



## Committee of the Whole

### 1. City Boards and Commissions Discussion (Hope, Amy)

Hope and Amy have requested Committee of the Whole time to bring back their final recommendations to Council for membership issues related to City Boards and Commissions based on Council comments received at the July Committee meeting. (attachment)

#### *Administration Recommendation*

I recommend Council receive the staff report and direct staff accordingly.

#### *Council Actions*

**Receive the staff report and direct staff accordingly.**

### 2. City Administration Building Design Update (Melanie)

Melanie has requested Committee of the Whole time to review the final design status of the building, and Rhonda will provide Council with an overview of the proposed financing strategy to fund the new Administration Building. (attachment)

#### *Administration Recommendation*

With interest rates at record lows, Rhonda is anxious to get this project out to the bond market so we are working to accelerate these final aspects of design in order to take advantage of the unprecedented low cost of borrowing. I recommend Council receive the staff report.

#### *Council Actions*

**Receive the staff report and direct staff accordingly.**

## Community Development Committee

### 1. City Participation in the Hometown Foundation (Hope, Bridget)

Hope and Bridget have requested Community Development Committee time for Council to consider the approval of the City's participation in a newly proposed community organization – Hometown Foundation – that is a program developed through Hometown Bank to secure and restore blighted properties in Kent. This private foundation would perform land acquisition and rehabilitation services similar the Portage County Land Bank using foundation funds and they have asked for City officials to serve on the foundation Board which needs Council approval. (attachment)

#### *Administration Recommendation*

The idea for this new foundation came in part as a result of the recent designation of the Historic South End neighborhood and the desire to help facilitate more housing improvements and upgrades in the South End and throughout Kent. I recommend Council's support.

#### *Council Actions*

**Authorize the City's representation on the newly proposed Hometown Foundation as presented.**



## Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee

### 1. Proposed Modification to S. Water Street "Smoker" Agreement (Bridget)



Bridget has requested Committee time to seek Council's approval to amend the approved agreement allowing the "smoker" grill on S. Water Street to occupy a parking space 2 days a week. The original agreement was in the name of Cajun Dave's but Cajun Dave's is no longer a tenant and Mike Beder, as the owner of the grill, would like to assign the agreement to the Water Street Tavern. (attachment)

#### *Administration Recommendation*

The smoker grill is owned by Water Street Tavern and I recommend Council's approval of the proposed transfer in the name of the agreement from Cajun Dave's to the Water Street Tavern.

#### *Council Actions*

**Authorize a resolution amendment to the "smoker" unit agreement from Cajun Dave's to the Water Street Tavern as presented.**

## Finance Committee

### 1. Sunrise Drive Bridge Safety Grant Application (Jim)



Jim has requested Committee time to ask for Council's authorization to submit for bridge safety repair grant funds for the planned repair of a small bridge that serves the residential neighborhood along Sunrise Drive. (attachment)

#### *Administration Recommendation*

Council had previously authorized Jim to pursue bridge replacement grant funding but the grant request was not approved so Jim has reduced the scope of the bridge repairs to better align with the funding eligibility requirements, and I recommend Council's authorization for Jim to proceed with applying for bridge safety repair funds.

#### *Council Actions*

**Authorize the submission of bridge safety repair funds for the necessary safety improvements to the bridge on Sunrise Drive as presented.**

### 2. Donation of Surplus Kent Police Equipment to Mogadore PD (Nick)



Nick has requested Committee time to obtain Council's approval to donate 7 surplus gun locks to the Mogadore Police Department. Nick estimates the potential resale value of the used gun locks to be under \$100 and he recommends donating them to the Mogadore Police Department for their continued use in public safety.

#### *Administration Recommendation*

Council has previously authorized the donation of surplus, but still functional, public safety equipment to other cities and I recommend Council's approval to donate the gun locks as presented.

#### *Council Actions*

**Authorize the donation of the surplus gun locks to the Mogadore Police Department as presented.**

## Information Items

### 1. Kent Police Statistics

Chief Shearer has provided a copy of the police statistics report for July 2020. In 2020 calls for service are down 26% (1,811 calls); traffic citations are down 33% (171 tickets); accident incidents are up 19% (31 incidents) and serious crimes are up by 1 case (1 case). (attachment)

### 2. Income Tax Report

Rhonda Hall has provided a summary of income tax collections thru the end of July 2019. Overall the City income tax collections are down 14.5% (\$200,629) from July 2019. Kent State University's collections thru the end of March are up 30.78% (\$123,378). (attachment)