



Democracy Day, Special Council Session

The City Clerk has scheduled the annual "Democracy Day" at 6:00 pm to receive public comments from the public prior to the start of the October Committee meetings. (Amy)

Committee of the Whole

1. Update on the City Hall Construction Project (Melanie)

Melanie has asked for Committee time to share an update on the status of the construction of the new City Administration building.

Administrative Recommendation

Receive the staff update, no action is necessary.

Council Action

Receive the staff update.



Health & Public Safety Committee

1. Local Preparations for 2024 Eclipse (Joan)

Joan has requested Committee time to share an overview of the health and safety preparations that are underway locally to ensure the safety of residents and visitors that are expected to come to events in Kent for the April 2024 eclipse. (attachment)

Administrative Recommendation

Receive the staff report, no action is needed.

Council Action

No action is needed.



2. Proposed Idling Cars Regulation Update (Council Referral: Tracy)

Council member Wallach asked for an opportunity to present an update of the City's current idling of unattended cars Ordinance. She is proposing amending the citywide idling restriction and she is recommending to exempt public safety and first responders.

Administrative Recommendation

Council held a Committee session on this topic in February 2020 and at that time the Service Department explained that they have an internal policy to turn the vehicles off when they are not in use; the Police explained that the computer equipment in the cars require the cars to be kept running (that's mostly the same with Fire as well), and the Police added that it is illegal under state motor vehicle law for private vehicles in the City to be left idling unattended already – which is why Council took no action. The item has remained on the Pending List and I recommend Council discuss Tracy's proposal and direct staff accordingly. (attachment)

Council Action

Consider Tracy's proposed changes to the City's idling restrictions and direct staff accordingly.



Health & Public Safety Committee (continued)

3. Overnight Parking Restriction Change Request (Jim, Nick)

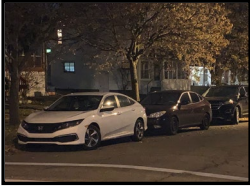
Council referred a citizen request to consider amending the City's parking restrictions to allow overnight parking in Kent. The current parking rules prohibit 24 hour (overnight) parking by imposing a restriction on parking between 3 am and 5 am on City streets.

Administrative Recommendation

The City's Traffic, Engineering and Safety Committee convened to review this request. The staff had concerns with removing the restriction citywide but they suggested allowing neighborhoods to petition to allow their street to have overnight parking, similar to the petitions that are already used for other parking related matters. I recommend Council discuss and direct the staff accordingly. (attachment)

Council Action

Discuss the request and direct staff accordingly.



Streets, Sidewalks, & Utilities Committee

1. Acceptance of Road and Public Utility Easement (Bridget/Jim)

Bridget has requested Committee time to present a recommendation to accept a perpetual road and public utility easement at the property located at 200 West Williams Street. (attachment)

Administrative Recommendation

The private property at 200 West Williams is currently owned by Hometown Bank and they have agreed to grant the City a perpetual road and public utility easement on the property. The property is up for sale, and we would like to secure these easements before the property is sold so I encourage Council's support for accepting the road and public utility easements as presented. (attachment)

Council Action

Accept the proposed perpetual road and public utility easements as presented, with the emergency clause.



2. Consideration of a City/KSU MOU for 24" Waterline (Jim)

Jim has requested Committee time to present a recommendation to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Kent State University to allow for the relocation of the City's 24" waterline in order to accommodate the expansion of the KSU College of Aerospace & Engineering building on Summit Street. (attachment)

Administrative Recommendation

The funding for the waterline relocation has already been budgeted and approved. I recommend Council's approval of the MOU with KSU as presented.

Council Action

Authorize the proposed Memorandum of Understanding with Kent State University to allow for the relocation of the City's 24" waterline as presented, with the emergency clause.





Finance Committee

1. Public Entities Pool (PEP) Health Department Grant (Joan)

Joan has requested Committee time to present a request to apply for a Public Entities Pool (PEP) grant in the amount of \$1,000 for the purchase of health-related equipment for the clinic space. (attachment)

Administrative Recommendation

I recommend Council's support for the PEP grant application in the amount of \$1,000 and if approved, authorize the staff to accept and allocate the grant funds to the Health Department budget.

Council Action

Authorize the PEP grant application in the amount of \$1,000 and if approved, authorize the acceptance and allocation of the funds to the Health Department as presented, with the emergency clause.

2. Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL) Grant (Joan)

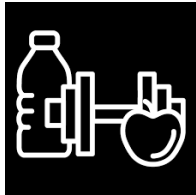
Joan has requested Committee time to present a request to apply for HEAL grant funds in the amount of \$25,000. The grant funds support efforts to increase the availability of healthy foods and healthy physical activity opportunities in the community. (attachment)

Administrative Recommendation

I recommend Council's support for the \$25,000 HEAL grant application and if approved, authorize acceptance and allocation of the funds.

Council Action

Authorize the HEAL grant application in the amount of \$25,000 and if approved, authorize the acceptance and allocation of the funds to the Health Department as presented, with the emergency clause.



Information Items

No information items at this time.