



# CITY OF KENT, OHIO

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

**Wednesday, July 21, 2021**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
Executive Session Immediately Following

## **AGENDA**

### **7:25 P.M. Board of Control**

### **7:30 P.M. Regular Council Meeting**

1. Roll Call
2. Opening Remarks and Pledge of Allegiance (Mr. Kuhar)
3. Approval of Minutes
  - 3.1 Regular City Council Meeting of June 16, 2021
  - 3.2 Zoning Public Hearing of July 7, 2021
  - 3.3 Tax Budget Public Hearing of July 7, 2021
  - 3.4 Special City Council Meeting of July 7, 2021
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](mailto: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 Civil Service Commission Regular Meeting Agenda for June 21, 2021 received June 18, 2021.
    - 4.2.2 May Statistical Report for the Kent Police Department was received from Chief Shearer on June 24, 2021.
    - 4.2.3 Standing Rock Cemetery Board Agenda for July 8, 2021 and the meeting minutes from June 10, 2021 received June 24, 2021.
    - 4.2.4 Copy of letter from Mr. Dave Ruller and Fire Chief John Tosko to Dr. Megerian, CEO of University Hospitals, regarding the possible closure of the free standing UH emergency room in Kent received and forwarded to Council on June 25, 2021.

- 4.2.5 Planning Commission and Staff Report for July 6, 2021 received on June 29, 2021.
- 4.2.6 Twenty-two letters from local residents, encouraging Kent to make a minimum goal of reducing carbon emissions at least 30% by 2030 in support of Power A Clean Future Ohio were sent to Mayor Fiala. These were received on July 2, 2021 and are on file in the Clerk of Council's Office.
- 4.2.7 Board of Health Agenda and Statistical Reports for the July 13, 2021 meeting and May meeting minutes received on July 9, 2021.
- 4.2.8 Parks and Recreation Board packet for July 15, 2021 received July 8, 2021.
- 4.2.9 July meeting cancellation notice from the Civil Service Commission received July 16, 2021.
- 4.2.10 Planning Commission Agenda and Staff report for July 20, 2021 received on July 16, 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: None

5.1.2 Action Recommended: None

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

5.2.1 Committee Meeting Minute Approval: (*In Progress*)

5.2.2 Action Recommended:

- 1) Authorize the proposed Code modifications that would enable civil enforcement of garage and yard sale violations.

5.2.3 **Draft No. 2021- 065** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 769.03 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KENT TITLED "PENALTY" TO CHANGE ITS CURRENT MINOR MISDEMEANOR STATUS TO A CIVIL OFFENSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

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

5.3.1 Committee Meeting Minute Approval: (*In Progress*)

5.3.2 Action Recommended:

- 1) Approve the updated Portage County Hazardous Mitigation Plan

5.3.3 **Draft No. 2021-066** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE PORTAGE COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

5.4 **Land Use Committee** (Ferrara/Schafer)

5.4.1 Committee Meeting Minute Approval: *(In Progress)*

5.4.2 Action Recommended:

- 1) Approve Zoning Change from Commercial to Commercial High Density Multifamily Residential

5.4.3 **Draft No. 2021-067** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY'S ZONING DISTRICTS MAP FOR PARCEL #45-004-00-00-053-000 (CORNER OF SR43 & SR261) TO BE REZONED FROM ITS CURRENT C: COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT (CH1141) TO C-R: COMMERCIAL HIGH DENSITY MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT (CH1145), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Authorized)

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

5.5.1 Committee Meeting Minute Approval: *(In Progress)*

5.5.2 Action Recommended:

- 1) Approve the proposed agreement with KSU to share the costs of the proposed pedestrian improvements
- 2) Authorize the extended closure of a section of Erie Street to support the new outdoor ice rink

5.5.3 **Draft No. 2021-068** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO A PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF KENT AND KENT STATE UNIVERSITY TO JOINTLY IMPROVE THE SAFETY FOR PEDESTRIANS WITHIN THE CITY AND KSU CAMPUS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

5.5.4 **Draft No. 2021-069** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPROVE A NEW SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION FOR KENT STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE CITY OF KENT FOR AN ICE RINK THAT WILL START ON NOVEMBER 25, 2021 AND RUN THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

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

5.6.1 Committee Meeting Minute Approval: *(In Progress)*

5.6.2 Action Recommended:

- 1) Authorize the transfer of the outstanding loan balance, and payment terms, to the new property owner of the Kent Wells Sherman House Loan

- 2) Authorize the acceptance and allocation of grant funding to be used for the replacement of police ballistic vests
- 3) Approve the 2021 budget appropriations amendments

- 5.6.3 **Draft No. 2021- 070** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2012-57, ADOPTED ON JUNE 20, 2012, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2012-69, ADOPTED ON JULY 18, 2012, SO AS TO ISSUE A NEW PROMISSORY NOTE TO 257 NORTH WATER, LTD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,463.00 AS THE NEW OWNER OF 247 NORTH WATER STREET; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY KWSH Loan (Authorized)
- 5.6.4 **Draft No. 2021- 071** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,786.25 FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF BALLISTIC VESTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)
- 5.6.5 **Draft No. 2021- 072** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-129, THE CURRENT APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, PASSED DECEMBER 16, 2020; SO AS TO ADJUST APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS AND ADVANCES FROM THE VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE CITY OF KENT TO INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)
- 5.6.6 **Draft No. 2021-073** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2021 COMMUNITY EVENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Unauthorized)
- 5.6.7 **Draft No. 2021-074** AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THREE (3) DONATIONS TO THE CITY OF KENT PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE YOUTH TACKLE FOOTBALL PLAYER SPONSOR FUND, 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."  
Items to be discussed: City Manager Evaluation

11. Adjournment

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