

**THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO
STREETS, SIDEWALKS & UTILITIES COMMITTEE
WED., JULY 2, 2008**

This meeting of the Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities Committee of Kent City Council was called to order at 7:35 p.m. on Wed., July 2, 2008 by Mike DeLeone, Chair.

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

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

ABSENT: MR. KUCHAR

Chair DeLeone said the first item on the agenda dealt with the agreement between the City, Kent State, and Franklin Township. **Dave Ruller, City Manager**, explained that **Jim Bowling, City Engineer**, would provide further information on this agreement for the Horning Road project.

Mr. Bowling said the agreement has been reviewed by the University and the Township, and was based on an initial meeting in the City Manager's office six months earlier. He said this agreement formalizes that discussion. He said it will allow them access on the property in the township. He said they are not doing much work in the Township. He said the agreement is straightforward. He said this particular project is 87% the City's cost and 13% representing the University's cost. He said this is also coupled with Rhodes Road, and in that project, the Township will have a percentage that they will pay.

There were no questions at this time.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN KENT, KENT STATE, AND FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP.

Motion made by Mr. Hawksley, seconded by Mr. Ferrara, and carried by a voice vote of 7-0-1, with Mr. DeLeone abstaining.

Mr. Bowling said the next issue dealt with the replacement of the Spaulding Drive bridge. He said this is cosponsored, using Federal Highway Funds. He said when they do this, an agreement is required establishing the terms and conditions to use the funds. He said this agreement for the Spaulding Road bridge is similar to an agreement they passed previously for the Portage Hike and Bike. He said they have no choice, adding they accept what ODOT gives them, and if they do not agree, they give the money back.

Mr. Silver asked if they need the emergency clause, and Mr. Bowling said they did not need the agreement in the next thirty days.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE AGREEMENT WITH KENT, KENT STATE, AND FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP.

Motion made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Hawksley, and carried by a voice vote of 7-0-1, with Mr. DeLeone abstaining.

Chair DeLeone said the next issue was the salt purchase agreement with ODOT. **Gene Roberts, Service Director**, explained they received a letter from Mickey Marozzi, County Engineer, advising that municipalities could purchase road salt in the winter for ice and snow control. He said that based on

available data, all suppliers are anticipating a 20% increase. Mr. Roberts explained they have been purchasing through a cooperative since 2003. He said one advantage to this agreement is they are asking to purchase 4,000 tons, and the contract allows them to purchase 50% more or less. He said if, for some reason, they can purchase it lower, elsewhere, they are only committed to half. Mr. Roberts said they need the approval quickly, as the required ordinance has to be in ODOT's hands by July 11. He requested approval of the agreement, with the emergency clause, to be included on the Special Council meeting's agenda on July 9, 2008.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE AGREEMENT FOR SALT PURCHASE WITH ODOT, INCLUDING THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE, TO BE INCLUDED ON THE JULY 9, 2008 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA.

Motion made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Hawksley, and carried by a voice vote of 7-0-1, with Mr. DeLeone abstaining.

Mr. Ruller said the next issue is the Rhodes Road right-of-way dedication. He said this was requested by one of their colleagues who has been working with their staff to consolidate their lots. He said some of the right-of-way needs to be dedicated to the City.

Gary Locke, Director of Community Development, explained that Council member Kuhar and his wife own three properties, with two fronting on Rhodes Road. He said he is going to consolidate two properties, and add them to the lot his house sits on. He said Mr. Kuhar wants a storage shed, and needs more land so he does not have setback requirements. Mr. Locke said Mr. Kuhar needs to do a replat. He said the legal description shows the Kuhar's owning to the center of Rhodes Road. He said they actually have an easement that allows them to maintain Rhodes Road. He said they are converting the easement to the right-of-way, and that must be dedicated. Mr. Locke said they need an ordinance accepting this dedication, adding that Mr. Kuhar would like to build his shed, and would appreciate them passing this as an emergency.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE DEDICATION OF THE RHODES ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, ACCEPTING THE SAME FROM THE KUHARS.

Motion made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Hawksley, and carried by a voice vote of 7-0-1, with Mr. DeLeone abstaining.

Hearing no further business before this Committee, Chair DeLeone adjourned this meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Linda M. Copley, Clerk of Council

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

- 1) **TO AUTHORIZE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN KENT, KENT STATE, AND FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP.**
- 2) **TO AUTHORIZE THE AGREEMENT FOR SALT PURCHASE WITH ODOT, INCLUDING THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE, TO BE INCLUDED ON THE JULY 9, 2008 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA.**
- 3) **TO AUTHORIZE THE DEDICATION OF THE RHODES ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, ACCEPTING THE SAME FROM THE KUHARS.**