



CITY OF KENT, OHIO

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

Special City Council Meeting Wednesday, August 4, 2021

At 7:00 p.m., Mayor Jerry T. Fiala called the **Special City Council Meeting** order. Roll call was taken.

PRESENT: Mr. Jack Amrhein; Mr. Michael DeLeone; Mr. Garret Ferrara; Mr. John Kuhar; Ms. Gwen Rosenberg; Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish; Mr. Roger Sidoti; Ms. Tracy Wallach

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

ABSENT: Mr. Robin Turner

MOTION TO EXCUSE MR. TURNER made by Mr. Ferrara, SECONDED BY Mr. Sidoti and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0.

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 was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

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

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2021-065 made by Mr. Ferrara and SECONDED by Ms. Shaffer Bish. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms.

Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

ORDINANCE 2021-065 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

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 was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

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

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2021-066 made by Mr. Kuhar and SECONDED by Mr. Ferrara. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

ORDINANCE 2021-066 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

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 was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

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

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2021-067 made by Mr. Kuhar and SECONDED by Ms. Shaffer Bish. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

ORDINANCE 2021-067 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

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 was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

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

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2021-068 made by Ms. Shaffer Bish and SECONDED by Mr. Sidoti. On roll call, voting "Yes": Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

ORDINANCE 2021-068 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

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 was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND READINGS TWO AND THREE made by Mr. Ferrara and SECONDED by Ms. Rosenberg. On roll call, voting "Yes: Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Ms. Wallach, 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. 2021-069 made by Ms. Shaffer Bish and SECONDED by Mr. DeLeone. On roll call, voting "Yes": Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

ORDINANCE 2021-069 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

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 was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND READINGS TWO AND THREE made by Mr. Ferrara and SECONDED by Mr. Sidoti. On roll call, voting "Yes: Mr. Sidoti, Ms. Wallach, 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. 2021-070 made by Mr. DeLeone and SECONDED by Mr. Ferrara. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Sidoti, Ms. Wallach, 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 2021-070 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

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 was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND READINGS TWO AND THREE made by Mr. Ferrara and SECONDED by Mr. Sidoti. On roll call, voting "Yes: Ms. Wallach, 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. 2021-071 made by Mr. Kuhar and SECONDED by Mr. Sidoti. On roll call, voting "Yes": Ms. Wallach, 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 2021-071 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

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 was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

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

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2021-072 made by Mr. DeLeone and SECONDED by Mr. Ferrara. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Ms. Wallach. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

ORDINANCE 2021-072 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

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 was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

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

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2021-073 made by Mr. Kuhar and SECONDED by Mr. DeLeone. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

ORDINANCE 2021-073 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens.

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 was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

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

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT No. 2021-074 made by Mr. Kuhar and SECONDED by Mr. Sidoti. On roll call, voting "Yes": Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Kuhar, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Shaffer Bish, Mr. Sidoti, Ms. Wallach, Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone. The Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 8-0.

ORDINANCE 2021-074 PASSED as stated by Clerk Wilkens

MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING made by Mr. Ferrara SECONDED by Mr. Amrhein and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0.

The Special Council Meeting adjourned at 7:12 P.M.

Amy Wilkens
Clerk of Council

Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2021