



Committee of the Whole

1. KSU Town & Gown Initiatives Update from KSU (Dana)



Dana Lawless Andrick from KSU has asked for a few minutes to provide an update on the status of KSU town and gown initiatives for Council's information.

Administration Recommendation

Receive the informational update.

Council Actions

Receive the informational update, no action is required.

2. Update on the City Hall Construction Project (Melanie)



Melanie has asked for Committee time to share an update on the status of the construction of the new City Administration building.

Administrative Recommendation

Receive the staff update, no action is necessary.

Council Action

Receive the staff update.

Community Development Committee

1. Proposed Development Agreement & New TRES Liquor License (Bridget)



Bridget has asked for time to present a request from Redding Empowered LLC (D.P. Dough) to obtain a TRES liquor license for their business at 215 S. Water Street. The staff have prepared a Development Agreement with Redding that includes the terms of a TRES liquor license for Council's consideration. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Bridget reports that the TRES liquor license conditions have been met at this property and she recommends Council approve the TRES license request and Development Agreement. I recommend Council's approval as presented.

Council Actions

Authorize the Development Agreement and TRES liquor license for Redding Empowered LLC (D.P. Dough) as presented, with the emergency clause.

Streets & Sidewalks Community

2. Yard Waste Facility Limitations and Options



Melanie has requested Committee time to provide an overview of the City's yard waste facility operations, site limitations, costs and possible options to expand the use of the facility to include private landlords that operate rental properties in Kent as a business. In recent years, the use of the yard waste facility has outgrown the capability of the site to accommodate all of the brush and yard debris, which resulted in a \$30,000 increase in costs of the site and led to the need to close the site halfway through the prior season because it reached capacity. In response, the City started limiting the hours of operation so that City staff could verify Kent residency of each visitor to the site and enforce the rules of no private landscaper or business use of the site.

Administration Recommendation

Rental tenants can use the site but landlords have been classified as a business so they have been excluded from using the site. The staff will discuss the options to expanding the use of the site for rental properties. Receive the staff report, and direct staff accordingly.

Council Actions

Receive the staff report and direct staff accordingly.

Finance Committee

1. Resolution Requesting the Transfer of Taxes from Portage County (Rhonda)



Rhonda has requested Committee time for Council's consideration of a resolution requesting the County Auditor to transfer the tax proceeds for 2022 in advance of the normal settlement date (February 2023). (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Council must adopt an ordinance authorizing the transfer to be made from the County and I recommend Council's support for the proposed resolution.

Council Action

Adopt the resolution authorizing the transfer of County tax proceeds as presented.

2. Proposed Local Government Fund Revenue Formula (Rhonda)



Rhonda has been working with the staff from Portage County jurisdictions to agree on the funding formula to be used in the distribution of Ohio Local Government funds allocated to Portage County. The City's share of the funding (17%) is proposed to remain the same, but the term of the agreement would go from 5 to 10 years. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Rhonda reports that the funding formula that has been used for the last 5 years has been proposed to be renewed for a 10-year cycle. I recommend Council's authorization of the local government funding formula for Portage County as presented.

Council Actions

Approve the Portage County Funding Formula for 2023-2033 as presented, with the emergency clause.

Finance Committee (continued)

3. Ohio School Travel Plan Grant Request (Jim)

Jim and his staff have been working with Kent City Schools on a request for a State funding request to prepare a "School Travel Plan" that would help to identify opportunities to improve safety and connectivity for students to walk or bike to school on public infrastructure. After developing a School Travel Plan, the City would also be eligible for Safe Routes to Schools grants to implement the recommendations of the Travel Plan. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council's authorization of the grant application and allocation of the grant funds if approved.

Council Actions

Approve the City's submission of a Safe Routes to School grant request, and allocate the grant funds if approved, as presented with the emergency clause.

Information Items

1. Kent Police Statistics

Chief Shearer has provided a copy of the police statistics report for September 2022. In 2022 calls for service are up 4.4% (by 82 calls); traffic citations are down 27 (58 tickets); accident incidents are down 18.2% (12 incidents) and serious crimes are unchanged at 1 incident compared to September of 2021. (attachment)

