

**THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO  
FINANCE COMMITTEE  
WED., APRIL 8, 2009**

This meeting of the Finance Committee of Kent City Council was called to order at 7:45 p.m. on Wed., April 8, 2009, by Wayne Wilson, Chair. Chair Wilson explained the only item on their agenda dealt with an amendment to the 2009 Appropriations Ordinance.

**PRESENT: MR. AMRHEIN, MR. DELEONE, MR. FERRARA, MR. HAWKSLEY, MR. TURNER, MS. WALLACH, AND MR. WILSON**

**ALSO PRESENT: J. FENDER, MAYOR; D. RULLER, CITY MANAGER; J. SILVER, LAW DIRECTOR; J. BOWLING, CITY ENGINEER; AND L. COPLEY, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

**ABSENT: MR. KUCHAR AND MS. SHAFFER, COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Dave Ruller, City Manager**, explained this is a procedural matter. He said the Interim Finance Director found something he would like reflected in the budget, adding it is the state money for the Spaulding Bridge project. He said from an auditing/accounting standpoint, it is a better practice. He said **Jim Bowling, City Engineer**, was present. Mr. Ruller said this is a paper trail that the Interim Finance Director would feel more comfortable with, and that is the reason for the amendment.

Ms. Wallach asked if this was a reimbursement that they paid out, and Mr. Bowling said they can do it either way. He said they are paying their share, and will allow the feds to pay their share directly. Mr. Bowling said they need to record an asset, which is \$463,000 for a bridge. Ms. Wallach asked if they just received this money, and Mr. Bowling said it was awarded three to four years earlier. He said he brought forward an agreement six or seven months ago, adding it is a procedural issue for reporting the monies.

**Jim Silver, Law Director**, said another point made by the Interim Finance Director, is that they must list the value of city assets, and the bridge is a City asset. He said if they only show what was paid, and not include other monies, the auditors will question why it is listed higher. He said it makes more sense and is more accurate to have it through their books.

Mr. Turner said he thought it was a county bridge, and Mr. Bowling said the City built this bridge as part of the development in the 1960s. He said a county bridge over water, like the Crain Avenue bridge, belongs to the County.

There was no audience comment at this time.

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE AMENDMENT TO THE APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE.**

Motion made by Mr. Ferrara, seconded by Mr. Amrhein, and carried by a voice vote of 6-0-1, with Mr. Wilson abstaining.

Hearing no further business before this Committee, Chair Wilson adjourned this meeting at 7:50 p.m.

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Linda M. Copley, Clerk of Council

**ACTION RECOMMENDED:**

- 1) TO AUTHORIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE.