up 17% (200 tickets); accident incidents are up 22% (81 incidents) and serious crimes are down 17% (46 cases). (attachment)