



Committee of the Whole

1. Interview Candidate(s) for City Boards and Commissions (Amy)

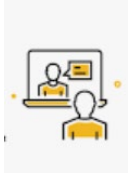
Amy has scheduled time for Council to consider applicant(s) for vacant City Boards and Commissions.

Administrative Recommendation

Interview the candidate(s).

Council Action

Interview the prospective candidate(s).



2. Preparation for Consideration of NAACP New Committee Request (Dave)

The Mayor has requested the administration review the history and status of the Kent Heart & Soul multi-cultural initiative in order to prepare to evaluate the NAACP request for Council to create another cultural initiative focused on race at the March Committee meeting. (attachment)

Administrative Recommendation

Receive the staff report; no action is necessary at this time.

Council Action

Receive the staff report, no action is necessary.



Community Development Committee

1. 2021 Economic Development Projects Update (Tom)

Tom has requested Committee time to present an overview of the various economic development activities underway in Kent during 2021. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Receive the staff report. No action is necessary.

Council Action

Receive the staff report, no action is necessary.



2. Haymaker Farmer's Market Sub-Lease Renewal (Bridget)

Bridget Susel has requested Committee time for Council to consider the renewal of the City's sublease with the Farmer's Market for the property that the City leases from the railroad along Franklin Avenue for the 2022 season. The sublease has been provided for \$1 per year and Bridget is recommending renewing that sublease again for 2022. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

The City has historically provided the Farmer's Market with a lease to host the weekly Farmer's Market on the land along Franklin Avenue at a nominal fee and I recommend Council's support to renew that sublease.

Council Action

Authorize the renewal of the sublease for the Farmer's Market, with the emergency clause.



Community Development Committee (continued)

3. Demolition Funding Application (Bridget)

Bridget has requested Committee time to request Council's authorization to declare the City's intent to pursue the demolition of 2 blighted properties which would enable the City to work with the Portage County Land Bank to apply for demolition grant funding to complete those demolitions. The blighted properties are located at 1234 N. Mantua Street and 22 Temple Avenue. The application funding deadline is February 18, 2022. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend that Council pass an Ordinance declaring the City's intent to pursue the demolition of the 2 blighted properties and authorize the staff to apply for demolition grant funding; and then if approved, allocate the funds for the demolition as presented.

Council Action

Declare the City's intent to pursue the demolition of the 2 blighted properties, apply for demolition grant funding, and if approved allocate the funds for the demolition, with the emergency clause.



Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee

1. East Main Street Improvement Project Update (Jim)

Jim has requested Committee time to provide Council with an update on the outcome of the public meetings held for the East Main Street Improvement project. Jim will also share an update on the final design and safety features of the project that will be the basis for developing the project engineering and construction plans. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Receive the staff report, no action is necessary.

Council Action

Receive the staff report, no action is necessary.

1. KSU Juneteenth Event Willow Street Closure Request (Dana)

KSU has requested the City's approval to temporarily close Willow Street between the School of Architecture Building and the Esplanade on June 18, 2022 from 7 am to 11 pm to ensure the safety of pedestrians attending the planned KSU Juneteenth celebration on the Esplanade. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

City staff have reviewed the request and we recommend Council's approval to temporary close Willow Street for the new KSU Juneteenth event as presented.

Council Action

Authorize the temporary closure of Willow Street for the new KSU Juneteenth celebration as presented, with the emergency clause.

Finance Committee

1. 2022 Budget Appropriations Amendment (Rhonda)

Rhonda has been working with the department heads to reconcile the approved 2022 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 2022 budget appropriations amendments, with the emergency clause.



Information Items

1. Income Tax Report

Rhonda Hall has provided a summary of income tax collections for the December of 2021. Overall the City income tax collections YTD are up 2.3 % (\$667,834) compared with December of 2020. For the month of December the City income tax collections are up 7.5% (\$87,303) compared to December 2020. (attachment)

2. Monthly Permit and Zoning Reports

Bridget Susel has enclosed copies of the monthly zoning and permit violations report for December 2021. Permit revenues were \$13,059.23 for December with the most permits being issued for Residential Plumbing (34 permits). There were 10 code enforcement items in December. (attachment)