



City Council Regular Meeting
The City of Kent, Ohio
Wednesday, June 16, 2021

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was held virtually using the Zoom platform and live streamed on the City of Kent YouTube Channel.

At 7:30 p.m., Mayor Jerry T. Fiala called the **Regular Meeting of Kent City Council** to order. Roll was taken.

PRESENT: Mr. Jack Amrhein; Mr. Michael DeLeone; Mr. Garret Ferrara (after first Executive Session topic of land for sale; 7:45 PM); Mr. John Kuhar; Ms. Gwen Rosenberg; Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish; Mr. Roger Sidoti; Mr. Robin Turner

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Jerry T. Fiala, Mayor and President of Council; Mr. Dave Ruller, City Manager; Ms. Hope Jones, Law Director; Ms. Bridget Susel, Community Development Director; Ms. Melanie Baker, Service Director; Mr. Jim Bowling, City Engineer; Ms. Joan Seidel, Health Commissioner; Ms. Rhonda Hall, Budget and Finance Director; Mr. Gary Bishop, IT Manager; Mr. John Tosko, Fire Chief; Mr. Nick Shearer, Chief of Police; Ms. Angela Manley, Parks and Recreation Director; Ms. Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council

ABSENT: Ms. Tracy Wallach

MOTION TO EXCUSE Ms. Wallach from the meeting made by Mr. DeLeone SECONDED by Mr. Sidoti and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7-0.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION made by Mr. Amrhein, SECONDED by Mr. Sidoti and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7-0. Mr. Amrhein read the following statement to move into 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** Section G, Item (2) "To consider the purchase of property for public purposes, the sale of property at competitive bidding, or the sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit-for-use property in accordance with section [505.10](#) of the Revised Code, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest.

On roll call voting "Present": Mr. Amrhein; Mr. DeLeone; Mr. Kuhar; Ms. Rosenberg; Ms. Shaffer Bish; Mr. Sidoti; Mr. Turner.

Mr. Ferrara joined the Executive Session after Section G, Item 2 was done being discussed. He was not included in the discussion to avoid any conflict of interest issues.

MOTION TO MOVE BACK TO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING made by Mr. Kuhar, SECONDED by Ms. Rosenberg and passed by a voice vote of 8-0.

THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2021

Mayor Fiala called upon Councilmember Turner for opening remarks.

Mr. Turner asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF MAY 19, 2021, THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 19, 2021, THE PUBLIC HEARING OF JUNE 2, 2021 AND SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 2, 2021 made by Mr. Turner, SECONDED by Mr. Kuhar and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0.

Communication:

Public Comment: There were no visitors signed in to speak at the meeting.

Written Communications were reported by Clerk Wilkens and placed on file in the Clerk's office as follows:

1. Email from Health Commissioner Joan Seidel thanking Council for its discussion and vote for a resolution supporting Public Health received May 20, 2021.
2. Letter from League of Women Voters of Kent regarding reactivation of Observer Corps, where designated League members attend governmental meetings notifying Council that Kitty Endres will be attending Kent City Council meetings as an observer received on May 18, 2021.
3. Planning Commission Agenda and Staff Report for June 1, 2021 received on May 25, 2021.
4. Notification the June Board of Health meeting was canceled received May 28, 2021.
5. Email received from Mr. Peter Paino regarding the proposed changes to the Architecture Review Board received June 2, 2021 and forwarded to Council.
6. Standing Rock Cemetery meeting minutes for May 13, 2021 and Agenda for the June 10, 2021 meeting received on June 2, 2021.

Communications Received after Agenda Publication were reported by Clerk Wilkens and placed on file in the Clerk's office as follows:

7. Email from Community Development Director, Bridget Susel, to City Council sharing the minutes from the Architecture Review Board meeting on May 4, 2021 regarding their courtesy review of the proposed new City of Kent Administration Building received June 11, 2021.
8. Parks and Recreation Board Packet and Mail Survey for June 17, 2021 received June 11, 2021.
9. Email from Police Chief Shearer updating Council on the Lexipol conversion, Detective Paul Fafrak retirement, future ballistic vest requests and future meetings scheduled with KSUPD, Black United Students and the Undergraduate Student Government received June 11, 2021.

10. Planning Commission Meeting Agenda and Staff report for June 22, 2021 received June 15, 2021.

City Manager's Report was called for by Mayor Fiala.

1. Request for Council's authorization to approve a request from the Kent Chamber of Commerce to extend the hours of the DORA from 10 pm to 11 pm for one night only on June 26, 2021. (Draft #2021-056)
2. Request for Council's authorization to establish a new ARPA budgetary fund to manage and track ARPA related expenditures. (Draft #2021- 062)
3. Request for Council's authorization to accept and allocate a donation to Kent Parks & Recreation in the amount of \$100 from Pete and Lois Orlando for a memorial tree. (Draft #2021-063)
4. Request Community Development Committee time to modify Kent City Code to make a garage/yard sale violation a civil offense.
5. Request Health and Safety Committee time to provide Council with an update on the Kent Police Department activities.
6. Request Health and Safety Committee time to present the Portage County Hazardous Mitigation Plan for Council's approval.
7. Request for Land Use Committee time to present a request for rezoning of a property at SR43 and SR261.
8. Request for Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities Committee time obtain Council's authorization to update the numbers of accounts for trash and recycling.
9. Request for Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities Committee time to present a request for a street closure as part of the 2021 Craft Beer Festival.
10. Request for Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities Committee time to present recommendations to update the City's Code for the regulation of food trucks and food carts in the City.
11. Request for Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities Committee time to obtain Council's approval for pedestrian safety improvements planned for areas around the KSU campus.
12. Request for Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities Committee time to request Council's approval for the closure of a portion of Erie street during the 2021 holiday season for a new community ice rink
13. Request Finance Committee time to obtain Council's approval for the transfer of the Kent Wells Sherman House loan to the new owner of the property.
14. Request Finance Committee time to request Council's approval to forgive a property rehabilitation loan due to the passing of the property owner.
15. Request Finance Committee time to obtain Council's approval to accept and allocate grant funds that were obtained for the purchase of replacement ballistic vests for Kent Police Officers.
16. Request Finance Committee time to obtain Council's approval of the 2022 County Tax Budget and authorization to submit the proposed budget to the County.
17. Request Finance Committee time for Council's consideration of a 2021 Budget Appropriations Amendment.

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS #1-17 OF THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, made by Mr. Amrhein, SECONDED by Ms. Rosenberg, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0.

Mr. Ruller add that since this is the last scheduled meeting using Zoom, he wanted to take a moment to thank Amy Wilkens, Gary Bishop, all of staff, and all of Council and the Community for cooperating. He knows this has not been the easiest transition to go virtual. All in all, we got the functional work done that needed to be done. He appreciates everyone's cooperation. He hopes this is the end and there is no return of the virus.

STANDING COMMITTEES/ LEGISLATION

1) COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES of June 2, 2021 made by Mr. Amrhein, SECONDED by Mr. DeLeone, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0.

MOTION TO APPOINT KAREN BECK TO THE PARTA BOARD made by Ms. Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Mr. DeLeone and CARRIED with a voice vote of 7-0-1 with Mr. Amrhein abstaining.

MOTION TO APPOINT TOM PASCARELLA, KATHIE SLATER AND BENJAMIN TIPTON TO THE SALARY REVIEW COMMITTEE and WARNER MENDENHALL AND JEFF ROEGER AS ALTERNATES made by Ms. Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Mr. Kuhar, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0.

Ms. Shaffer Bish thanked all who applied for this committee and unfortunately, we only have three vacancies and two alternates, but are appreciative.

MOTION TO INSERT NAMES INTO LEGISLATION made by Mr. Kuhar, SECONDED by Mr. Amrhein, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0.

Draft No. 2021-053 RESOLUTION APPOINTING KAREN BECK TO THE PORTAGE AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (PARTA) BOARD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Mr. Kuhar and SECONDED by Ms. Ms. Shaffer Bish. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Turner, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 7-0-1 with Mr. Amrhein abstaining.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2021-053 made by Mr. Kuhar and SECONDED by Mr. DeLeone. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Turner, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 7-0-1 with Mr. Amrhein abstaining.

RESOLUTION 2021-053 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Draft No. 2021-054 RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOM PASCARELLA, KATHIE SLATER AND BENJAMIN TIPTON TO THE SALARY REVIEW COMMITTEE AND WARNER MENDENHALL AND JEFF ROEGER AS ALTERNATES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Ms. Shaffer Bish and SECONDED by Mr. Kuhar. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2021-054 made by Mr. Kuhar and SECONDED by Ms. Shaffer Bish. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

RESOLUTION 2021-054 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

2) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES AND RECOMMENDED ACTIONS of June 2, 2021 made by Mr. Kuhar, SECONDED by Mr. DeLeone and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- 1) Authorize the acceptance of the sign donation, and installation of the sign in the City Right of Way

Mr. Kuhar added he is disappointed the area west of South Water Street was not included in this which is very much a part of the South End and definitely a location that is most travelled in front of Walgreens. There are a lot of families that live in this area.

Draft No. 2021-055 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DONATION FROM THE PORTAGE FOUNDATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$13,995.00, AND USE THE FUNDS TO PAY ADVANCED DISPLAY FOR NEW SIGNAGE FOR THE "HISTORIC SOUTH END" NEIGHBORHOOD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Mr. DeLeone and SECONDED by Mr. Sidoti. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Mr. Amrhein. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2021-055 made by Mr. Kuhar and SECONDED by Ms. Rosenberg. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Mr. Amrhein. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

ORDINANCE 2021-055 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Draft No. 2021-056 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DOWNTOWN KENT DORA THAT WAS ENACTED ON JUNE 17, 2020, ORDINANCE 2020-49, TO EXTEND THE DORA HOURS UNTIL 11:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 2021 ONLY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Mr. DeLeone and SECONDED by Ms. Rosenberg. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer

Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

Mr. Ferrara interrupted voting by asking if this is where he should make an amendment.

Clerk Wilkens stated it should be done before voting on adopting this ordinance.

MOTION TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE DORA HOURS UNTIL 11PM SEVEN DAYS A WEEK PERMANENTLY made by Mr. Ferrara, SECONDED by Mr. Sidoti, and carried by a voice vote of 8-0

Mr. Ferrara said as summer season comes upon us, there will be more than one organization asking to extend the hours, and to avoid having to return to Council each time for approval, it would make sense to enact this. We do not have much time for nice weather, and people would enjoy the opportunity to be outdoors longer.

Mr. Sidoti said we need to be consistent. Problems would occur after it is extended for one day with confusion of moving it back to 10pm. Things are opening such as the Kent Stage, and their programs let out at 10pm. People will want to come down after the show. It just makes common sense to move to a later time.

Mr. Kuhar said he was confused. He thought bars were required to close at 10 p.m. and thought it was a State mandate. He asked if the DORA is just an isolated agreement with the City.

Mayor Fiala said that was his understanding that the DORA is an agreement with the City.

Ms. Shaffer Bish added there have not been any incidents and 10 p.m. is pretty early. We are seeing a lot of vibrancy downtown and does not think it would have a negative impact to have one more hour. She thinks having it until 11 p.m. seems reasonable.

Mr. DeLeone said the only complaint he has received was that the DORA hours ended too early. Another hour would be plenty.

Ms. Rosenberg said people really love it. She asked if there had been any complaints from the neighborhood. Mr. Ruller said there have not been. She added the DORA cups have already been purchased with the time on it, but said she didn't think bartenders would have a hard time explaining it's been extended to 11p.m.

Ms. Shaffer Bish explained to Mr. Kuhar that the bars stopped serving DORA drinks a half an hour before the end. People finish their drinks and then cannot get another (outdoor) drink. If they want another drink, they go inside the bar.

MOTION to ADOPT THE AMENDEMENT TO DRAFT 2021-056 made by Mr. DeLeone and SECONDED by Mr. Kuhar. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2021-056 AS AMENDED made by Mr. DeLeone and SECONDED by Mr. Kuhar. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

ORDINANCE 2021-056 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

3) HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES of June 2, 2021 made by Mr. Amrhein, SECONDED by Mr. DeLeone and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0.

NO RECOMMENDED ACTIONS TO APPROVE

4) LAND USE COMMITTEE

MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES of June 2, 2021 made by Ms. Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Ms. Rosenberg and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7-0-1 with Mr. Ferrara abstaining.

MOTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS of June 2, 2021 made by Ms. Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Mr. DeLeone and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

- 1) Authorize the Zoning Code update to amend Part Eleven- Planning and Zoning Code Chapters 1101-1175
- 2) Authorize the Zoning Code change from Industrial to Commercial Downtown at 107 Lake Street

Draft No. 2021-057 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CHAPTERS OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE IN PART ELEVEN OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES (CODE), REPEALING CERTAIN CHAPTERS OF THE CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Ms. Shaffer Bish and SECONDED by Mr. Sidoti. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Ms. Turner, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2021-057 made by Ms. Shaffer Bish and SECONDED by Mr. Sidoti. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Ms. Turner, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

Mr. Sidoti stated he is in favor of the ordinance and commended Bridget Susel on a great job negotiating through the issues brought forward. He added he would like to see City Council and the Architecture Review Board (ARB) have a work session some time in the future to clear up what their role is and it would be a great benefit to the community to do so.

ORDINANCE 2021-057 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Draft No. 2021-058 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY'S ZONING DISTRICTS MAP FOR PARCEL #17-031-21-00-001-000 (107 LAKE STREET) TO BE REZONED FROM ITS CURRENT 1155 I: INDUSTRIAL TO 1146 C-D: COMMERCIAL DOWNTOWN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Mr. Kuhar and SECONDED by Ms. Rosenberg. On roll call, voting "Yes": Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 7-0-1 with Mr. DeLeone abstaining.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2021-058 made by Mr. Kuhar and SECONDED by Mr. Amrhein. On roll call, voting "Yes": Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 7-0-1 with Mr. DeLeone abstaining.

ORDINANCE 2021-058 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

5) STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES AND COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS of June 2, 2021 made by Mr. Sidoti, SECONDED by Mr. DeLeone and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

- 1) Approve the submission of the AMATS Grant Funding grant application and if approved authorize the allocation of the funds
- 2) Approve the submission of the OPWC Grant Funding grant and loan applications and authorize the allocation of the funds

Draft No. 2021- 059 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KENT TO SUBMIT TWO (2) FUNDING APPLICATIONS TOTALING \$1,495,200 AND TO EXECUTE THE SUBSEQUENT AGREEMENT TO THE AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (AMATS) SPECIAL RESURFACING PROGRAM FY 2022 & FY 2023/24, AND TO ACCEPT THE GRANTS, IF AWARDED, WITH CORRESPONDING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO RESURFACE MAIN AND WATER STREETS AND MOGADORE ROAD/SUMMIT STREET, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Mr. Kuhar, SECONDED by Mr. DeLeone. On roll call, voting "Yes": Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT NO. 2021-059 made by Mr. Kuhar and SECONDED by Mr. DeLeone. On roll call, voting "Yes" Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

ORDINANCE 2021-059 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Draft No. 2021-060 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KENT TO SUBMIT TWO (2) FUNDING APPLICATIONS TOTALING \$945,000 AND TO EXECUTE THE SUBSEQUENT AGREEMENTS WITH THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC), AND TO ACCEPT THE GRANTS, IF AWARDED, WITH CORRESPONDING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Ms. Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Mr. Sidoti. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT NO. 2021-060 made by Ms. Shaffer Bish and SECONDED by Mr. Ferrara. On roll call, voting "Yes" Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

ORDINANCE 2021-060 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

6) FINANCE COMMITTEE

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES AND COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS OF June 2, 2021 made by Mr. DeLeone, SECONDED by Mr. Sidoti, and CARRIED by a voice vote 8-0.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

- 1) Authorize the acceptance of the Easement for the new nursing home facility at the intersection of Meloy Road and State Route 43

Draft No. 2021-061 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE WATER TAP-IN FOR A SKILLED NURSING FACILITY LOCATED AT 5075 SR 43 AND MELOY ROAD, OUTSIDE THE CITY OF KENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Ms. Rosenberg, SECONDED by Ms. Shaffer Bish. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Turner, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT NO. 2021-061 made by Mr. Kuhar, SECONDED by Mr. DeLeone. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Turner, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

ORDINANCE 2021-061 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Draft No. 2021-062 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ALLOW THE BUDGET & FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO CREATE A NEW GENERAL LEDGER FUND FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING

CALLED THE LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND #138, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Mr. DeLeone and SECONDED by Mr. Sidoti. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2021-062 made by Mr. Kuhar and SECONDED by Mr. DeLeone. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

ORDINANCE 2021-062 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Draft No. 2021-063 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100.00 TO THE CITY OF KENT PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF A MEMORIAL TREE FOR THE KENT PARKS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS made by Mr. Ferrara and SECONDED by Ms. Rosenberg. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Mr. Amrhein. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2021-063 made by Mr. DeLeone and SECONDED by Mr. Kuhar. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Mr. Turner, Mr. Amrhein. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

RESOLUTION 2021-063 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

Unfinished Business: NONE

New Business:

Mr. Sidoti wanted to circle back to the ARB comments made during the Committee Meeting. He has begun a ledger of issues that have come up with the ARB and is trying to find a common link. He thinks it has to do with not have a shared understanding on how decisions are made with the ARB. The Planning Commission, community members and Council members have all gotten involved. He thinks when it was first founded, he does not believe current Council members were here. He is not ready to put this into a Committee as an item but thinks a work session would benefit all.

Mr. Kuhar said when the ARB's authority was changed there seemed to be more problems. His thoughts are maybe they should be in an advisory capacity.

Ms. Shaffer Bish thinks it would be good to have a detailed discussion with the Architecture Review Board and that it would benefit the city to have this work session.

MOTION TO SCHEDULE A WORK SESSION WITH CITY COUNCIL AND THE ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD TO ESTABLISH A COMMON VISION made by Mr. Sidoti SECONDED by Ms. Shaffer Bish and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0.

Council Comments:

Mr. DeLeone reminded Council Members to complete Mr. Dave Ruller's evaluation. Ms. Wilkens added she would call Mr. Turner regarding delivering a paper copy to him.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Fiala encouraged all to come down to Dan Smith Park on the weekends. They have music playing on Friday nights from 6pm-8pm. There are fireworks on June 26th. The Planning Commission is meeting to discuss the new City Hall and he is happy about that. This is the final Zoom meeting and the next meeting July 7, 2021 will be held in person at the Fire Station. He reminded all that Father's Day is this Sunday to give your dads your respect.

Mr. Turner said that due to medical issues and has to wait a period of time to get the vaccine. This puts him into August until he can get vaccinated. He is concerned about coming to an open meeting, and that it could be problematic. He will be working with his doctor and will provide an update. He wanted to make the Mayor and Council aware of his situation.

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Amy Wilkens
Clerk of Council

Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council