

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-060

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KENT TO SUBMIT TWO (2) FUNDING APPLICATIONS TOTALING \$945,000 AND TO EXECUTE THE SUBSEQUENT AGREEMENTS WITH THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC), AND TO ACCEPT THE GRANTS, IF AWARDED, WITH CORRESPONDING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the first application submitted to OPWC will be for the two (2) of the four (4) final clarifiers at the Water Reclamation Facility. The final clarifiers are used to settle our microorganisms from the activated sludge process prior to discharging the effluent to the Cuyahoga River. The clarifiers were constructed in 1964 and their rehabilitation are part of the significant long term improvements required at the Water Reclamation Facility. Phase 2 will complete the two (2) clarifiers that were not included in Phase 1 improvements which were received last year. We are requesting \$700,000 in grant funds and \$150,000 in no interest loans from OPWC; and

**WHEREAS**, the second application submitted to OPWC will be for the construction of approximately a half mile of waterline on residential streets north of Fairchild Avenue and east of Major's Lane. The existing waterlines in this area are old and undersized. There have been numerous breaks in the existing waterlines, with 16 breaks in the last ten (10) years. This project was submitted to OPWC in 2020, but was unsuccessful in receiving funds. We are requesting \$245,000 in grant funds and \$150,000 in no interest loans from OPWC.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, that:

**SECTION 1.** Kent City Council approves submission of the City's capital project pre-application requests for Ohio Public Works Commission grant and loan funding totaling \$945,000 and authorized that the Administration provide all information, funds, and documentation required in said applications for submission.

**SECTION 2.** That the Kent City Council hereby approves the City's acceptance of the grant(s), if awarded to the City, with corresponding appropriations for its use.

**SECTION 3.** That the Kent City Council hereby understands and agrees that participation in the OPWC grant program will require compliance with program guidelines and assurances.

**SECTION 4.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 5.** That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: June 16, 2021  
Date

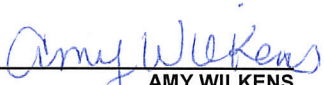
EFFECTIVE: June 16, 2021  
Date

ATTEST: Amy Wilkens  
Amy Wilkens  
Clerk of Council

J. Fiala  
Jerry T. Fiala  
Mayor and President of Council

I, AMY WILKENS, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF *ORDINANCE No. 2021-040* ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON June 16, 2021.

(SEAL)

  
AMY WILKENS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL