



## Committee of the Whole

### 1. Review of City Flag Design (Council)

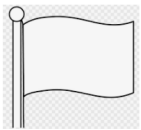
Council has requested Committee time to discuss updating the City's official "flag design." (attachment)

*Administrative Recommendation*

Discuss the flag design and options to update it.

*Council Action*

**Review the City flag and direct staff accordingly.**



### 2. Consideration of NAACP New Racism Commission Request (Council)

The Mayor has requested Committee time for Council members to consider the NAACP request for Council to form a new Commission on Racism, Hatred and Diversity. (attachment)

*Administrative Recommendation*

Discuss the NAACP Request for a new Racism, Hatred and Diversity Commission and direct staff accordingly.

*Council Action*

**Discuss the request and direct staff accordingly.**



### 3. Certification of the Petition for the Sensible Kent Ballot Initiative (Hope)

Hope has requested Committee time to present the petition received from Sensible Kent requesting Council to authorize the County Board of Elections to place the marijuana initiative on the next Ballot for a public vote. (attachment)

*Administration Recommendation*

The required number of local signatures on the marijuana initiative petition have been verified and it is Council's responsibility to accept the petition and forward it to the County Board of Elections. I recommend Council's authorization.

*Council Action*

**Accept and authorize forwarding the marijuana initiative petition to the County Board of Elections for the next ballot, with the emergency clause.**



Sensible Kent



## Community Development Committee

### 1. Proposed Changes to Parks & Rec Fee Calculations (Bridget)

Hope, Bridget and Angela have requested Committee time to present staff recommendations to modify the City's Park fees for residential development projects. Hope has completed a legal review into the use of Parks fees and City match requirements. Based on the legal review, and a comparison of peer cities, the staff have developed recommendations to simplify the methodology used to calculate City Park fees. (attachment)

#### *Administration Recommendation*

The proposed changes to the Parks fee calculations will simplify and better standardize the fee calculation, and should reduce the fee burden on developers and the City match, but is still considered a fair price based on peer city comparisons. I recommend Council's support.

#### *Council Action*

**Authorize the proposed changes to the Parks and Rec fee calculations as presented, with the emergency clause.**

## Health & Safety Committee

### 1. Accept Donated Items for the Kent Health Department (Joan)

Joan is requesting Council's authorization to accept miscellaneous donated office items, e.g., chairs, tables, with an estimated value of \$1,500 to the Kent Health Department from the owner of the Wells Sherman House. (attachment)

#### *Administration Recommendation*

I recommend Council's authorization to accept the donated items.

#### *Council Action*

**Authorize the acceptance of the donated items to the Kent Health Department as presented, with the emergency clause.**

### 2. Accept Ohio EPA Grant Funds for the Kent Health Department (Joan)

Joan is requesting Council's authorization to accept \$25,000 in Ohio EPA grant funds to be used in the mosquito prevention program managed by the Kent Health Department. (attachment)

#### *Administration Recommendation*

I recommend Council's authorization to accept and allocate the \$25,000 Ohio EPA grant funds as presented.

#### *Council Action*

**Authorize the acceptance and allocation of the \$25,000 in Ohio EPA grant funds for use by the Kent Health Department as presented, with the emergency clause.**



## Land Use Committee

### 1. Type 1 Annexation Request from Davey Tree (Bridget)

Bridget and Hope have requested Committee time to present a Type 1 Annexation Request received from Davey Tree. Davey Tree desires to consolidate the land that they acquired on SR43 across from their corporate campus (former Oak Knolls golf course) into the corporate limits of the City of Kent in order to be eligible for City services. (attachment)

#### *Administration Recommendation*

Under State law a Type 1 Annexation Request requires an Annexation Agreement between the Franklin Township and the City. The Franklin Township Trustees and the City staff have negotiated the terms of the Annexation Agreement and I recommend Council's approval and authorization to execute the Agreement.

#### *Council Action*

**Approve and authorize the execution of the Annexation Agreement as presented, with the emergency clause.**



## Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities Committee

### 1. Update on the New KSU E-Bike and Scooter Program (Jim)

Jim and the KSU staff that manage the new KSU E-Bike and Scooter program have asked for Committee time to provide an overview of the rules, procedures and logistics of the new program and to answer any questions. (attachment)

#### *Administration Recommendation*

Receive the staff report, no action is necessary.

#### *Council Action*

**Receive the staff report, no action is necessary.**



### 2. Change in Street Closure for JC's Craft Beer Festival (Bridget)

Bridget has requested Committee time to request Council's authorization for a minor modification to the street closure for the May 21<sup>st</sup> JC's Craft Beer Festival. (attachment)

#### *Administration Recommendation*

The staff have reviewed the proposed changes for the JC's Craft Beer Festival, and I recommend Council's authorization of the new street closures as presented.

#### *Council Action*

**Authorize the changes proposed changes in the street closure for the JC's Craft Beer Festival as presented, with the emergency clause.**



## Finance Committee

### 1. NOPEC Energized Grant (Melanie)

Melanie has requested Committee time to ask Council to accept and allocate a NOPEC Energized Community Grant for \$47,861. (attachments)

#### *Administration Recommendation*

The NOPEC funds will be used to continue to upgrade electrical equipment, LED lighting, etc., to improve electrical efficiency, and reduce the City's energy consumption.

#### *Council Actions*

**Approve the acceptance of the NOPEC Energized Grant funds in the amount of \$47,861 and allocate those funds for future energy upgrades as presented, with the emergency clause.**



## Finance Committee (continued)

### 2. Authorization to Dispose of Surplus Kent Police Computers (Nick)

Nick has asked for Committee time to request Council's approve to dispose of 13 Panasonic Tough Book computers that have exceeded their service life and are no longer compatible with the City's network. (attachments)

#### *Administration Recommendation*

With no use for these computers, I recommend Council's approval to dispose of the units.

#### *Council Actions*

**Approve the disposal of the surplus Police computers as presented, with the emergency clause.**

### 3. "RAISE" Grant Authorization for the East Main Street Project (Jim)

Jim has requested Committee time to ask for Council's authorization to apply for RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity) grant funds for the East Main Street Improvement Project in the amount of \$5.25 million. RAISE is a discretionary Federal Funding source that seeks to use investments in infrastructure to support economic recovery. Projects will be evaluated based on safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, economic competitiveness and opportunity, state of good repair, partnership and innovation. (attachments)

#### *Administration Recommendation*

Jim has prepared a \$5.25 million grant application and I recommend Council's authorization to apply for RAISE funds as presented.

#### *Council Actions*

**Authorize the \$5.25 million submission for RAISE grant funds as presented, with the emergency clause.**

## Information Items

### 1. Kent Police Statistics

Chief Shearer has provided a copy of the police statistics report for February 2022. In 2022 calls for service are down 7% (1576 calls); traffic citations are up 2% (137 tickets); accident incidents are up by 96% (47 incidents) and serious crimes are unchanged with one incident in February of 2021 and 2022. (attachment)

