

**THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO
FINANCE COMMITTEE
WED., MAY 5, 2010**

This meeting of the Finance Committee of Kent City Council was called to order on Wed., May 5, 2010 at 7:05 p.m., by Wayne Wilson, Chair.

PRESENT: MR. AMRHEIN, MR. DeLEONE, MR. FERRARA, MR. KUCHAR, MS. SHAFFER, MR. TURNER, MR. VALENTA, MS. WALLACH, AND MR. WILSON

ALSO PRESENT: J. FIALA, MAYOR; D. RULLER, CITY MANAGER; J. SILVER, LAW DIRECTOR; J. BOWLING, CITY ENGINEER; G. ROBERTS, SERVICE DIRECTOR; AND L. COPLEY, CLERK OF COUNCIL

Chair Wilson said the first issue on their agenda dealt with the purchase/exchange agreement with Kent State University. **Dave Ruller, City Manager**, introduced Tom Euclide from Kent State, as well as representatives from Fairmount, PARTA, and the Pizzuti group.

Mr. Ruller said that **Jim Bowling, City Engineer**, would be making the presentation. He said they need to roll, adding they are at a point where schedules need to join target dates. Mr. Ruller said they have been very methodical as they worked with their partners. He introduced Sandy, from Davey Tree, adding they were a potential tenant in the project. He said they received some material earlier in the day, adding that Davey Tree and Ametek are willing to go public. He did point out they were not locked in entirely, but both companies want to be part of the project and are willing to move forward. Mr. Ruller said they received an email from the Vice President of AMETEK, and Davey Tree had been working with the City. Mr. Ruller said these are huge anchors, showing great commitment. He said he is excited about the hotel, but is more excited about Ametek and Davey Tree. He said Davey Tree will be using a lot of the hotel/conference center, as they do bring people in for training.

Mr. Ruller said they are present to ask for money, adding that Davey Tree wants to be in before the 2012 date. He said they need to be aggressive in the next twelve months. He said Mr. Bowling would be discussing the land exchange.

Mr. Bowling said he and the City Manager felt it would be worthwhile to give a brief update on where things have gone since they last met. He said the last time they were in front of Council discussing the downtown development was in February, when they approved the Declaration of Collective Intent. He said they are now formalizing the framework of where they are going. Mr. Bowling said on March 18, 2010, all parties signed the Declaration of Collective Intent. He said all parties were present at this meeting, and actively moving forward with their pieces of the downtown redevelopment. Mr. Bowling said he would provide an update on each party, showing how the City fits in and what they need to do.

Mr. Bowling said that Ron Burbick started with Acorn Alley, and the City has committed to doing Alley #4. He said it is in the design phase, adding they are anticipating completion this year.

Mr. Bowling said the multi modal facility accomplished a major milestone last week, when their environmental document was approved by the FTA. He said it took the City five years to accomplish this on the Crain Avenue Bridge Project. He said PARTA is moving forward with land acquisition and the construction of their project, which is funded and moving forward. He said they also submitted their plans to the City, for review, as a partner, to be sure it fits in. He said they are in negotiations for land acquisition, and are looking to start construction later in the year. Mr. Bowling said that while it was an aggressive schedule, PARTA is competent and will be able to get it done.

Mr. Bowling said the University is developing the esplanade. He said they came before Council in March, and received authorization to apply for funding from AMATS to help assist the University. He said they received the funding, and as of Friday, they had advertised for a consultant to do the design. He said the

programming package has been submitted to ODOT. Mr. Bowling said the University is actively pursuing properties to do the esplanade, and they anticipating construction in late 2011. Mr. Bowling said the designer should be on board in six to eight weeks. He said it is funded, and moving forward, adding it is a great step as the plan comes to fruition.

Mr. Bowling said as part of their agreement with Kent State, they have to reciprocate and complete Erie Street, which is in their capital plan. He said it will be done and funded in 2011 and 2012. He said they are just waiting for available monies.

Mr. Bowling said the hotel/conference center shows the Pizzuti Group working with the University on the details. He said they are also working with a hotel management company to determine the brand, and are coming close to finalization. He said they have already hired a designer to work on it. Mr. Bowling said the Pizzuti Group meets with the Kent State University Foundation in June to present everything, adding they are getting some feedback on what they are planning on building.

Mr. Bowling said Fairmount is working on the mixed use component of the project. He said they are working on leases, and are continuing to do so. He said Davey Tree was present, representing their letter of commitment, adding AMETEK has done the same. He said those companies will take 75% of the leasable office space. He said this is a big hurdle when trying to acquire the funds to move forward.

Mr. Bowling said that Fairmount is working on developing the leases, adding they are in the process of negotiating with a design firm. Mr. Ruttenberg said that should be finalized the following day.

Mr. Bowling said that thanks to Davey Tree and the Davey Resource Group, they are on a very aggressive schedule. He said they want the space open by the end of 2011. He said that portion is very aggressive, and will be at the northeast corner of Haymaker and Water Street. He said they have some immediate needs they need to move forward. He said they need to handle the land ownership and the demolition of the properties, to clear the sites for Fairmount and Pizzuti to start building their buildings.

Mr. Bowling said that as part of the development agreements, the City is responsible for assembling and clearing the land. He said they need to remove pavement and relocate utilities so that the construction can begin. He said in order to meet Davey's time line, they need to begin no later than October 2010. Mr. Bowling said they need to organize the land in such a way that it is under the proper ownership. He said the majority is currently owned by the city and the University, except for a small piece. He said they need to shift the ownership, so that the University owns the properties for the hotel, while the City owns the remainder of the property. Mr. Bowling said they also need to vacate some streets.

Mr. Bowling said the Kent State Board of Trustees will be giving the City the properties they own, and the City needs to vacate College Street and a portion of Alley 5. He said they need to vacate 220.31 feet of the easternmost section of Alley 5. He said they will retain Alley 5. We will retain a storm and sanitary easement in a portion of that area. Mr. Bowling said that after the City owns the lots, they will consolidate all fo the parcels into one parcel. He said after the consolidation, they will split out the piece needed for the hotel, and will return that piece to the University.

Mr. Bowling said that as part of the purchase exchange, the appraisals came in within a very close percentage. He said they have agreed to exchange, based on assumed equal value, adding they would be wasting money on appraisals, otherwise, rather than getting the project done. He said the City will demolish the properties they are giving up, adding it includes the business known as the BarN. He said the University will demolish their buildings, including the Roc k Café and the Our Father Church. Mr. Bowling said one last piece will remain unconsolidated, because it is the location of the Dominion gas transfer station. He said Dominion is okay with moving it, adding the City has to find them a place that fits into the overall plan. Mr. Bowling said when construction starts, Dominion will move their facility, which will allow them to put the property in the proper hands.

Mr. Bowling said they are requesting approval to enter into the exchange agreement with the Kent State University Board of Trustees, with all requirements he listed. He said they need authorization for the

required action to vacate 220.31 feet on Alley 5, along with the vacation of East College Street, from South Water Street to Depeyster St. He said they also need authorization to consolidate all fo the City properties. Mr. Bowling said all actions require an emergency clause.

Mr. Kuhar said he assumed that AMETEK and Davey would be taking in a lot of frontage, and asked how much retail will be left, and Mr. Bowling said both companies will be on the second and third floors, leaving the entire first floor for retail. Mr. Kuhar commented that was "great." He asked how much they paid for the properties they are swapping, and Mr. Bowling said they would be swapping parts of various properties, with a total appraisal of \$270,000 and \$280,000. He said he is unsure what they paid, since they are not all one parcel. Mr. Kuhar suggested they could calculate that amount by dividing the purchase prices by the square footage, and Mr. Bowling said he did not have that figure with him. Mr. Kuhar said he would like to know that figure.

There was no further questions nor audience comment at this time.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUESTED ACTIONS, AS LISTED BY THE CITY ENGINEER, WITH THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE.

Motion made by Mr. Ferrara, seconded by Ms. Shaffer.

Ms. Shaffer suggested they get the ball rolling. Mr. Ferrara said it was a great job on everyone's part, adding he has a shovel.

Mr. Valenta thanked everyone for their efforts.

Mr. Kuhar said they needed to do this for the project to happen.

The motion carried by a voice vote of 8-0-1, with Mr. Wilson abstaining.

Mr. Bowling said the next few items dealt with appropriation amendments, and he would provide a little background information. He said they are required to start moving forward so Fairmount can be on the clock to facility the move by Davey Tree. He said they budgeted the demolition of the properties. He said the first phase of demolition would include the BarN, 126 Erie Street, which is a rental; the old barber shop; and the quilt shop on Water Street. He said the BarN and the rental are part of the purchase exchange, and the other two are in the proposed area for Davey. He said the City is responsible for those, while Kent State will demolish The Rock, Our Father Church, and the old Record Courier building. He said the City would like to manage and bid the demolition for all of the properties with one contractor, which would generate a savings. He said Kent State would reimburse the actual costs of their properties. He said their request includes what will be reimbursed by Kent State.

Mr. Bowling said some may question how they would pay for this. He said since they did the Capital Plan in September 2009, they have been very successful getting grants in 2010 and future years. He said they received an addition \$360,000 for the Plum Creek project, \$500,000 for the energy savings, and have identified a fund for the street light replacement. He said it is not a grant, but an encumbered fund that they will use partly for the street light replacement. He said they also received funding from AMATS for the Summit Street resurfacing in the amount of \$276,800.

Mr. Bowling said this saves a total of \$1.2 million in the Capital Plan. He said the money from the Summit Street resurfacing will go into the streets, adding they can get more done this year. He said there is a heavy need in Kent for streets to be done. He said he wanted to provide a brief glimpse for some of the savings.

Mr. Bowling said they are requesting some additional appropriations. He said they are requesting \$460,000 for the downtown demolition, but with the reimbursement from Kent State for \$142,000 and \$150,000 already in the Capital Plan in 2011, they have a net cost of \$168,000.

Mr. Bowling said they need \$151,000 for the street light replacement, and \$50,000 for the

campus/community board. Mr. Bowling said it represents a net increase of \$369,000 over what was in the Capital Plan previously.

Mr. Bowling said their first request is for appropriation of \$460,000 for the downtown demolition, with the emergency clause. Mr. Ruller said they are moving monies around. He said they are sensitive to the fact these are not flush times in Kent, and are not suggesting that the City spends money "willy nilly." He said they are able to do a lot of the additional work, thanks to the staff's work, with monies already approved in 2010. He said they will be staying within their parameters. Mr. Ruller said that while they have to use the money, they will still honor their capital and operating commitments, and will still do a lot of the additional work. He said if they remember anything, they need to remember they are not being asked to go above and beyond the budget. He said they are still staying with the approved budget.

Mr. Kuhar asked what part of Summit Street is being repaved, and Mr. Bowling said it is east of Loop Drive, up to the intersection with SR 261. Mr. Kuhar said they are saying the City is within the budget, but are asking for a net amount of \$369,000. He asked if it is in the budget, or if they want more money, and Mr. Ruller said the total dollar amount will still be within the actual budgeted amount. He said they will actually be spending less.

Mr. Bowling said the Council previously gave the authority for \$600,000 for energy savings, and they received a grant for \$500,000. He said the City will have to pay only \$100,000. He said that because of their other savings, the overall effect will be a net decrease, and they will be getting more done.

Mr. Kuhar said they have \$500,000 to pay for the upgrades for energy savings and are not borrowing the money, and Mr. Bowling said that was correct. Mr. Kuhar asked if they would have more money in the till because of the actual energy savings, and Mr. Bowling said he would try to answer that, noting that **Gene Roberts, Service Director**, was handling that. He said they had decided, previously, that they would pay all of the costs and reap all of the returns. He said they budgeted the total cost, adding that the total cost was \$600,000, and now they have someone paying \$500,000. Mr. Kuhar said his point is that the money from the energy savings will exceed the \$600,000 they will spend.

Mr. Roberts said they will see a savings of \$600,000, reducing the payback period to about two years. He said their savings per year will be about the same, adding that the payback number of years will reduce. Mr. Kuhar said that the payback is only on the amount of their pocket. Mr. Roberts said they programmed about \$650,000, which was approved by Council. He said the company told them their savings would be about \$100,000 annually, with complete payback in about 6.5 years. He said with the additional \$500,000 from the State of Ohio, they will see an ultimate payback of the City money in about two years.

Ms. Wallach said she knew they have to use 25% on capital projects. She said with the monies they are getting from grants, they will not be meeting their 25% requirement. She said the monies are supposed to be used for capital projects, adding that demolition of properties does not qualify as capital projects. Mr. Bowling said it is a capital project, as it is City owned land. Ms. Wallach said they will let someone build commercial properties, and asked how that improves the infrastructure of the City, and Mr. Bowling said it is the city owned properties that they own. He said the 25% rule does not mean it has to go into infrastructure. He said that police car purchases fall into that category. He said their way of maintaining the building is by removal. He said they are still city-owned properties that represent some capital involvement. Mr. Kuhar clarified that was correct, as long as they belonged to the City.

Jim Silver, Law Director, said that capital expenditures are not just infrastructure improvements such as roads or sewer lines. Ms. Wallach noted it covers police stations. She asked if it was broader, and Mr. Silver said it was broader. He said he could get her a better definition. Ms. Wallach asked if it was any kind of improvement on City property, and Mr. Silver said that was correct, for the most part.

Chair Wilson asked Ms. Wallach if her concern was they would not meet the Charter test, and Ms. Wallach said that was correct. Chair Wilson said he believed they were "way over." Ms. Wallach said they were more than \$1.2 million.

Mr. Ruller said on a related note, the Chair had asked him if they moved funds from next year's Capital

Plan (\$150,000) into 2010, if they needed to spend another \$150,000 next year, and he said they were over enough that they will still meet the Charter test.

Ms. Wallach said she is concerned that they need to come up with \$14 million for a police station, which is a capital project. She said it seems like some of the things are on a wish list, making them nice to have, but not a priority. She said she understood the demolition, but questioned if some of those monies could not be appropriated for a police station.

Mr. Bowling said he would review each item separately. He said he will give more detail on the light replacement and the community message board individually.

Mr. Ruller said they were asked if they could use the line of credit. He said they did explore the line of credit, which was only used for land banking previously. He said they checked with the DKC, and was told if Council wanted to use it, they could authorize it. He said they are presenting the package because it works, but they do have the option of using the line of credit.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE REAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE BUILDINGS, WITH THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE.

Motion made by Mr. Ferrara, seconded by Ms. Shaffer, and carried by a voice vote of 8-0-1, with Mr. Wilson abstaining.

Mr. Bowling said the next were the reappropriation of funds for the capital budget for the State Route 59 street light replacement. He said the fence by Haymaker Parkway is in poor condition. He said they are unable to remove it and reinstall it, adding it must be replaced. He said they know this is a highly visible corridor, and they wanted to elevate its look and feel. He said they put in an additional alternate bid for a type of fencing with a greater opening, allowing them to see through it with less of an institutional feel. He said that currently one side is eight feet high on one side with a "J" fence on the other side, adding this is not required. He said they want an eight-foot high fence, with a 33% increase in the openings of the wire. He said it would be black, and was not chain link. He said they are changing the light pole style, from the west to east, with a simple black pole. He said they will have room for larger banners, plus the flags. Mr. Bowling said their opinion was that whatever they did, they would live with for thirty years. He said they wanted people to realize they arrived at something different. He said they are going to try and force the County to do the same type on the Main Street bridge.

Mr. Bowling said the price was good, especially relative to what they paid on Crain Avenue. He said the additional \$151,000 gives them the ability to change the look coming into the downtown. He said they are requesting authorization of the money, with the emergency clause.

Mr. Valenta asked if they had any pictures of the fence, and Mr. Bowling displayed them at this time.

Mr. Kuhar asked if they could prolong the light and fence replacement or was it that dangerous, and Mr. Bowling said it is structurally dangerous. He said the bolts are rusted, and is very much a concern. He said they should have done this sooner.

Ms. Wallach said it is a state route, with fencing in bad shape. She asked if that was the State's responsibility to replace it, or if they would only replace it with what is there, and Mr. Bowling said that was not the case. He said they signed an agreement in 1963, with the State, that created State Route 59, requiring the state to build it. He said that same agreement said the City would be required to do the regular maintenance on State Route 59. He said they consider this regular maintenance, and they would have to do it, no matter what.

There were no further questions, nor audience comment at this time.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE REAPPROPRIATION OF \$151,000 FOR THE STATE ROUTE 59 LIGHT REPLACEMENT, WITH THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE.

Motion made by Mr. Ferrara, seconded by Mr. Valenta.

Ms. Shaffer said she was delighted they are replacing the fencing. She said that while they must be careful how they spend the taxpayers' money, they should do it right and not regret that they did not spend a little more to make it attractive. She said this would allow them to showcase the City and the downtown, adding she supported the expenditure at this time.

The motion carried by a voice vote of 8-0-1, with Mr. Wilson abstaining.

Chair Wilson said the next issue was the formation of an Audit Committee.

Mr. Ruller explained that the Budget & Finance Director was dealing with an elderly parent and some family health issues. He said that Chair Wilson joined him on the last exit interview. He said the auditor told them they should have an Audit Committee. He said they have good audits, and this is not needed to be a watch dog or bird dog. He said it is in the spirit of transparency.

Mr. Ruller said their audits are exceptional. He said they spend an hour with the staff, running through what they observe. He said they suggested having someone join the group, adding Mr. Wilson did it as the Finance Chair. Mr. Ruller said they suggested the Board of Control to the auditor, and they felt that is one method they could use. He said they were proposing this to Council, adding they are well underway with the 2009 audit, which will be done in another month or so. He said it would be nice to have the decision made so they could join the exit interview. He said it is a procedural issue, and would be good practice.

Mr. Wilson said last year was the first time they were even invited to attend the exit interview. He said he and Vice Chair Ferrara were both invited. He said the auditors were happy they attended, expressing concern about why Council was not interested. He said they seemed fine with it being added as a function of the Board of Control.

Ms. Wallach said she had no problem with the Board of Control doing this, but would like to suggest a member from the community with a financial background who could understand the financial reports and who has experience. She said this member would not be affiliated with any city businesses.

Chair Wilson said all they do is listen to the findings, adding they do not listen to a budget presentation. Ms. Wallach said she understood that, but would like someone with a financial background. She said it should not be difficult as they had a Blue Ribbon Panel. Chair Wilson said it takes one to two hours, at the most, adding it is Council's pleasure.

There were no further questions, nor comments at this time.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF CONTROL TO SERVE ON THE AUDIT COMMITTEE, WITH AN ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY MEMBER WITH A FINANCIAL BACKGROUND.

Motion made by Ms. Wallach, seconded by Mr. Turner.

Ms. Wallach said it would be prudent to have someone with a financial background to offer guidance to other members of the committee and who has an understanding on how to read financial reports.

Mr. DeLeone asked if the Finance Director is involved, and Ms. Wallach said the audit oversees them, and they should not be involved.

Mr. Valenta asked where this takes place, and Chair Wilson said it takes place in the Manager's conference room.

Ms. Shaffer said she is not against a community member, but questioned if they are not representatives of the people. She said their Board of Control deals with the budget all of the time, adding they, the Council, oversees the budget. She said it is nice to bring in the auditor to oversee the process with their expertise, as the auditor is not a member of the administration. Ms. Shaffer said it is simply to hear the report. She said she did not know it was necessary to recruit someone to do this.

Mr. Turner said it is not necessary, but is beneficial that a member of the public is involved with the process of the report on the audit procedure. He said it is not problematic. He agreed they are representatives, but the public may feel that as a government entity, there is a lack of transparency. He said he understood where Ms. Wallach was going, adding it was probably helpful.

Mr. Valenta asked if the audit review was public record, and Mr. Ruller said that was correct.

Mr. Ferrara said the intent was good, but in the practical matter, it would be difficult to find someone once a year. He said that by the time they brought them up to speed, it would be done and over with. He said, again, the intent was good.

Mr. Kuhar said that Mr. Turner mentioned it would be beneficial. He said that by giving the public the opportunity to serve is a good gesture, and shows that the City has nothing to hide. He said he would support the motion.

The motion failed by a hand vote of 3-5-1, with Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, and Mr. Kuhar supporting the motion. All other member of the Committee dissented, except for Chair Wilson, who abstained.

MOTION TO ALLOW THE BOARD OF CONTROL MEMBERS TO SERVE AS THE AUDIT COMMITTEE.

Motion made by Mr. Ferrara, seconded by Mr. DeLeone, and carried by a voice vote of 8-0-1, with Mr. Wilson abstaining.

Chair Wilson said the next issue dealt with the NOPEC grant opportunity. Mr. Ruller said they were informed through NOPEC that funds are available. He said that Gene Roberts is their primary point of contact. He said if they desire to pursue the grant opportunity, they must lock in with NOPEC through 2019. Mr. Ruller said this may not be bad, but there are always consequences to their choices. He said it is good to hear both sides.

Mr. Roberts said he spoke with Leigh Herington, Executive Director of NOPEC. He said NOPEC has renegotiated with First Energy. He said their website said they are 6% below the price to compare. He said this is the standard offer, adding if they go with no one, First Energy will deliver. He said that NOPEC's price in January 2011 will be 7% below the standard offer.

Mr. Roberts said the two issues hinged in the fine print of the grant agreement would include the City maintaining its membership into NOPEC. He said citizens still could opt in or out. Mr. Roberts said all facilities that could purchase electricity would do so. He said there would be three exceptions, including the Water Reclamation Plant, the Water Treatment Plant, and the street lights. He said that twelve of their sixty-five accounts would be switched from Ohio Edison. Mr. Roberts said that currently it is about 1 cent cheaper with Ohio Edison, but they would experience the 7% decrease on January 1. Mr. Roberts said the ones he is looking at are small pieces, costing about \$200 per year per component. He said they were not "big ticket items". Mr. Roberts said they have to look at where they are with NOPEC, adding it is just below the state average.

Mr. Roberts said he thought about this long and hard. He said the grant monies are \$244,000. He said there are not many things they could not use the monies for, adding it was a unique process when First Energy met their PUCO requirements, and gave the money to NOPEC. He said they could offset the balance of the funds for the energy savings, and would see a 100%-return of their money in the first year. He said they could spend it on water meters, adding all they have to do is generate an energy savings, such as City trucks having to drive less.

Mr. Roberts said there are a whole host of things they can do. He said he was unsure until he talked with Mr. Herington, adding he is recommending they stay with NOPEC. He said that once it is fully implemented, they will see the savings.

Mr. Kuhar said that every time NOPEC came out with a rate, someone else was lower. He questioned

what happens if they lock in for seven years, and Ohio Edison ends up being the “high guy”. Mr. Roberts said he struggled with this thought. He said that there were no decreases until NOPEC entered the arena several years ago. He said once they did, private companies followed. He said that he can guarantee with NOPEC being involved, they will hold the price to the best negotiated price. He said in his opinion NOPEC has driven the bus on this issue. Mr. Roberts said he believes they did well when they began participating in the beginning, and would be wise to stay with them.

Mr. Kuhar said that Ravenna had Direct Energy last year, who was cheaper than NOPEC and he was able to subscribe. He said that it is volatile, and he hates that long of a commitment. Mr. Roberts said the market is relatively stable. He said it is a little more constant with the lag in industry. He said their energy advisor told them to lock in on the treatment plants, saving on the industrial rate they would be paying. Mr. Roberts commented that it is a crap shoot.

Ms. Shaffer said she was wondering why all of their programs are not in NOPEC already, and asked why they bargaining differently. She asked why they had to change them all over, and Mr. Roberts said it is part of the grant requirement. He said they would not be eligible for the grant otherwise.

Mr. Roberts said he did not have a good answer for the first part of her question. He said he was told that if one could afford the peaks, the best price for electricity was the standard offer as they were paying market value. He said everyone else is hedging some percentage on top of it. He said the market is volatile, adding he does not have a good answer.

Mr. Valenta asked if they are buying electric at today’s prices for the next seven years, and Mr. Roberts said that beginning on Jan. 1, 2011, they will pay the equivalent of market value minus 7%. He said the current contract is a little below the state average. Mr. Valenta asked what that percentage was, and Mr. Roberts said it is 1.5 to 2% below the state average. Mr. Valenta asked if other companies offer grants, and Mr. Roberts said it is through NOPEC only.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION WITH NOPEC AS PRESENTED.

Motion made by Mr. Fiala, seconded by Mr. Amrhein, and carried by a voice vote of 8-0-1, with Mr. Wilson abstaining.

MOTION TO CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE SCHEDULE, OPENING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING WHEN FINANCE COMMITTEE IS ADJOURNED.

Motion made by Mr. Ferrara, seconded by Ms. Shaffer, and carried by a voice vote of 8-0-1, with Mr. Wilson abstaining.

Hearing no further business before this Committee, Chair Wilson adjourned this meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Linda M. Copley, Clerk of Council

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

- 1) **TO APPROVE THE REQUESTED ACTIONS FOR THE PURCHASE/EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WITH KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, AS LISTED BY THE CITY ENGINEER, WITH THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE.**
- 2) **TO AUTHORIZE THE REAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE BUILDINGS, WITH THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE.**
- 3) **TO AUTHORIZE THE REAPPROPRIATION OF \$151,000 FOR THE STATE ROUTE 59 LIGHT REPLACEMENT, WITH THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE.**
- 4) **TO ALLOW THE BOARD OF CONTROL MEMBERS TO SERVE AS THE AUDIT COMMITTEE.**
- 5) **TO AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION WITH NOPEC AS PRESENTED.**