

April 26, 2017



New Police Building Tour

We have scheduled a tour of new Police Building at 6 pm before our Committee meeting. I hope you can join us.

City-Franklin Township Joint Meeting

The City Clerk has scheduled the joint City-Township meeting at 7 pm.

Committee of the Whole

1. Council Standing Rules Update

The City Clerk has requested Committee time to finalize the necessary updates to City Council's Standing Rules. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Receive the Clerk's report and authorize the proposed changes to the Standing Rules.

Council Actions

Receive and authorize the proposed changes to the Standing Rules as presented.

Community Development Committee

2. Zoning Code R4 Use Modification

Bridget Susel has requested Committee time to present a proposed modification to the City's Zoning Code pertaining to the use requirements for the R4 district. Consistent with recent changes to the use requirements in the University District, Bridget reports that the Planning Commission has voted in favor of changing the R4 use from a "permitted use" to a "conditional use" designation. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

In light of the findings of the 2016 housing study and recent development project concerns related to infrastructure and neighborhood impacts, this change in designation will better ensure those particular issues are considered in new development project proposals as required by the conditional use designation, and I recommend Council's support.

Council Actions

Authorize the proposed change in the R4 Zoning Code use designation to a "conditional use" as presented.

3. 2017 Celebrate Kent Grant Awards

Tom Wilke has evaluated the applications that we received for the 2017 Celebrate Kent Grant Awards and he has prepared his funding recommendation for Council's approval. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

I would recommend Council's support for this year's funding proposals as presented.

Council Action

Authorize the 2017 Celebrate Kent funds as presented.



Health & Safety Committee

5. Standing Rock Gallery Handicap Ramp Installation



Jim Bowling has requested Committee time to obtain Council's authorization for a license to occupy the public right of way for Standing Rock gallery so that they can install a new handicap ramp at the entrance to the gallery. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Authorize the license to occupy the public right of way as presented.

Council Action

Authorize the license to occupy the public right of way as presented.

Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee

6. Proposed City Code Updates for Small Cell Wireless Antennas



Jim Silver, Melanie Baker and Gary Bishop have requested Committee time to review the changes that need to be made to City Code in order to conform to the recent passage of new legislation in Ohio (Senate Bill 221) concerning the installation of small cell wireless antennas. The days of a few large (120' to 150' cell towers) are changing to meet the next generation of technology which prefers a dense network of lower towers which should provide greater streaming speeds, reliability and lower electric demand. The next generation technology has good attributes for the consumer, but the downside is, it requires a dense network of poles which based on the new laws the City has few, if any ways to regulate, even in our right of way or on our own poles. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

We need to update our Code to comply with the new State law and I recommend Council authorize the proposed Code revisions as presented.

Council Actions

Receive the staff report and authorize the proposed Code changes as presented.

7. Ohio Public Works Commission Pre-Application Request



Jim Bowling has requested Committee time for Council to consider approving submission of the City's capital project pre-application request for Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant funding. These grant funds would enable the City to move forward on two critical City infrastructure projects. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Given the City's current financial constraints I have encouraged staff to pursue all possible grant sources and Jim has put together a competitive OPWC proposal that I recommend for Council's support.

Council Action

Approve the submission of the proposed projects for OPWC funding.

Finance Committee

8. 2017 Appropriations Amendments



Dave Coffee has been working with the department heads to reconcile the approved 2017 budget line items and he 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 2017 budget appropriations amendments.

Council Actions

Approve the proposed 2017 budget appropriations amendments as presented.

Information Items

1. Main Street Monthly Reports

Heather Malarcik has shared copies of the quarterly Main Street Kent report for January thru March 2017. If you read through the reports you'll see budget information, as well as a listing of the community events sponsored by Main Street during the first quarter of 2017. (attachment)

2. Kent Police Statistics

Chief Lee has provided a copy of the police statistics report for March 2017. In 2017 calls for service are down 7% (537 calls); traffic citations are down 15% (147 tickets); accident incidents are down 36% (117 incidents) and serious crimes are down 21% (33 cases). (attachment)

3. Law Department Report

Jim Silver has provided his legal activity report for February and March 2017. The City had 70 prosecution hearings during these months along with several other action items such as contract review and legal research. (attachment)

4. Fire Incident Report

Chief Tosko has provided a copy of the fire and emergency medical services report for March 2017. In 2017 calls for fire service are down 3% (6 calls); fire mutual aid assistance is up 1 event in 2017; and EMS responses are up 15% (112 calls). (attachment)