



Please note that we will start our meeting next week with our annual joint meeting with the Franklin Township for discussion of cemetery matters. Following that we will open the meeting for public comment on the City's proposed Zoning Code amendments that include requiring a 10 year review and modifications to limits on public testimony and potential conflicts of interest.

Land Use Committee

1. Zoning Code Amendments

Jen Barone and Gary Locke have been working with the Planning Commission to consider two amendments to the Zoning Code (Part 11 of the Codified Ordinances). The amendments are text changes, the first of which relates to public testimony by Commission members and the second establishes a schedule for periodic review of the Zoning Code. Public hearings were held on both of these items in March and both items were subsequently approved by the Planning Commission prior to being submitted to Council for their consideration.

Administration Recommendation

The amendments were favorably received by the public and the Commission members and I would recommend Council's support.

Council Action

Authorize the Zoning Code text amendments as proposed.

2. Citywide Trash Management

From the 2 public information sessions, and previous Council Committee comments, Gene identified 16 issues that we felt warranted further research and action on our part. I have included in this packet Gene's response to these items in preparation for Council discussion in Committee next week. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

In reviewing Gene's report, I think you will find that he has been able to resolve the major items of concern related to the transition to a citywide managed trash service. In particular, Gene was able to negotiate the per bag price down 65 cents by agreeing to let the City sell the bags. Based on the cost savings and many benefits (including having the ability to get problem trash, e.g., couches, off the street at our discretion) I would recommend Council's support for Gene's proposal.

Council Action

Authorize staff to proceed with the conversion to citywide trash service.

3. Parks and Recreation Award Appropriations

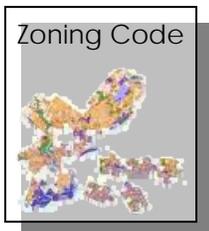
John Idone reports that Kent Parks and Recreation has been notified that they have been awarded a Step Up To Quality Award of \$12,000 for the Before and After School Program. John is requesting Council approval to accept the award and amend the 2009 Appropriations to reflect the additional \$12,000. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Recommend Council's support to accept the funds and change the 2009 Appropriations accordingly.

Council Action

Authorize staff to accept the funds and approve the corresponding change to the 2009 Appropriations Amendment.



Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities Committee

4. Annual Street Program Overview

Jim Bowling and his staff have completed their plans for the 2009 Street Program based on the results of field surveys and the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) rating system. (maps attached)

Administration Recommendation

Receive Jim's report.

Council Action

No action necessary.



5. 2009 Capital Projects Update

Jim Bowling reports that 2009 is looking to be a banner year in capital construction in Kent. Jim and his staff have 11 projects ready to begin construction. He will run through those projects with Council for an update. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Receive Jim's report.

Council Action

No action necessary.



6. Stonewater Drive Right of Way Donations

The Engineering Division has identified a couple of easement and right of way parcels that are necessary to obtain in order to complete the Stonewater Drive Reconstruction Project. The easement and parcels (valued at \$15,671) are being donated by Albert and Rosaline Klaben. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council's acceptance of the donated easement and parcels.

Council Action

Accept the easement and right of way donations.



7. Stonewater Drive Appropriations

The Engineering Division has requested Council's approval of 2 appropriations changes necessary to move the Reconstruction Project forward. First, in the process of final design, Engineering has identified an opportunity to provide a secondary water source for the adjacent subdivision by looping a new water line at an additional cost of \$110,000. Second, the City needs to adjust the original appropriation to reflect \$353,000 in Ohio Public Works Commission grant funds that the City received. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council's approval of the Appropriations Amendment requests.

Council Action

Authorize the Appropriations Amendment requests.



Community Development Committee

8. Revolving Loan Fund Certification



Dan Smith has requested Council time to approve the semi-annual certification of the City's EDA Revolving Loan Fund. Dan reports that the EDA recently enacted new guidelines for our revolving loan fund, including semi-annual certification by the City affirming that the program is being managed in accordance with all statutory requirements. The City's Revolving Loan Fund Committee reviewed the City's program in March and voted to approve certification of compliance. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council's certification of the City's Revolving Loan Fund.

Council Action

Certify the City's Revolving Loan Fund.

7. FEMA Floodplain Update



FEMA has updated the national flood insurance maps and the new maps depicting the flood elevations determined for the City of Kent will become effective on August 18, 2009. The City of Kent will now have to modify our Ordinances to meet the minimum standards to ensure continued eligibility in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Included in this effort is the recommendation to repeal Chapter 1195, Floodways and Floodplains, since it is a duplication of the Flood Damage Control Chapter of our Code. Jennifer Barone will cover these issues in greater detail in Committee.

Administration Recommendation

Authorize the necessary changes to the City's Ordinances to conform to the updated FEMA maps and comply with the terms of the National Flood Insurance Program.

Council Action

Adopt and modify the City's Ordinances as recommended by staff.

Information Items

1. Main Street Work Plan Presentation

I have attached for your information a hard copy of the Main Street presentation of their 2009 Work Plan. (attachment)

2. Planning Commission May 5th Agenda and Staff Report

Gary Locke has provided a copy of the May 5th Planning Commission agenda and staff report. The Planning Commission will be considering a site plan from Diggers Bar and Grille to construct a new outdoor patio area with seating on the north side of the building. (attachment)

3. Kent Free Library Café Open

In case you missed it, I wanted to let you know that last week the new student run business, Bookends Café, opened in the Kent Free Library. The Café serves coffee, tea, and cold drinks as well as a selection of cookies, brownies, biscotti, and fruit.

4. Swine Flu Alert Information for Our Area

I have included health safety information provided by John Ferlito concerning the Swine Flu and its symptoms, treatment and status in our region. Portage County has also provided copies of the Pandemic Event Response Plan. Hopefully we won't need to put it into effect but it's good to know that our area is prepared. (attachment)

Information Items (continued)

5. East Summit Street Funding Requests to Congressman Ryan

Jim Bowling has provided copies of the funding request package that we sent this week to Congressman Ryan's office for the East Summit Street Improvements. We are requesting \$1 million in Federal appropriations towards this \$13 million dollar project. You may recall from Jim's earlier presentations that we have secured \$5.5 million in Federal CMAQ funds and \$4.1 million in Highway Safety Funds through ODOT. (attachment)

6. Demolition Work

Rhonda Boyd in Engineering reports that the demolition of the blighted houses on the corner of Haymaker Parkway and Depeyster is scheduled to begin next week. Helming Excavation was the low bidder for the job.

7. CSX Derailment Clean Up

Jim Bowling reports that he has been advised from CSX Railroad officials that the track restoration and final clean up work for the Kent derailment site has been scheduled for sometime in the next couple of weeks depending upon how quickly they wrap up their current work at another site.