



Public Hearings

1. The City Clerk has scheduled a public hearing on the proposed 2022 City of Kent Tax Budget.
2. The City Clerk has scheduled a public hearing on the proposed zoning map amendment for a parcel at the corner of SR43 and SR261.

Community Development Committee

1. Proposed City Code Modifications for Garage/Yard Sales (Bridget)



Bridget has requested Committee time to present a modification to the City Code (KCO 769) that would make garage or yard sale violations a civil offense rather than a criminal misdemeanor. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

City staff's code enforcement experience has demonstrated faster resolution and better rates of compliance from the use of civil penalties rather than criminal enforcement through the judicial system and I recommend Council's support for the enforcement of garage and yard sale violations to the civil code.

Council Action

Authorize the proposed Code modifications that would enable civil enforcement of garage and yard sale violations as presented, with the emergency clause.

Health & Public Safety Committee

1. Approval of Draft Portage County Hazardous Mitigation Plan (Melanie)



Melanie has requested Committee time to present the updated Portage County Hazardous Mitigation Plan for Council's approval. The City's Police, Fire, and Service Department had participated in meetings with other Portage County representatives to update the County's Hazardous Mitigation Plan and the legislative bodies in each jurisdiction are being asked to approve the final Plan if they wish to be eligible to receive FEMA emergency funding. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

The City staff were part of the Plan update process and we must approve the plan to be eligible for FEMA funding so I recommend Council's support for the final Plan as presented.

Council Actions

Receive the staff report and approve the updated Portage County Hazardous Mitigation Plan as presented, with the emergency clause.

Land Use Committee

1. Re-zoning Request for Property at SR43@SR261 (Bridget)

Bridget and Tim have requested Committee time to present a request from the property owner of the parcel at the corner of SR43 and SR261 to change the Commercial Zoning designation of the property to Commercial High Density Multifamily Residential Zoning. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

The Planning Commission voted on May 4th in support of the Zoning change and the City staff and I recommend Council's support for the Zoning change as presented.

Council Actions

Receive the staff report and approve Zoning change from Commercial to Commercial High Density Multifamily Residential as presented, with the emergency clause.



Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee

1. Updates to City Trash and Recycling Account Figures (Melanie)

Melanie has requested Committee time to present updated numbers for the actual number of accounts served by trash and recycling in the City of Kent. These figures are used for contract purposes with Portage County Recycling and Republic Trash Services. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Receive the staff report and authorize the updated numbers for the trash and recycling accounts served in the City of Kent as presented.

Council Actions

Receive the staff report, and authorize the updated numbers for City trash and recycling accounts as presented, with the emergency clause.



2. Pedestrian Safety Updates with KSU (Jim)

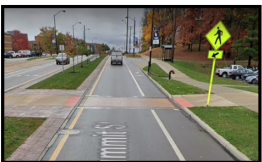
Jim has requested Committee time to present a series of pedestrian improvements (mostly new signage and striping) that he worked with Jon and KSU staff to develop to improve pedestrian safety around the borders of the Kent campus. Jim is requesting Council's approval of an agreement between the City and KSU to share the costs of the improvements which total approximately \$30,000. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

We support pedestrian safety improvements, and we welcome the opportunity to split the costs of the improvements with KSU so I recommend Council's support.

Council Actions

Approve the proposed agreement with KSU to share the costs of the proposed pedestrian improvements as presented, with the emergency clause.



Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee (continued)

3. Proposed Erie Street Closure for Holiday Ice Rink (Melanie)



Melanie has requested Committee time to present a proposal to close the section of Erie Street between the PARTA deck and the KSU Hotel to allow for the installation of a community/KSU outdoor ice rink for the extended holiday season from Thanksgiving through February. The rink would be open to the public and KSU students to enjoy as an outdoor holiday activity. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

The City is assisting in some of the initial set up costs and providing in kind services to help support the rink operations while Kent State University is absorbing the majority of the rink contractor costs. The staff and I strongly recommend your support for the street closure as a way to provide additional recreational opportunities to City residents and help attract people to downtown Kent businesses.

Council Actions

Authorize the extended closure of a section of Erie Street to support the new outdoor ice rink as presented, with the emergency clause.

Finance Committee

1. Authorize the Transfer of the Kent Wells Sherman House Loan (Bridget)



Bridget has requested Committee time to present a recommendation to allow for the transfer of the outstanding loan balance (\$8,463) on the Kent Wells Sherman House to the new owner of the property with the sale of the property. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

With the planned sale of the Wells Sherman House property, I recommend Council's authorization to transfer the outstanding loan balance and the terms of the payment plan to the new property owner until the City has been fully reimbursed for the loan.

Council Actions

Authorize the transfer of the outstanding loan balance, and payment terms, to the new property owner as presented, with the emergency clause.

2. Accept and Allocate Funding for Police Ballistic Vests (Nick)



Nick has requested Committee time to ask Council to accept and allocate \$17,786 in grant funding that the Kent Police Department has secured through the Ohio Attorney General's Office to use towards the purchase of replacement ballistic vests for City police officers. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Nick had budget \$20,000 for the capital replacement of ballistic vests in 2021 and the grant funding will save the City 75% of our budget while making sure Kent officers have the best protection possible. I strongly recommend Council's support.

Council Actions

Authorize the acceptance and allocation of grant funding to be used for the replacement of police ballistic vests as presented, with the emergency clause.



Finance Committee (continued)

3. Proposed 2022 County Tax Budget (Rhonda)

Rhonda has prepared the draft 2022 Tax Budget for Council's approval. This budget document is required by the County for notification of any changes to the tax rate in the next budget. Our draft County Tax Budget proposes no changes to the tax rates in the City. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

With no proposed changes to the tax rates, approval of the County tax budget is primarily procedural and I encourage Council's authorization of the tax budget. We will get into our annual City budget deliberations in greater detail in October.

Council Action

Authorize submission of the City's 2022 Tax Budget to the County, with the emergency clause.

4. 2021 Budget Appropriations Amendment

Rhonda has been working with the department heads to reconcile the approved 2021 budget line items and she has prepared the necessary appropriations amendments to reflect the changes needed to balance those line items. (attachments)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council's authorization of the appropriations amendments.

Council Actions

Approve the 2021 budget appropriations amendments as presented, with the emergency clause.



Special Regular Council Meeting

Consideration of the authorization of the proposed 2022 City Tax Budget for submission to the County.

Information Items

1. Kent Police Statistics

Chief Shearer has provided a copy of the police statistics report for May 2021. In 2021 calls for service are up 29% (439 calls); traffic citations are up 34% (40 tickets); accident incidents are up by 111% (20 incidents) and serious crimes are the down 67% (2 incidents) compared to May of 2020. (attachment)

2. Fire Incident Reports

Chief Tosko has provided a copy of the fire and emergency medical services report for April 2021. In 2021 calls for fire service are down 51% (31 calls); fire mutual aid assistance is unchanged with no calls in 2021 as compared to 2020; and EMS responses are up 48% (104 calls) for the month. (attachment)