



Democracy Day, Special Council Session

The City Clerk has scheduled the annual "Democracy Day" to receive public comments from the public beginning at 6 pm, prior to the start of the October Committee meetings.

Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee

1. Proposed City ROW Code Updates for Small Cell Wireless Antennas

Hope and Bridget have requested Committee time to modify the City's regulations for private work in the public right of way (Chapter 937) to align with Council's recent wireless antenna installation legislation, consistent with the changes in Ohio law. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

These administrative changes are needed to ensure consistency within the City's regulations, and the proposed changes have been approved by PUCO, so I recommend Council's support.

Council Actions

Receive the staff report and authorize the proposed administrative Code revisions.

2. Mogadore Road Paving Project

Jim has requested Committee time for Council's consideration of legislation affirming the City's commitment to partner with Portage County to repave a portion of Mogadore Road as part of the County's 2019 paving program (south of State Route 261). (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Jim has set aside the local matching funds in the City's Capital Improvement Program and I recommend Council's support.

Council Action

Authorize the City's consent to participate in the 2019 Portage County paving program for the portion of Mogadore Road south of SR261 inside the City limits.

Public Health & Safety Committee

3. Proposed Vagrancy Solicitation Ordinance Revision

Hope has requested Committee time to suggest revisions to the City's solicitation Ordinance, particularly where it references individuals "begging" in public spaces. Hope notes that in light of court findings allowing begging as a constitutionally protected right, she has proposed revisions to our vagrancy Ordinance to better reflect the court interpretations. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council receive the report and authorize the proposed solicitation revisions as presented.

Council Action

Authorize the proposed vagrancy solicitation Ordinance revisions as presented.



Finance Committee

4. Consideration of Rescinding Fees for 535 Bowman Drive



Hope and Bridget have requested Committee time for Council's consideration to rescind outstanding fees that were added as liens to the property tax bill for 535 Bowman Drive. The property at 535 Bowman Drive was foreclosed and transferred as a result of a Sheriff's sale. However, the outstanding fees were the responsibility of the former owner and the property sale occurred before the City certified the fees for property tax liens, so legally the fees should not have transferred to the new owner and should be rescinded. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Receive the staff report and authorize staff to rescind the fees applied to the address after the land sale occurred.

Council Action

Receive the staff report and authorize the removal of the fees applied to 535 Bowman Drive.

Community Development Committee

5. Proposed Urban Chicken Regulatory Options



At Council's request, Bridget has formulated a couple of proposed regulatory options for Council's consideration related to allowing chickens to be raised in City neighborhoods. Bridget has attempted to incorporate comments received from the members of City Council to provide Council with choices for their preferred option.

(attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Receive the staff report and direct staff accordingly.

Council Action

Receive the staff report and direct staff accordingly.

Information Items

1. Kent Police Statistics

Chief Lee has provided a copy of the police statistics report for August 2018. In 2018 calls for service are down 9% (1,523 calls); traffic citations are down 8% (169 tickets); accident incidents are down 7% (30 incidents) and serious crimes are down 17% (62 cases). (attachment)

2. Income Tax Report

Dave Coffee has provided a summary of income tax collections thru the end of August 2018. Overall the City income tax collections are down 2.56% (\$250,630) from August 2017. Kent State University's collections thru the end of August are up 0.63% (\$21,512). (attachment)

3. Health Department Statistics

Jeff Neistadt has provided a copy of the statistical report for August 2018. Health Department revenues are down 2% (\$9,862.40) and permits are down 2% (8 permits) in 2018 from 2017. (attachment)

4. Monthly Permit and Zoning Reports

Bridget Susel has enclosed copies of the monthly zoning and permit violations report for June 2018. Permit revenues were \$31,137.90 for June with the most permits being issued for Engineering Residential (39 permits). There were 9 code enforcement items in June. (attachment)