



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.



2. Proposed Ward Boundaries Ballot Issue Update (Bridget, Hope)

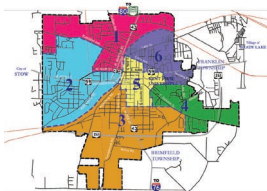
Bridget and Hope have requested Committee time to review the timeline requirements for the Ballot initiative to amend the City's Charter to reflect a change from 10% to 15% in population differences between the Wards. (attachment)

Administrative Recommendation

I recommend Council receive the update and direct staff accordingly.

Council Action

Receive the staff report, discuss, and direct staff accordingly.



Health & Public Safety Committee

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

Council member Wallach asked for an opportunity to comment and discuss idling of unattended cars in Kent. She is proposing some changes to the existing language in the City's restrictions on vehicle idling, with accommodations for public safety and first responders. (attachment)

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 already illegal under state motor vehicle law for private vehicles in the City to be left idling unattended – which is why Council previously took no action on this topic. The item has remained on the Pending List and I recommend Council discuss Tracy's proposal and direct staff accordingly.

Council Action

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



Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee

1. Update on the City's 2023 Capital Projects (Jim)

Jim Bowling has requested Committee time to provide Council with an overview of the progress of the City's capital improvement projects in 2023.

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council receive the staff report.

Council Action

No action is necessary.



Finance Committee

1. Resolution Requesting the Transfer of Taxes from Portage County (Rhonda)

Rhonda has requested Committee time for Council's consideration of a resolution requesting the County Auditor to transfer the tax proceeds for 2023 in advance of the normal settlement date (February 2024). (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Council must adopt an ordinance authorizing the transfer to be made from the County and I recommend Council's support for the proposed resolution.

Council Action

Adopt the resolution authorizing the transfer of County tax proceeds as presented, with the emergency clause.



2. Proposed 2024-28 Capital Plan Update (Rhonda, Jim)

Staff has prepared the draft 2024-28 Capital Improvement Plan for Council review. The capital plan provides a schedule of projects and financing for 2024 through 2028 based on a prioritization of the most critical needs. The CIP project list is constrained in order to stay within available funding levels. (attachments: Capital Projects "book" and utility rate updates to be delivered to you – it's too big to mail)

Administrative Recommendation

Review and approve the 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan as presented.

Council Action

Approve the proposed 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan, with the emergency clause.



3. AMATS Projects Funding Authorization (Jim)

Jim has asked for Committee time to request Council's consideration of 3 projects that he would like to submit to AMATS for funding. The projects include \$3.1 million for the SR59 Transportation project (between Horning Road to SR261), \$761,600 for resurfacing of Mogadore Street (between Cherry Street and Summit Street), and \$2 million for the joint roadway project between the City, Kent City Schools, and Davey Tree on N. Mantua Street. (attachment)

Administrative Recommendation

The proposed projects are important transportation priorities and securing the funding is critical to their progress, so I urge Council's support.

Council Action

Authorize the proposed projects for AMATS grant funding as presented, and if approved accept and allocate the funds, with the Emergency Clause.





Finance Committee (continued)

4. Proposed Update of the City's Tax Ordinance (Hope, Rhonda)

Hope has requested Committee time to present a proposal to amend the City's Tax Ordinance which is required to stay current with State Tax Code. (attachment)

Administrative Recommendation

The proposed changes need to be adopted by January 1, 2024 and I recommend Council's approval.

Council Action

Authorize the proposed update to the City's Tax Ordinance as presented, with the Emergency Clause.

Information Items

1. Kent Police Statistics

Chief Shearer has provided a copy of the police statistics report for September 2023. In 2023, calls for service are up 2.3% for the month (by 45 calls); traffic citations are up 1.9% (3 tickets); accident incidents are down 40.7% (by 22 incidents) for the month and serious crimes are up from 1 to 2 incidents, compared to September of 2022. (attachment)