



Unauthorized Items

1. Appointments

Council will be voting for an appointee to the Sidewalk Snow Removal Committee (Draft numbers 08-219).

2. Union Agreement Extensions

The staff is requesting Council authorization to extend the collective bargaining agreements for the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (OPBA), American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and for the City's General Compensation Plan for unclassified employees from 10/31/08 (current expiration) to 2/28/09, or an additional sixty days beyond 2/28/09, at the City Mgr's discretion. (Draft No. 08-209, 08-210, 08- 217)

Administration Recommendation

The staff and the union representatives have recommended making the contract extensions as noted and I also recommend Council's approval.

Council Action

Authorize the union contract extensions as noted.

3. Portage County Public Defender Contract

The Law Director has requested Council's authorization to renew the City's contract with Portage County to provide legal counsel to indigent persons in the City of Kent for the period January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009 at a cost of \$80 per case. (Draft No. 08-212)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council approve the contract as presented.

Council Action

Approve the contract renewal.

4. Transfer of Property Taxes From the County

In order for the County to transfer the tax proceeds for 2008 to the City, Council must adopt an ordinance authorizing the transfer to be made from the County Treasurer to the Director of Budget and Finance for the City of Kent. (Draft no. 08-120)

Administration Recommendation

Adopt the resolution authorizing the transfer of tax proceeds.

Council Action

Adopt the resolution authorizing the transfer of tax proceeds.

Unauthorized Items (continued)

5. Fairchild Avenue Bridge Project Right of Way Agreements

As previously discussed, rather than bringing the construction project Right of Way Agreements for full Committee review we have placed them on your agenda as unauthorized. Again, these Agreements (Draft Nos. 08-223 and 08-224) were negotiated within the parameters established by ODOT for this project.

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council's approval of the Right of Way Agreements.

Council Action

Approve the Right of Way Agreements as presented.

Information Items

1. Ohio Edison Reply to NOPEC

I had previously shared a copy of a memo from Leigh Herington concerning NOPEC's concerns with Ohio Edison's power rates. I have attached a reply from the President of Ohio Edison. (attachment)

2. Session 2: Zoning Code Discussion with Planning Commission

Gary Locke has provided the agenda and information items for the second session of the joint Planning Commission, City Council, Board of Zoning Appeals and Environmental Commission meeting set for November 18 at 7 pm. The focus of the meeting will be the Board of Zoning Appeals procedures. (attachment)

3. Board of Zoning Appeals November Meeting

Heather Phile from our Community Development has provided a copy of the staff report for the November Board of Zoning Appeals meeting scheduled for November 17, 2008. There is only one item on the agenda with the owner of the gas station at 1337 S. Water Street asking to be allowed to expand the size of his building. (attachment)

4. Health Department Monthly Statistics Report

John Ferlito has provided an amended copy of the Health Department's 3rd Quarter Statistical Report for 2008. (attachment)

5. Monthly Permit and Zoning Report

Gary Locke has enclosed a copy of the monthly zoning and permit violations report thru October 2008. Total construction permits are down by about 14% through October and fee revenues are down a corresponding 9%. For Code Enforcement, October was a busy month for illegal boarding houses and signs in the right of way. (attachment)

6. Kent State Construction Activity Update

Kent State staff provide us with periodic construction updates that include projects here in Kent so I thought I'd circulate a copy of the latest report for your information. (attachment)

