

**THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JAN. 28, 2008**

This special meeting of Kent City Council was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 28, 2008 by John Fender, Mayor and President of Council.

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

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

The Mayor asked the Clerk to read Draft No. 08-13, which stands on a second reading, by title only at this time.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH KENT CITY SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE LEASE OF THIRTY (30) PARKING SPACES ON NORTH MANTUA STREET.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE DRAFT ORDINANCE

Motion made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. DeLeone.

MOTION TO AMEND THE DRAFT TO ALLOW FOR PASSAGE OF THE LEASE FOR ONE YEAR, CONTINGENT ON A DISCUSSION FOR A COMMERCIAL PARKING POLICY IN THE NEXT FOUR MONTHS.

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

Mr. Hawksley said he originally proposed what they are now doing as a compromise. He explained they are avoiding general policy, and are passing a "willy nilly ad hoc policy" every time they do a contract for parking. He said it is especially important now, as they face a major development in the downtown. Mr. Hawksley said that parking will be an issue and will be challenged.

Ms. Wallach agreed with Mr. Hawksley that they need a comprehensive policy. She said they are doing everything piecemeal, like the parking on the bridge, and they are merely putting bandages on their situations.

Mr. Wilson said he would vote against the amendment. He agreed that they need a comprehensive plan, but should not do it under fire nor should they use this lot to set a plan in place. He said they need a good, general discussion with a policy, without any lots or spaces on board at that time.

Mr. Kuhar agreed with Mr. Wilson. He explained that he was opposed to leasing the lot again in its present condition and in its entirety, but he does see a need for parking. Mr. Kuhar said the issue of parking in general is a totally separate issue. He said if they have a discussion on that topic, it should not be contingent on this lease.

The motion failed by a hand count of 2-4-1, with Mr. Hawksley and Ms. Wallach supporting the motion, while Ms. Shaffer abstained. All other members of Council dissented.

Roll call was taken on the ordinance. Voting aye: Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Hawksley, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Wallach, and Mr. Wilson. Ms. Shaffer and Mr. Amrhein abstained, and the motion carried 6-0-2.

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John Fender, Mayor & President of Council

The next item on the agenda was the balloting for the Council At-Large vacancy. Mayor Fender explained he had talked to the Law Director on the process. He said the first ballot will remove those candidates with the lowest numbers from the second ballot. He said with the results of the second ballot, the highest three will go to the third round. Mayor Fender said that in event of a tie, all candidates who tie will be on the ballot. He said that with the third ballot, the two highest vote getters would go to the fourth ballot.

After the tally of the first ballot, Mayor Fender announced they would be voting on **Jenny Arthur, John Gwinn, John Nemeec, and Robin Turner.**

After the tally of the second ballot, Mayor Fender announced they would be voting on **Jenny Arthur, John Gwinn, John Nemeec, and Robin Turner.**

Mayor Fender said the third ballot, as previously explained would be the highest three plus ties, announced they would be voting on **Jenny Arthur, John Gwinn, John Nemeec, and Robin Turner.**

Mayor Fender said the fourth ballot would be between Robin Turner and John Nemeec. After the tally of the fourth ballot, Mayor Fender announced that the winner was **Robin Turner.**

Mayor Fender administered the Oath of Office to Robin Turner at this time, and welcomed him to Council.

Mayor Fender thanked all of the candidates who were present. He urged them to consider helping the City on a board or commission. Mayor Fender asked Mr. Turner if he would like to share a few comments with everyone.

Mr. Turner said he was overwhelmed by the honor bestowed on him by Council, and very appreciative. He said he had put the thought of serving on Council in the back of his mind. Mr. Turner said he did not expect to reach this height. He said there are times when they stand on someone's shoulders, and tonight he was standing on the shoulders of William Joseph Schultz, his friend and mentor. He said he is blessed to have this opportunity, and Mr. Schultz was largely responsible.

Mr. Turner thanked the other fourteen candidates who ran, and told them they were best he had ever seen, especially with the way they handled themselves. He said it is the Council's responsibility to find ways to engage them. He said there is enough for all of them to do, and told them he hoped they remained engaged.

Mr. Turner thanked Council and all of the applicants for their citizenship and involvement.

Hearing no further business before this Council, Mayor Fender adjourned this meeting at 5:46 p.m.

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