



## Public Hearings

The City Clerk has scheduled 3 public hearings: 1)text amendment to Part 11 (Zoning Code) of the Kent Codified Ordinances; 2)Substantial amendment to HUD Consolidated Plan; and 3)the City's Proposed 2020 Tax Budget that must be submitted to Portage County.

## Health & Safety Committee

### 1. Proposed Ban on Conversion Therapy for Minors

Council requested Committee time to discuss a proposal to implement a ban on conversion therapy practices in Kent for underage youth. Currently conversion therapy is legal in Ohio but some Ohio cities have adopted local bans on these efforts to prohibit a "forced" change in a person's sexual orientation or gender identity due to the adverse mental health outcomes of such practices. (attachments)

#### *Administration Recommendation*

Council has adopted LGBT sexual orientation and gender identity protections and although we're not aware of any conversion therapy practitioners in Kent, the staff recommends Council's support of the proposed ban.

#### *Council Actions*

**Discuss the proposal and direct staff accordingly.**

### 2. School Resource Officer Renewal

Chief Lee has requested Committee time to discuss the renewal of the annual School Resource Officer agreement with Kent City Schools. The agreement provides for the placement of a trained City Police Officer in Kent City Schools. The funding for the position (from August thru May) is provided by Kent City Schools. (attachment)

#### *Administration Recommendation*

Chief Lee and I recommend Council's support to renew the School Resource Officer agreement with Kent City Schools.

#### *Council Action*

**Authorize the renewal of the School Resource Office Agreement as presented.**

## Land Use Committee

### 1. Proposed Text Amendment to the Zoning Code

Bridget has requested Committee time for Council to consider a proposed text amendment to the Zoning Code which would allow additional uses at the VFW property per the request of the property owner. (attachment)

#### *Administration Recommendation*

The Planning Commission voted in favor of the proposed text amendment and Bridget recommends Council's approval.

#### *Council Action*

**Authorize the proposed text amendment as presented.**



## Land Use Committee (continued)



### 2. Proposed Easement Agreement with Dominion Energy

Bridget has requested Committee time for Council to consider a proposed easement agreement between the City and Dominion Energy that is necessary for the gas supply required for the new light manufacturing in the ground floor of the LN Gross Building at 315 Gougler Avenue. (attachment)

#### *Administration Recommendation*

The City has been a partner in the redevelopment of the LN Gross Building and I recommend Council's support for the proposed easement with Dominion Energy.

#### *Council Action*

**Authorize the proposed easement agreement with Dominion Energy as presented.**

## Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee

### 1. Update City 5G/Small Cell Regulations

Hope and Melanie have requested Committee time for Council to consider proposed modifications to the City's regulation of small cell antennas and 5G service infrastructure. (attachment)

#### *Administration Recommendation*

New federal timelines for 5G regulations led the staff to propose modifying the City's regulations and I recommend Council's approval for the changes as presented.

#### *Council Action*

**Authorize the proposed small cell regulation amendments as presented.**

### 2. New Street Closure Request for "Opioid Awareness Music Festival"

Harrison has requested Committee time for Council's consideration of a new special event street closure request; The Opioid Awareness Music Festival that is proposed for August 11<sup>th</sup> on N. Water Street. (attachment)

#### *Administration Recommendation*

The parameters of the street closure request are consistent with other events on N. Water Street that have had no noticeable traffic disruption so the staff recommends Council approval.

#### *Council Action*

**Authorize the proposed street closure request for the Opioid Awareness Music Festival as presented.**

### 3. Proposed New License Agreement for Troy Grille

Jim has requested Committee time for Council's consideration of a request from the Troy Grille restaurant at 118 E. Main Street to allow outdoor tables on a designated area of the City sidewalk in front of their business. (attachment)

#### *Administration Recommendation*

The popularity of outdoor café style dining has proven to provide a significant boost to local businesses and the sidewalk area in front of the Troy Grille is large enough to provide room for pedestrians and the café seating so the staff recommend Council's approval of a new license agreement for the Troy Grille.

#### *Council Action*

**Authorize the proposed license agreement with the Troy Grille as presented.**



# Finance Committee

## 1. Proposed 2020 County Tax Budget

Dave Coffee prepared the draft 2020 Tax Budget for Council's approval. This budget document is required by the County for notification of any changes to the tax rate in the next budget. Our draft County Tax Budget proposes no changes to the tax rates in the City. (attachment)

### *Administration Recommendation*

With no proposed changes to the tax rates, approval of the County tax budget is primarily procedural and I encourage Council's authorization of the tax budget. We will get into our annual City budget deliberations in greater detail in October.

### *Council Action*

**Authorize submission of the City's 2020 Tax Budget to the County.**

## 2. City Bond Anticipation Notes Renewal

Dave Coffee has requested Committee time for Council's consideration of the City's debt team recommendations to renew and re-fund \$3,900,000 of the City's outstanding debt. Dave is recommending to continue the City's short term debt strategy to take advantage of the competitive short term (1 year) note rates with an estimated \$56,000 in interest savings. (attachment)

### *Administration Recommendation*

I recommend Council's support for the proposed short term debt issuance.

### *Council Action*

**Authorize the debt ordinances as presented.**

## 3. Ohio Public Works Commission Pre-Application Project Requests

Jim Bowling has requested Committee time for Council to consider approving submission the City's capital project pre-application request for Ohio Public Works Commission grant and loan funding totaling \$920,000 for the Walnut Street Reconstruction project (Phase 1), Harris Street Rehabilitation project, and the KSU water tank rehabilitation. (attachment)

### *Administration Recommendation*

The City has programmed the required matching funds in the approved Capital Plan and Jim has put together a competitive proposal that I recommend for Council's support for these 3 important infrastructure projects.

### *Council Action*

**Approve the submission of the proposed projects for OPWC funding consideration.**

# Information Items

## 1. Fire Incident Report

Chief Tosko has provided a copy of the fire and emergency medical services report for April 2019. In 2019 calls for fire service are up 14% (44 calls); fire mutual aid assistance is down 5 events as compared to 2018; and EMS responses are up 4% (49 calls). (attachment)

## 2. Kent Police Statistics

Chief Lee has provided a copy of the police statistics report for May 2019. In 2019 calls for service are up 18% (2,178 calls); traffic citations are up 14% (189 tickets); accident incidents are up 1% (3 incidents) and serious crimes are up 8% (20 cases). (attachment)

## 3. Income Tax Report

Dave Coffee has provided a summary of income tax collections thru the end of May 2019. Overall the City income tax collections are up 3.14% (\$192,972) from May 2018. Kent State University's collections thru May are down 2.07% (\$45,507). (attachment)

