



Public Hearings

- Rhonda has requested a public hearing on the proposed 2021 County tax budget; and
- Bridget has requested a public hearing on the proposed amendments to the City's CHIP program to include updated emergency housing assistance.

Committee of the Whole

1. Authorization of City Ordinance Pages Updates (Hope)

Hope has requested Committee time to obtain Council's authorization to update the City's Ordinance pages with the latest approved City Ordinances. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

This is an administrative housekeeping item and I recommend Council's support.

Council Actions

Authorize the proposed updates of the City Ordinance pages as presented.

Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee

1. Consideration of a Water Service Extension Request (Jim)

Jim has requested Committee time to present a request from a developer outside of the City limits (in the Kent-Brimfield JEDD) to allow a waterline extension in order to provide City water service to a planned new nursing care facility proposed for SR43 at Meloy Road. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

The waterline extension costs will be paid by the developer and the staff believes that extending City water service further south along SR43 could facilitate more development and more City water customers, so I recommend Council's support for the waterline extension.

Council Action

Authorize the requested waterline extension along SR43 to Meloy Road.

Health & Safety Committee

1. 21st Century Policing Report Discussion (Chief Shearer)

Chief Shearer has requested Committee time to present an update on City Police practices and policies as they relate to the 21st Century Policing report and the Ohio Collaborative standards for law enforcement. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Receive the staff report.

Council Action

Receive the staff report.

ORDINANCES



Finance Committee



1. Proposed 2021 County Tax Budget (Rhonda)

Rhonda has prepared the draft 2021 Tax Budget for Council's approval. This budget document is required by the County for notification of any changes to the tax rate in the next budget. Our draft County Tax Budget proposes no changes to the tax rates in the City. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

With no proposed changes to the tax rates, approval of the County tax budget is primarily procedural and I encourage Council's authorization of the tax budget. We will get into our annual City budget deliberations in greater detail in October.

Council Action

Authorize submission of the City's 2021 Tax Budget to the County.

2. West Side Fire Levy (Rhonda, Hope)



Rhonda and Hope have asked for Committee time to authorize proceeding with the submission of the certified rates and amounts of the proposed West Side Fire levy renewal to the County Board of Elections so that the levy can be placed on the Fall 2020 ballot. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council's authorization to proceed and submit the certified rates and amounts of the proposed West Side Fire levy renewal to the County Board of Elections.

Council Actions

Authorize the City to proceed with the proposed West Side Fire levy renewal and request the County Board of Elections place the issue on the Fall 2020 ballot.

3. Consideration of SW Sanitary Pump Station Project Easements (Jim)



Jim has requested Committee time for Council's consideration to authorize the easement agreements required to proceed with the capital improvements planned for the SW Sanitary Pump Station. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Council has approved the project and the funding required for the SW Sanitary Sewer Pump Station project, including the cost of the project easements, and I recommend Council's support.

Council Action

Authorize the proposed easement agreements required for the SW Sanitary Pump Station Project as presented.

4. 2020 Budget Appropriations Amendment



Rhonda has been working with the department heads to reconcile the approved 2020 budget line items and she 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 appropriations amendments.

Council Actions

Approve the 2020 budget appropriations amendments as presented.



Finance Committee (continued)

5. Proposed CARES Act Ordinance (Rhonda, Hope)

Rhonda and Hope have requested Council's authorization of the Ordinance required by the State of Ohio to receive CARES act funding reimbursement for Covid related costs. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

The State has made up to \$928,318 available to the City of Kent (based on the Local Government Funding Formula) for reimbursement of unexpected Covid related costs. In order to receive the funding, the City must adopt the Ordinance and I strongly recommend Council's approval.

Council Actions

Approve the CARES Act Ordinance as presented.

Special Regular Council Meeting

Consideration of the authorization of the CARES Act Ordinance to ensure timely receipt of State Covid-19 funding reimbursement.

Information Items

1. Income Tax Report

Rhonda Hall has provided a summary of income tax collections thru the end of May 2020. Overall the City income tax collections are down 4.34% (\$275,616) from May 2019. Kent State University's collections thru the end of May are up 2.15% (\$46,387). (attachment)

2. 2020 Social Service Funding Recommendations

Kathy Petsko has provided a review of the grant applications received by the Community Development Department from organizations seeking 2020 Social Service grant funding from the City. The recommended grant funding awards for each project are listed on the attached table and an outline of each project is enclosed. (attachment)

3. Portage Development Board May 2020 Report

Brad Ehrhart of the Portage Development Board (PDB) has provided a monthly report for May 2020. (attachment)