



CITY OF KENT, OHIO

CITY COUNCIL ■ 320 S. DEPEYSTER STREET ■ KENT, OHIO 44240 ■ 330-678-8007

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

Work Session

Regular City Council Meeting

Amended Executive Session

AGENDA

7:00 P.M. Work Session – New City Hall Project Bid Update (Melanie Baker)

Board of Control Immediately Following Work Session

Regular Council Meeting

1. Roll Call
2. Opening Remarks and Pledge of Allegiance (Ms. Tracy Wallach)
3. Approval of Minutes
 - 3.1 Regular City Council Meeting of August 18, 2021
 - 3.2 Work Session of September 1, 2021 (*In Progress*)
4. Communications
 - 4.1 Public Comment
 - 4.1.1 Anyone wishing to address Council must submit their written comments to the Clerk of Council at councilclerk@kent-ohio.org by **4:30 p.m.** on the day of the meeting. If also requesting to speak at the meeting, comments are limited to three (3) minutes.
 - 4.2 Written Communication (All placed on file in the Clerk of Council's office)
 - 4.2.1 Notification of the Main Street Kent Oktoberfest Event which is set for September 25, 2021 in downtown Kent received on August 19, 2021.
 - 4.2.2 Email from Standing Rock Cemetery Board requesting a joint meeting to appoint an upcoming vacant spot of the appointed Franklin Township Commissioner received August 20, 2021.
 - 4.2.3 Email from resident Christine Vais requesting the City reinstate the citywide mask mandate received and forwarded to Council on August 24, 2021.

- 4.2.4 Letter from Ohio Citizen Action along with eleven handwritten letters from residents requesting the City of Kent join the Power a Clean Future Ohio and take the 30 by 30 pledge, received and forwarded to City Council and members of the Sustainability Commission on August 27, 2021.
- 4.2.5 Standing Rock Cemetery Board of Trustees August meeting minutes and Agenda for the September 9, 2021 received on August 26, 2021.
- 4.2.6 Kent City Health Board Agenda for September 14, 2021 and minutes from August 10, 2021 received on September 9, 2021.
- 4.2.7 City of Kent Zoning District Map update from August 2021 received September 9, 2021.
- 4.2.8 Email from Christopher Clevenger-Morris resigning from the Planning Commission received and forwarded to Council on September 9, 2021.

4.3 City Manager's Report

5. Standing Committees & Legislation

5.1 **Committee of the Whole** (Mayor Fiala)

5.1.1 Committee Meeting Minute Approval: September 1, 2021

5.1.2 Action Recommended:

- 1) Authorize setting the rate of pay for At Large Council Members, Ward Council Members and the Mayor of Kent as recommended by the 2021 Salary Review Committee.
- 2) Authorize the City's Law Director to draft a letter of reprimand asking for the Chair of the Planning Commission to step down from his position.
- 3) Authorize the yearly update to the City Codified Ordinance Books.

5.1.3 **Draft No. 2021-092** AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE RATE OF PAY FOR THE AT LARGE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

5.1.4 **Draft No. 2021-093** AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE RATE OF PAY FOR THE WARD COUNCIL MEMBERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

5.1.5 **Draft No. 2021-094** AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE RATE OF PAY FOR THE MAYOR OF KENT, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

5.1.6 **Draft No. 2021-095** AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CITY OF KENT CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

5.2 **Community Development** (Kuhar/Rosenberg)

5.2.1 Committee Meeting Minute Approval: September 1, 2021

5.2.2 Action Recommended:

- 1) Authorize the development of community enrichment/engagement guidelines for the funding of the Neighborhood Grant Program.
- 2) Authorize the approval of a license agreement with Main Street Kent to allow for the installation of a new public art piece.

5.2.3 **Draft No. 2021- 096** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR FUNDING OF TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT PROGRAM (NGP) TO ALLOW FOR COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT/ENGAGEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

5.2.4 **Draft No. 2021-097** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT AND MAIN STREET KENT (MSK) TO INSTALL AND MAINTAIN AN ART PIECE AND ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

5.3 **Health & Safety Committee** (Amrhein/Sidoti)

5.3.1 Committee Meeting Minute Approval: September 1, 2021

5.3.2 Action Recommended:

- 1) Authorize the Law Director and Chief of Police to review the City's noise ordinance and return to Council with recommendations.
- 2) Continue to monitor COVID numbers prior to deciding on mask mandates.
- 3) Authorize staff to disperse COVID information presented from Health Commissioner and mention the effectiveness of masks and vaccines as a preemptive measure.

5.4 **Land Use Committee** (Ferrara/Shaffer Bish)

5.4.1 No Committee Meeting Minutes or Action Recommended

5.5 **Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities** (Sidoti/Wallach)

5.5.1 Committee Meeting Minute Approval: September 1, 2021

5.5.2 Action Recommended:

- 1) Authorize the change in the City Parking Ordinance to allow for on street parking on Walnut Street.

5.5.3 **Draft No. 2021- 098** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 353.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KENT TITLED "PARKING REGULATION AUTHORIZATION" TO ALLOW FOR ON-STREET PARKING ON THE EAST SIDE OF WALNUT STREET BETWEEN CHERRY AND HARRIS

STREETS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

5.6 **Finance Committee** (DeLeone/Wallach)

5.6.1 Committee Meeting Minute Approval: NONE

5.6.2 Action Recommended: NONE

5.6.3 **Draft No. 2021- 099** RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR (Unauthorized)

5.6.4 **Draft No. 2021-100** AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00 TO THE CITY OF KENT SERVICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF NATIVE PLANTS AND AN INFORMATION SIGN FOR THE POLLINATOR PARK / HAMMOCK PARK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Unauthorized)

6. Unfinished Business

7. New Business

8. Councilmembers' Comments

9. Mayor's Report

10. Executive session *In accordance with ORC §121.22 Section G, Item (1): "To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official AND(3) Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action AND (4) Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment "* Items to be discussed: Boards and Commissions; Pending Litigation; Contract Negotiations

11. Voting for Boards and Commissions

11.1.1 Authorize Insertion of Name into Legislation

11.1.2 **Draft No. 2021-101** A RESOLUTION APPOINTING _____ TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Unauthorized)

12. Adjournment

Posted September 10, 2021 | **Amended September 13, 2021** | Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council | Visit <http://www.kentohio.org> for up to the minute Agenda Amendments

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