



Public Hearing

The City Clerk has scheduled a public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed new Enterprise Zone Agreement between the City of Kent and the Davey Tree Expert Company for the expansion of their headquarters at 1500 N. Mantua Street

Committee of the Whole

1. Boards and Commission Interviews (Amy)

The City Clerk has scheduled time for Council to consider the prospective candidates interested in filling vacancies on City Boards and Commissions.



Community Development Committee

1. Proposed Enterprise Zone Agreement with Davey Tree (Bridget, Hope)

Bridget is requesting Committee time for Council's consideration of a proposed new 10-year Enterprise Zone Agreement between the City and Davey Tree that would allow for the partial deferral of property taxes (75%) for the construction of the new \$14 million wing of the Davey Tree campus at 1500 N. Mantua Street. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

The Agreement follows State law for Enterprise Zone tax incentives, and includes claw-back provisions if Davey Tree fails to create the 35 new jobs (\$1.7 million in new payroll) included in the Agreement. The proposed Agreement was reviewed and approved by the City's Enterprise Zone Committee and I recommend Council's approval.

Council Action

Authorize the proposed 10-year Enterprise Zone Agreement between the City and Davey Tree as presented.

Land Use Committee

1. Right of Way Dedication, 1625 South Water Street (Jen)

Jen Barone has requested Committee time present a request for the dedication of the street right of way as part of the lot consolidation proposed for the new Dunkin' Donuts at 1625 S. Water Street. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council accept the street right of way dedication for the proposed new Dunkin' Donuts at 1625 S. Water Street.

Council Action

Authorize acceptance of the proposed street right of way for the new Dunkin' Donuts at 1625 S. Water Street as presented.



Land Use Committee (continued)

1. Request to Subdivide City Property Behind Ivan Drive (Bridget)

Bridget is requesting Land Use Committee time to present a request from a property owner on Ivan Drive for the City to subdivide the City owned land between Ivan Drive and S. Water Street so that she can purchase a small piece of the total property. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

The resident indicates that her family has maintained a portion of the natural area behind Ivan Drive and she would like to purchase that portion of the property. This area was recently reforested by the Service Department but there are no plans for the long term use of this City property. Receive the staff report and direct staff accordingly.

Council Action

Receive the staff report and direct staff accordingly.

Finance Committee

1. Parks & Recreation Development Fee Moratorium Extension (Hope)

Hope has asked for Finance Committee time to request Council's consideration to extend the temporary moratorium on the City's portion of new development fees that are paid to Kent Parks and Recreation. On June 17, 2020 Council approved a temporary 6 month moratorium for the City's obligation to match developer's parks fees. The 6 month term expired on 12-17-2020. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Given the ongoing uncertainty and financial pressures resulting from the pandemic, I recommend Council extend the moratorium suspending the City's obligation to match the developer fees for another 6 months as presented.

Council Action

Authorize the extension of the suspension of the City's share of the Kent parks and recreation development fees for another 6 months as presented.

2. Ballistic Vests Grant Funding Authorization (Nick)

Nick has requested Finance Committee time to request Council's authorization to accept grant funding in the amount of \$5,287.71 to be used towards the reimbursement of the purchase of ballistic vests. (attachments)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council's authorization to accept and appropriate the grant funds as presented.

Council Actions

Approve the acceptance and appropriation of the Ohio grant funds in the amount of \$5,287.71 as presented.

3. SW Sanitary Sewer Pump Station "Necessity and Intent" Approval (Jim)

Jim has requested Committee time for Council's authorization to initiate the "necessity and intent" procedures needed to secure the final four easements for the SW Sanitary Sewer pump station project. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Jim has followed the Federal guidelines for right of way payments and while negotiations with the final 4 property owners are ongoing, in order to meet his project timeline he needs Council to take the next procedural step to securing those easements and I recommend Council's approval of the "necessity and intent" procedure.

Council Actions

Authorize the "necessity and intent" procedures as presented.



Executive Session

Staff has requested an executive session for consideration of the proposed position, pay plan, and compensation and benefits updates for the City's General Compensation Plan for 2021.

Information Items

1. Monthly Permit and Zoning Reports

Bridget Susel has enclosed copies of the monthly zoning and permit violations report for October 2020. Permit revenues were \$38,447.46 for August with the most permits being issued for Existing Residential Remodel/Rebuild (32 permits). There were 16 code enforcement items in September. (attachment)