



## Public Hearing

Amy has scheduled a public hearing (Bridget) at 6:50 pm for a proposed map amendment (from residential to open space/recreation) on Johnson Road to the City's Zoning Code.

## Special Council Meeting

Amy has scheduled a special Council meeting for the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of the proposed ballot issue for the change in the ward language in the Charter and a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on the proposed new vehicle idling restriction.

## Committee of the Whole

### 1. Introduction of the Safety Town Project (Roger)

Community members have been working with Kent City Schools to develop a plan to create a "safety town" to educate children on how to stay safe crossing streets, using crosswalks, etc. (similar to the City of Stow Safety Town). Progress has been made on finding a potential site for safety town in Kent and a member of Rotary would like to provide a public introduction of the project with Council.

*Administrative Recommendation*

Receive the community report, no action is necessary.

*Council Action*

**Receive the community report.**



### 2. 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.**



## Land Use Committee

### 1. Proposed Rezoning of Johnson Road (Bridget)

Bridget has requested Committee time to present a proposed rezoning request on Johnson Road that represents a negotiated compromise to the previous land detachment request that had area neighbors concerned with the future use of the land behind their homes if the land detachment was approved. (attachment)

#### *Administrative Recommendation*

The negotiated compromise would keep the property within the City of Kent but change the zoning from medium residential (R-2) to open space/recreational. That change would permit the property owner on Johnson Road to use the pond area while still protecting the adjoining property owners. I recommend Council receive the staff report, provide comments, and approve the proposed rezoning request.

#### *Council Action*

**Receive the staff report, offer comments, and adopt the proposed rezoning request as presented, with the Emergency Clause.**

### 2. Design Guidelines Update (Bridget)

Bridget has requested Committee time to review the final recommendations for the proposed changes to the City's design guidelines. (attachment)

#### *Administrative Recommendation*

I recommend Council receive the final recommendations of the Design Guideline update, offer final comments and adopt the proposed changes as presented.

#### *Council Action*

**Receive the final recommendations of the Design Guidelines, offer comments, and adopt the proposed changes as presented, with the Emergency Clause.**

## Finance Committee

### 1. City/Portage County Public Defender Contract Renewal (Hope)

Hope is requesting Council's authorization to renew the City's contract with the Portage County Office of the Public Defender for the purposes of legal counsel to indigent persons for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. (attachment)

#### *Administration Recommendation*

This is an annual contract renewal that Hope and I recommend for Council's authorization.

#### *Council Action*

**Authorize the renewal of the Portage County Public Defender's contract for 2024, with the Emergency Clause.**

### 2. Presentation of the Proposed 2024 City Operating Budget (Rhonda)

Rhonda Hall has requested Committee time to present the proposed 2024 City Operating budget. (attachment)

#### *Administration Recommendation*

I recommend Council receive and authorize the proposed 2024 City Operating budget, including the proposed 3% Water and Sewer rate increases.

#### *Council Action*

**Authorize the proposed 2024 proposed City Operating budget, including the 3% Water and Sewer rate increases, with the emergency clause.**



Design Guidelines



## Finance Committee (continued)



### 3. 2023 Budget Appropriations Amendment (Rhonda)

Rhonda has been working with the department heads to reconcile the approved 2023 budget line items and he has prepared the necessary appropriations amendments to reflect the changes needed to balance those line items. Rhonda is also asking for approval to perform the final year-end budget reconciliation for 2023. (attachments)

#### *Administration Recommendation*

I recommend Council's authorization of the 2023 appropriations amendments and the annual end of year budget reconciliation for 2023.

#### *Council Actions*

**1)Approve the 2023 budget appropriations amendments, 2)authorize the final year-end reconciliation for 2023, with the emergency clause.**

### 4. 2023 "Then and Now" Authorization for the City Audit (Rhonda)



Rhonda has requested Committee time for Council's approval of the "then and now" purchases that occurred in 2023 as required by the City's auditing standards. (attachments)

#### *Administration Recommendation*

I recommend Council's approval of the "then and now" purchases in 2023 as presented.

#### *Council Actions*

**Approve the "then and now" purchases in 2023, with the emergency clause.**

## Executive Session

Staff is requesting an Executive Session to review the proposed changes to the City's 2024 position allocation ordinance and General Compensation Plan.

## Information Items

### 1. Fire Incident Reports

Acting Chief Samels has provided a copy of the fire and emergency medical services reports for January through October of 2023. This summary will only include YTD comparisons of October 2023 to October 2022. As of October 2023, YTD calls for fire service are up 9.7% (121 calls) compared with October's YTD 2022; fire mutual aid assistance is unchanged for the October YTD (at 13) in 2023 as compared to 2022; and EMS responses are down 3.3% (110 calls) for 2023, compared to YTD 2022. (attachment)

### 2. Kent Police Statistics

Chief Shearer has provided a copy of the police statistics report for October 2023. In 2023, calls for service are down 1.8% for the month (by 34 calls); traffic citations are up 3.1% (4 tickets); accident incidents are down 2.1% (by 1 incident) for the month and serious crimes are up from 2 to 3 incidents, compared to October of 2022. (attachment)