



Health & Safety Committee

1. Housing Maintenance Code

The City's Health Commissioner has been working with local property managers to update the City's Environmental Health and Housing Maintenance Code and Jeff Neistadt has requested Committee time to obtain Council's authorization to adopt the proposed updates resulting from those meetings. Jeff notes that the City's Health Code is largely unchanged since 1979 and as a result it is deficient in a number of safety standards, penalties and fees. The proposed updates would better conform with national and state standards. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Neighborhood preservation and safety are two of the City's strategic priorities and the updates proposed by the Health Commissioner and the Health Board advance those goals so I recommend Council's support.

Council Actions

Adopt the proposed housing code updates as presented.

2. Robinson Gala Event Permit

Bridget Susel has requested Committee time to update Council on alternative street closing options being requested by the organizers of the Robinson Gala in downtown Kent. The Gala staff is exploring a couple of different options for event parking and they have requested Council's consideration to close Erie and Depeyster Streets to routine traffic during the Gala so that valet parking can be used for the event guests. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Bridget notes that the Gala organizers continue to work with PARTA to secure event parking in the parking deck but in case that doesn't work out, the organizers have requested the valet alternative which require the street closings as noted. I would recommend Council's approval.

Council Actions

Authorize the proposed street closing options as presented.

3. Belleria's Trex License Request

Bridget Susel has requested Committee time for Council to consider a Trex License request from Belleria's restaurant. Belleria is located in Phase 2 of the Phoenix Project and the alcohol license request is only to be able to serve drinks to diners; they have not proposed to open a bar. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Given the level of investment for the Phoenix Project and the request to serve alcohol to diners, the staff and I recommend Council's support.

Council Actions

Consider the Trex License request from Belleria and direct staff accordingly.



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4. Party Registration Concept



City staff have been in discussions with KSU staff over the possibility of developing a party registration program in Kent similar to programs used in other university towns. The registration concept would be a collaboration between the City and KSU whereby registered parties would be given some concessions in return for advance notice of the party and party hosts contact information. (attachments)

Administration Recommendation

At this point the staff is looking for Council's initial feedback to the party registration program concept and if Council is supportive, the staff will continue to work out the program details and come back at a later date with prepared program proposal.

Council Actions

Receive the staff report and direct staff accordingly.

Finance Committee

5. Smithers-Oasis Agreement



Jim Silver has requested Committee time to present the final agreement between the City and Smithers-Oasis that would secure the relocation of the Smithers-Oasis corporate headquarters into downtown Kent for 12 years and lay out the terms for the sale of the old Ametek property on Lake Street to Smithers-Oasis pending the completion of the environmental clean up work at that property. (attachments)

Administration Recommendation

The proposed Agreement establishes the parameters for the property transaction of the former Ametek property on Lake Street that would enable the planned expansion of Smithers-Oasis operations over the next 5-10 years at their adjacent facility on Marvin Street. I urge Council's support.

Council Actions

Approve and adopt the proposed Smithers-Oasis Agreement.

6. OPWC Grant Amendment



Jim Bowling has requested Committee time to obtain Council's authorization to revise the OPWC grant agreement for the Summit Street Traffic Improvement Project. The original agreement approved by City Council authorized \$700,000 in grant funds and \$150,000 in no interest loans. OPWC has requested to change the no interest loan component to \$250,000. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

The staff and I recommend Council's approval of the revised agreement request.

Council Actions

Authorize the OPWC agreement amendment as proposed.

7. Martinel Incubator Commercial Lease Agreement

**Business
Assistance**

Bridget Susel has been working with the property owners of the Martinel Business Incubator in Kent to develop a transition plan that would transfer the current lease (KRBA/REGC) to new ownership later this year. In the interim months, the City has offered to extend financial assistance (\$6,000 total) to ensure continuity of the four businesses while the lease/ownership of the building changes. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council's support for the proposed funding.

Council Actions

Authorize the staff to enter into an agreement to assist the businesses during the lease transition.

Community Development Committee

8. House Demolitions



Bridget Susel has requested Committee time to ask for Council's authorization to proceed with the blighted property demolition plans that were approved under the terms of the Moving Forward grant program. Bridget is in the process of securing the agreements from the property owners to utilize the grant funds to demolish the blighted buildings and she is asking for Council's authorization now so that when the private agreements are finalized she can proceed directly with demolition. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council's approval of the proposed demolition agreements.

Council Actions

Authorize the demolition agreements as proposed.

Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee

9. Update Downtown Redevelopment Phases



Jim Bowling has requested Committee time to provide Council with a status report on the various elements of the downtown redevelopment work that is still underway. Jim will address the Veteran's Memorial Art piece, the public art plan with KSU, way-finding signage, parking meters, landscaping, street furniture, and other remaining items.

Administrative Recommendation

Receive Jim's report.

Council Action

No action is necessary.

Information Items

1. Kent Police Statistics

Chief Lee has provided a copy of the police statistics report for July 2013. In 2013 calls for service are down 9% (1,053 calls); traffic citations are down 25% (565 tickets); accident incidents are down 3% (14 incidents) and serious crimes are down 5% (26 cases). (attachment)

2. August Planning Commission Meeting

Bridget Susel has enclosed copies of the Planning Commission agenda and staff report for the September 3rd Planning Commission meeting. There is 1 item up for consideration: 1)707 South Water Street, conditional zoning certificate & site plan review & approval for tattoo/body piercing business. (attachment)

3. KSU Homecoming

As you might imagine, with all of the redevelopment downtown to show off there's a lot of excitement building for this year's KSU Homecoming weekend (October 5th - 6th). KSU is inviting Kent businesses to decorate their businesses in blue and gold that weekend and they've asked the City to help spread the word so I have attached the KSU announcement for their "New and Old, Blue and Gold Forever" campaign. (attachment)

Information Items

4. Police Station Meetings

I wanted you to know that we participated in 2 Kent business executive meetings this week to explain the details behind the proposed income tax increase for the new Police facility with senior business leaders. Our purpose was to make sure they had the facts about the issue and to solicit their advice on making sure the business community was aware of the issue. The meetings provided a good exchange and we will be following up with more business outreach in the months to come. We are also proceeding with banners and ads that recommend voters "Learn More About Issue 4" by visiting the Kent Police Facebook page.

5. Curb Address Markings

Please be aware that an individual and the Kent Wrestling Boosters have each received permission through the City to go door-to-door to sell their services to paint house address numbers on the curbs in front of the house. The individual completed providing his services this week and the Wrestling Booster will begin in September. The City's Law Department says that this is a permitted practice under our current codes as long as the individual obtains a permit through the City which they have done. (attachment)