



Public Hearing

The City Clerk has scheduled a public hearing to receive comments on two proposed Zoning map amendments (related to the Davey Tree properties on SR43) at 6:50 pm.

Special Recognition

The Fire Chief has asked for a few minutes to recognize the public safety staff that were involved in a recent life-saving incident in the Cuyahoga River.

Committee of the Whole

1. Boards and Commission Interviews (Amy)

The City Clerk has scheduled time for Council to consider the prospective candidates interested in filling vacancies on City Boards and Commissions.

2. Discussion of a Proposed Community Liaison Position (Dave, Council)

The City Manager has asked for Committee time to discuss the suggestion of the NAACP to create a new Commission or Liaison position to assist in serving underrepresented groups in the Kent community.

Administrative Recommendation

Discuss and direct staff accordingly.

Council Action

Discuss and direct staff accordingly.

Community Development Committee

1. Consider a Proposed New TRES Liquor License (Bridget)

Bridget has asked for time to present a request from Aces Enterprise LLC., to obtain a TRES liquor license for their proposed new business at the former Franklin Hotel Bar. The staff have prepared a Development Agreement with Aces Enterprise that includes the terms of a TRES liquor license for Council's consideration. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Bridget reports that the TRES liquor license conditions have previously been met at this property (Secret Cellar and Franklin Hotel Bar) and she recommends Council approve the updated TRES license at this property which is now under new ownership. I recommend Council's approval of the license request as presented.

Council Actions

Authorize the TRES liquor license for Aces Enterprise as presented, with the emergency clause.



Health & Public Safety Committee

1. Proposed Health Department/PARTA Lease Renewal (Joan, Hope)

Joan has asked for Committee time to present the proposed lease renewal for the Health Department space in the PARTA Central Gateway in downtown Kent. The new lease includes increases in costs, e.g., utility, janitorial, etc. that became evident during the first year of operation in the space; as well as costs that changed as a result of the termination of the former master lease arrangement with the Burbick Properties. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

The lease space costs are increasing under the proposed new 3 year lease but the Health Department believes that this space is the most viable for Health Department function and public access, so I recommend Council's approval.

Council Action

Authorize the proposed updated Health Department lease terms as presented, with the emergency clause.



Land Use Committee

1. Proposed Zoning Map Amendments (Bridget)

Bridget has requested Committee time to present the request of Davey Tree, along with the recommendations of the Planning Commission, to amend the Zoning Map in order to provide a Zoning classification for the newly annexed former golf course parcel. Coinciding with the new parcel zoning, Davey Tree has asked to change the former Franklin Elementary School property to match the zoning of the newly annexed parcel (adjoining). The proposed new Zoning for both properties would be IR-Industrial Research and Office District.

Administration Recommendation

Bridget reports that the proposed Zoning changes are consistent with the proposed use of the property and the zoning abutting the property at 1500 N. Mantua Street (main Davey Tree campus). The Planning Commission unanimously supported the proposed new zoning, and the staff and I recommend Council's support.

Council Action

Authorize the proposed Zoning Map updates for the Davey Tree parcels as presented, with the emergency clause.



Finance Committee

1. SR59 Alternative Transportation Improvements Agreement (Jim)

Jim is requesting Committee time to ask for Council's approval to execute the SR 59 Alternative Transportation Improvements Agreement. The agreement sets the framework for PARTA, Franklin Township and the City to pursue funding for active transportation improvements on SR 59 from Horning Road to SR 261. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

The proposed improvements include providing for a continuous sidewalk along the north side of SR 59, a continuous side path along the south side of SR 59, several mid-block crossings and transit accessibility improvements in the project area. I urge Council's support for the approval of this Agreement.

Council Action

Receive the staff report and authorize the proposed multi-party Transportation Improvement Agreement as presented, with the emergency clause.



Finance Committee (continued)

2. City OPWC Grant and Loan Requests Authorization (Jim)



Jim has requested Committee time to ask for Council's approval to submit two funding applications and to execute the subsequent agreements with the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC). The proposed projects include: 1)WRF Digester Heat Exchanger Project (we are requesting \$700,000 in grant funds and \$1,500,000 in no interest loans from OPWC); and 2)East Summit Street Resurfacing (we are requesting \$247,000 in grant funds and \$50,000 in no interest loans from OPWC). (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

The total funding for these projects are included in the approved 2021 Capital Improvement Plan as part of the Annual Street and Sidewalk Program. I recommend Council's approval for the OPWC grant submissions.

Council Actions

Authorize the submission of the OPWC grant requests as presented, with the emergency clause.

3. Heritage Fest Fireworks Funding Request (Mayor)



The Mayor and I have requested Committee time to present a request from the Kent Area Chamber of Commerce for the City to consider covering the rise in the cost of the community fireworks display at the end of the Heritage Fest. The bid costs have increased from \$13,200 to \$16,900 a year (the prices will be good for 3 years). (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Inflationary pressure has impacted fireworks purchases and I recommend Council's approval to increase the City's funding for the Heritage Fest Fireworks from \$13,200 to \$16,900.

Council Actions

Authorize the increase in the City's contribution to the Chamber of Commerce to cover the increased cost of fireworks as presented, with the emergency clause.

4. Body Armor Grant (Nick)



Nick has requested Committee time to ask Council to authorize acceptance and allocation of grant funds (through the Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Grant program) in the amount of \$4,807.24 to assist in the replacement of expiring body armor used by Kent Police. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Nick was successful in securing \$4,807.24 in grant funding that is eligible to be used to replace aging body armor and I urge Council's support.

Council Actions

Authorize the acceptance and allocation of \$4,807.24 in grant funding to be used for the purchase of replacement body armor as presented, with the emergency clause.

5. K9 Ballistic Vest Donation (Nick)



Nick has requested Committee time to ask Council to authorize acceptance of a ballistic vest for K9-Shaw. The vest is valued at \$1,500. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council accept the donation and authorize its use for K9 protection.

Council Actions

Authorize the acceptance and use of the donated item as presented, with the emergency clause.



Finance Committee (continued)

6. 2022 Budget Appropriations Amendment (Rhonda)

Rhonda has been working with the department heads to reconcile the approved 2022 budget line items and she has prepared the necessary appropriations amendments to reflect the changes needed to balance those line items. (attachments)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council's authorization of the appropriations amendments.

Council Actions

Approve the 2022 budget appropriations amendments as presented, with the emergency clause.

Executive Session

Information Items

1. Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) 2021 Summary Report

Tom Wilke has provided copies of the 2021 CRA Summary Report for Council's information. Tom's report includes an update on the status of the 11 existing CRA I Agreements and 2 CRA II Agreements. The Tax Increment Review Council met on March 10th to review 4 active TIRC projects and they recommended no change. This is for informational purposes only. No action is needed by City Council. (attachment)

2. Income Tax Report

Rhonda Hall has provided a summary of income tax collections for the April of 2022. Overall the City income tax collections YTD are up 17.7% (\$789,012) compared with March of 2021. For the month of April, the City income tax collections are up 19.3% (\$224,803) compared to April 2021. (attachment)

3. Monthly Permit and Zoning Reports

Bridget Susel has enclosed copies of the monthly zoning and permit violations report for March 2022. Permit revenues were \$23,133.33 for March with the most permits being issued for Residential HVAC (76 permits). There were 22 code enforcement items in December. (attachment)