

**THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO
PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2010**

This public hearing of the Kent City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wed., July 7, 2010 by Jerry T. Fiala, Mayor & President of Council. Mayor Fiala explained the purpose of this public hearing was to obtain public comment on the 2011 Tax budget.

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

ALSO PRESENT: J. FIALA, MAYOR & PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL; D. RULLER, CITY MANAGER; J. SILVER, LAW DIRECTOR; AND L. COPLEY, CLERK OF COUNCIL

ABSENT: MR. KUHAR AND MR. VALENTA

MOTION TO EXCUSE MR. KUHAR AND MR. VALENTA.

Motion made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Amrhein, and carried by a voice vote of 7-0.

Dave Ruller, City Manager, explained that the Budget and Finance Director had plans for a vacation. He said that after a long discussion about him changing his tickets, he gave Mr. Coffee the night off. He said that Mr. Coffee wanted to be present. Mr. Ruller said Mr. Coffee tried to reach out to all members of Council who were available the previous week. He said a short summary has been provided.

Mr. Ruller said that this is the first step of their annual budget process. He said these are initial parameters that deal with their notification to the Council as to their estimation of resources, and a preliminary look at what their expenses may be. He said it is used to set the tax rates, and they are not recommending any changes in their taxes. He said it is a procedural process, and the first step to their budget process. Mr. Ruller said the purpose of this public hearing was to receive comments on the budget. He said the Clerk noted they can call Mr. Coffee for any specific technical questions that may arise.

Mr. Silver said this has to be passed at the Special Council meeting, so the City is qualified to receive their Local Government Funds, which are in excess of \$1 million.

Mayor Fiala called for public comment at this time. Hearing no public comment, Mayor Fiala adjourned this meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Linda M. Copley, Clerk of Council

Jerry T. Fiala, Mayor & President of Council