

<u>Unauthorized Items</u>



1. Administrative Street Closure Trial Period for Erie Street

As discussed in Committee in March, the staff is requesting Council's approval to provide a 12-month trial period granting the administration the authority to approve new street closure requests on Erie Street between Depeyster Street and Haymaker Parkway. This stretch of road has been closed for extended periods with minimal impact on business or local traffic so staff has requested the ability to approve temporary street closures for new Erie Street closure events (e.g., weddings at the hotel) to see if that would expedite approvals and promote more activity in the downtown between the PARTA Central Gateway and the KSU Hotel.

Administration Recommendation

Grant the administration the authority to approve short term event street closures on Erie Street between Depeyster Street and Haymaker Parkway for a 12-month trial period beginning April 20, 2023 and ending April 20, 2024 as discussed in Committee. Staff will provide Council with advance notice of any proposed street closures approved during the trial period.

Council Action

Approve this item on the City Manager's Unauthorized list.

2. Accept \$250 Donation to Kent Parks & Recreation

Angela is requesting Council's authorization to accept a \$250 donation to Kent Parks & Recreation from the Kent Jaycees to support the adult Easter Egg Hunt. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council's authorization to accept and allocate the donated funds.

Council Action

Authorize the acceptance and allocation of the proposed \$250 donation as listed on the Unauthorized list.

3. Participate and Submit Letter of Support for Regional Climate Action Plan (Draft #2023-019)

Bridget and Julie are requesting Council's authorization for the City to be a participant in the regional Climate Action Plan that is being coordinated through the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS) that could include grant funding for participating members. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council's authorization to participate in the Akron MSA Pollution Reduction Planning Grants and authorize the staff to submit a letter of support on behalf of the City of Kent.

Council Action

Authorize the City's participation in the regional Climate Action Plan, authorize the staff to submit a letter of support for the prospective grant funds, and if the grants are successful approve the acceptance and allocation of those funds.





Information Items

1. Main Street Kent Quarterly Report

Heather Malarcik has shared a copy of the Quarterly Main Street Kent report for 1st Quarter of 2023. If you read through the reports you'll see budget information for the year, as well as a listing of the community events sponsored by Main Street Kent coming in 2023. (attachment)

2. Monthly Permit and Zoning Reports

Bridget Susel has enclosed copies of the monthly zoning and permit violations report for March 2023. Permit revenues were \$8,087.56 for March with the most permits being issued for Residential HVAC (28 permits). There were 18 code enforcement items for the month. (attachment)

3. Income Tax Report

Rhonda Hall has provided a summary of income tax collections for March of 2023. Overall, the City income tax collections YTD are up 16% (\$614,331) compared with YTD of 2022. For the month of March, the City income tax collections are up 11% (\$129,208) compared to 2022. (attachment)

4. Kent Police Statistics

Chief Shearer has provided a copy of the police statistics report for February 2023. In 2023, calls for service are down 1.3% (by 20 calls); traffic citations are up by 2 tickets (139 tickets); accident incidents are unchanged at 47 incidents for the month and serious crimes are up at 2 incidents compared to 1 in February of 2022. (attachment)

5. Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) 2022 Summary Report

Bridget Susel has provided copies of the 2022 CRA Summary Report for Council's information. Tom's report includes an update on the status of the 11 existing CRA I Agreements and 2 CRA II Agreements. The Tax Increment Review Council met on March 5th to review 4 active TIRC projects and they recommended no change. This is for informational purposes only, no action is needed by City Council. (attachment)