

July 26, 2017



Special Council Meeting

1. Proposed SR43 Right of Way Agreements

The City Clerk has scheduled a special Council meeting for Council's consideration of the right of way agreements that have been negotiated with the property owners impacted by the SR43 traffic signal project. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

The terms of the agreements meet the parameters agreed to by City Council and I recommend Council's support.

Council Action

Authorize the approval of the negotiated right of agreements for SR43.

Community Development Committee

1. Tax Increment Review Council (TIRC) Recommendation

Bridget Susel and Tom Wilke have requested Committee time to present Council with the recommendation of the members of the TIRC to terminate the CRA agreement with Record Courier given the change in corporate ownership and the new ownership's decision to not continue the CRA. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

The new ownership was given an opportunity to continue the existing CRA under the same terms as Record Courier but they respectfully declined and as a result the TIRC voted to recommend termination of the agreement. I support the TIRC recommendation.

Council Actions

As recommended by the TIRC, terminate the CRA for the former Record Courier Publisher.

Land Use Committee

2. Consider the Sustainability Commission's Recommendation on the Paris Climate Accord.

Dan Morganti and Harrison have requested Committee time to report back to City Council with a recommendation from the members of the Sustainability Commission with proposed language for a resolution in support of the goals and objectives of the Paris Climate Accord. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

The Sustainability Commission, with input from members of the Kent Environmental Council, prepared draft language for a resolution in support of the Paris Climate Accord and I recommend Council receive the recommendation and authorize the proposed resolution.

Council Actions

Receive the Sustainability recommendation and authorize the proposed resolution.



Land Use Committee (continued)

3. Consider the Sustainability Commission's Recommendation to Initiate Curbside Recycling of Clothing and Household Items.

Melanie Baker and Harrison have requested Committee time for Council to consider a proposal from "SimpleRecycling" to provide curbside collection of articles of clothing and select household items at no cost to the City. The Sustainability Commission has reviewed the proposal and they voted unanimously to recommend the new service for Kent City Council's consideration. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

SimpleRecycling has agreements with a number of cities around northeast Ohio and those cities report that this service has been a popular addition to conventional recycling. As a no-cost option, I would support Council's consideration of this new service and I recommend Council authorizing the staff to work out the details of the terms of the service and report back to Council for approval.

Council Action

Receive the Sustainability Commission recommendation and direct staff accordingly.

Finance Committee

4. Accept a \$3,457 Arts Grant Award from the Ohio Arts Council

Dan Morganti has requested Committee time for Council to authorize acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$3,457 from the Ohio Arts Council in support of the 2017 Kent Creativity Festival. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

The grant requires a 1:1 local match and Dan reports that the local match is being provided by a private contribution through the KSU Foundation. I recommend Council's support to accept the Arts grant in support of the Kent Creativity Festival.

Council Action

Accept the \$3,457 Ohio Arts Council grant and authorize its use in support of the Kent Creativity Festival.

5. 2017 Budget Appropriations Amendment

Dave Coffee has requested Committee time for Council's consideration of proposed budget appropriations amendments to the 2017 budget. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council's support of the proposed budget appropriations amendments.

Council Action

Authorize the proposed budget appropriations amendments as presented.

6. Certification of Delinquent Accounts to the County Auditor's Office

Dave Coffee has requested Committee time for Council to certify the list of delinquent property addresses in the City and to forward that list to the Portage County Auditor's Office for the placement of liens on those properties. Dave has asked for certification of delinquent accounts for non-utility bills, utility bills, and special assessments for 2014, 2016, and 2017. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council's support to forward the delinquent accounts to the County.

Council Action

Authorize the use of liens to collect unpaid bills through the County.



Information Items

1. Kent Police Statistics

Chief Lee has provided a copy of the police statistics report for June 2017. In 2017 calls for service are down 7% (1,058 calls); traffic citations are down 15% (301 tickets); accident incidents are down 37% (212 incidents) and serious crimes are up 6% (19 cases). (attachment)

2. Income Tax Report

Dave Coffee has provided a summary of income tax collections thru the end of June 2017. Overall the City income tax collections are up 2.79% (\$203,912) from June 2016. Kent State University's collections thru the end of June are up 2.47% (\$62,659). (attachment)